

Project Description and Scope of Work

Easton EMS Facility Septic System Replacement & Parking

The EMS Facility supports our paid/volunteer EMS personnel, is one of two certified testing facilities in Fairfield County, and provides flex space for municipal meetings and gatherings as needed. The proposed project involves the purchase of an adjacent empty lot located at 444 Sport Hill Road, the replacement of the septic system with a new upgraded system sufficient to handle the expected design flow from the EMS facility, the installation of a new water supply well, the relocation of a storm drainage facility, and the construction of a parking area. The existing septic system is in a state of failure. The existing well is located across the State Highway on property owned by others. There is a minimal substandard designated parking area for the existing facility with a majority of parking for this facility taking place on neighboring properties owned by others. The purchase of the adjacent property is required to install the required septic system to support the existing facility, as confirmed by a series of soil test holes throughout the site. Additionally, the adjacent property will support a water supply well and is capable of providing much needed parking for the facility.

As part of this project, a new septic system would be installed and a well will be placed on the property in accordance with the Connecticut Technical Standards promulgated by the Department of Health. The septic system required relocation of a drainage pipe on the property and the system will be renovated as required. Additionally, the site will be regraded and paved to provide the parking facility and access to a new side load garage for the ambulance bays.

The proposed project is consistent with the Connecticut Conservation and Development Policies Plan. Growth Management Principle #1 provides for the redevelopment and revitalization of existing physical infrastructure. Specifically, Policy 1.3 promotes the continued use of existing facilities. This proposal will enable the town to continue using the existing building into the future. Additionally, this project is consistent with the current Easton Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). In Section 5.1 of Easton's POCD, adopted December 31, 2018, it states the Town shall "maintain and enhance community facilities" and identifies the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) facility as having the highest priority.

There will not be any adverse environmental or social impacts to any such resources, including traffic, floodplains, natural resources/wetlands, endangered species, archeological resources, historical structures, neighborhoods, utilities, parks, cemeteries, etc. In particular, the natural environment will likely be improved by this project as the existing septic system is in a state of failure and risks leaching effluent. Additionally, traffic safety is expected to be improved on Connecticut Route 59 to which this property fronts. Currently the ambulance pulls out of the garage within 15 feet of the edge of the State highway. The proposed plan will relocate the ambulance bays to the side of the building where they will pull out into the parking lot and enter the highway from the parking lot with sufficient visibility in both directions.