

PLANNING THE FUTURE FIRE STATION IN THE CITY OF VICTORIA

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROJECT

About the Partner

The City of Victoria is located in Carver County, in the southwest of the Twin Cities metro, and is home to over 9,000 residents. When the orderly annexation agreement currently in place with surrounding rural communities is fully executed, Victoria will be the largest city within Carver County.



Project Description

The City of Victoria is seeking to identify a location for a future second fire station to continue to serve the needs of the growing community.

Victoria is experiencing rapid development and expansion, which will soon require the city to expand its boundaries. Ultimately, this fire station will serve the entire south and west growth areas identified in the 2040 City of Victoria Comprehensive Plan, and will be a community pillar in these ever-expanding areas of the city.

Although the need for a second fire station is still several years away, Victoria would like to identify the site and begin work on land acquisition to secure a site prior to it being obtained by developers. The project goal is to properly plan for community growth to be able to continue to provide the best possible service to residents. Proper planning for this growth will allow Victoria to make sound financial decisions for the community.

Key Issues, Questions, and Ideas to Explore

1. Review existing facility and conduct a detailed analysis of current service delivery and response performance. How do these observations and findings compare with industry standards and best practices? Based on these findings, identify recommendations or changes, as needed.
2. Develop a future service demand forecast by using a combination of historical population data, census information, comprehensive plans, and past incident history to project anticipated future workload and identify community risk.
3. Identify and evaluate future strategies with which to meet long range needs. The approaches may include modification of existing facilities, relocation of current stations, and potential locations of future stations, if appropriate.

How Student Work Will Be Used to Build Community Resilience

- To help guide the City through the development and growth process, and make conscientious decisions that will have a much larger impact on the entire south and west growth areas of the city
- To develop a strong financial plan to secure the necessary land for the project and ultimately build and staff the facility

Potential Community Partners or Stakeholders

- City of Chaska
- City of Carver
- City of Waconia

Existing Plans & Reports

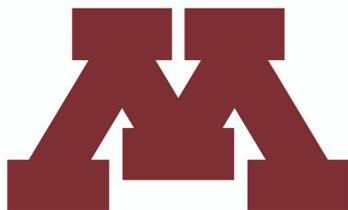
- 2040 City of Victoria Comprehensive Plan
- Fire incident data from past 10 years

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