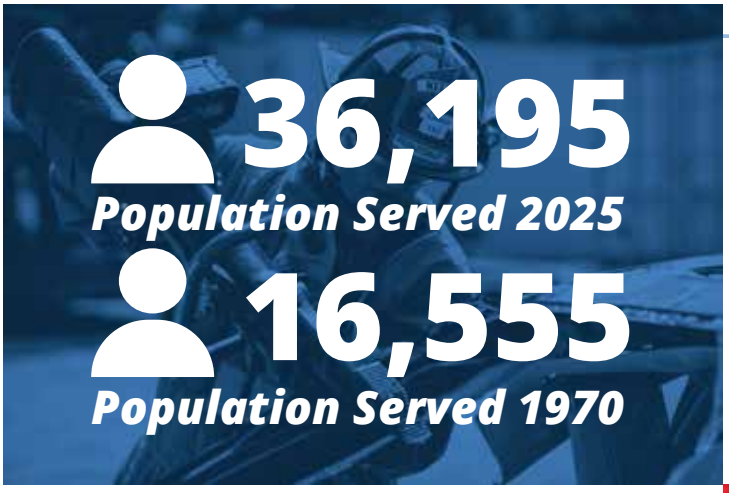
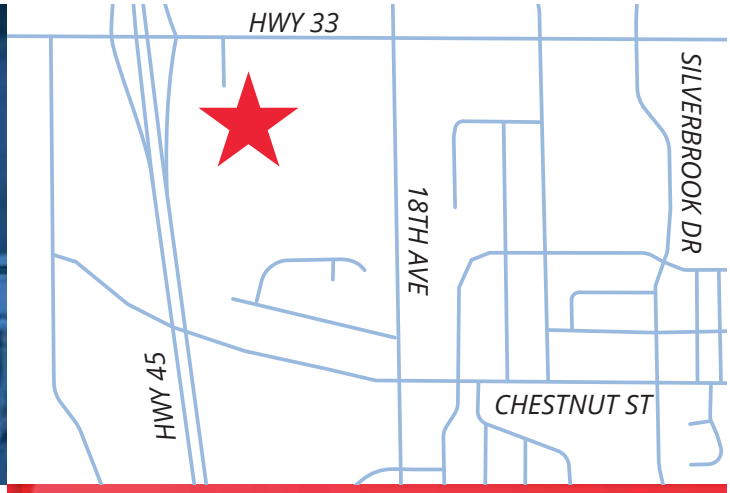
WEST BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT

NEW FIRE STATION #1

The City of West Bend seeks to construct a new Station #1 to serve as a headquarters and training center for the City's fire and EMS response teams. The proposed 44,000-square-foot, $24.7 million station will be located at the intersection of Highways 33 and 45 and will replace the overloaded and outmoded current facility that was originally built nearly six decades ago. The new Station #1 will improve response times, promote exemplary training, and ensure more efficient and safe public service for decades to come.





FAST FACTS

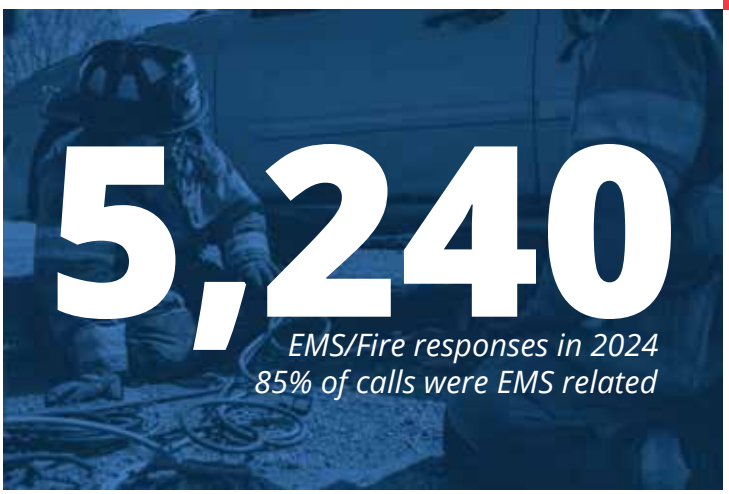
$24.7 MILLION
Total project cost

12.92 ACRES
Current - 1.16 acres

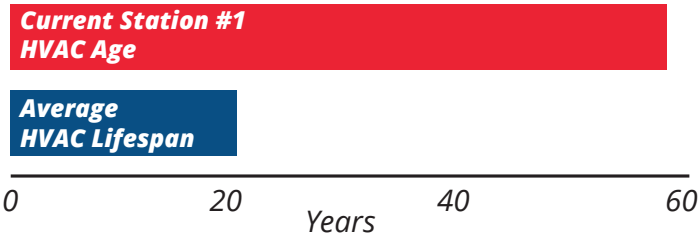
44,000 FT²
Current - 25,000 ft²

94% COVERAGE
Current - 90%





Station #1's current HVAC system is well beyond its expected useful life and in need of ***imminent repairs costing over $1 million***.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What can an individual resident expect to pay in taxes?

For a homeowner with a house valued at $300,041 (the average on Zillow), the estimated 21-year tax impact will be $78 annually.

Why is the City of West Bend building a new fire station instead of remodeling the existing station?

The present structure cannot be cost-effectively updated or expanded to meet current needs. The existing facility was built nearly 60 years ago as a joint police and fire station. At this time, West Bend Fire consisted of only 14 volunteer firefighters, two full-time lieutenants, and a Fire Chief. Today, West Bend Fire and EMS serves a population size that has more than doubled from what it was in 1970, with a team of 58 full-time employees.

A new location for Station #1 also offers ancillary benefits, including improved response times, reduction of traffic hazards at a busy downtown intersection, and more secure parking bays to ensure long-term maintenance of expensive City equipment and response vehicles.

How will the new station affect response times?

The City plans to move its fire headquarters from its current location to a 12-acre parcel of land at the intersection of Highways 33 and 45. This relocation is expected to improve response times, allowing West Bend Fire and EMS to respond to 94% of its coverage area within 4 minutes as opposed to the 90% it can cover currently within that timeframe.

Does the $24.7 million budget include all project costs?

The property for the new location will be purchased using money from the City's fund balance, and the $24.7 million will cover the rest of the project.

What is the estimated project schedule?

The Common Council will vote on how to move forward with the project at its July 7 meeting. An opportunity for public input will be included in the agenda. If approved, a groundbreaking is expected for September 2025, with an anticipated completion in fall 2026.

How is the cost determined?

An outside firm conducted an initial space and needs assessment to determine the appropriate square footage for the new building. From there, the City solicited bids from multiple contactors to ensure construction would occur at a competitive price.

Priority was given to selecting materials that offer lasting value and durability—an investment in the City's long-term future. Construction costs are heavily impacted by current market conditions, and, unfortunately, Wisconsin has experienced consistently high prices for building materials in recent years. This upward trend is expected to continue, with one real estate services firm projecting a 5–7% increase in overall construction costs, including labor and materials, in 2025.