

Rockland Fire Department Headquarters Project

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The proposed Rockland Fire Department Headquarters will be located at 99 Church Street at the corner of Church and Howard Streets. The new Station will solve the many space and safety issues present at the existing station at 360 Union Street.

WE HEARD VOTERS The Town and Fire Station Building Committee listened to voters last year and revised the proposal for a new Headquarters. After considering numerous options on multiple sites, a revised station on Church St proved the most spatially efficient and cost-effective. The cost has been greatly reduced from the previous study while the design remains a vast improvement to the conditions of the current station.

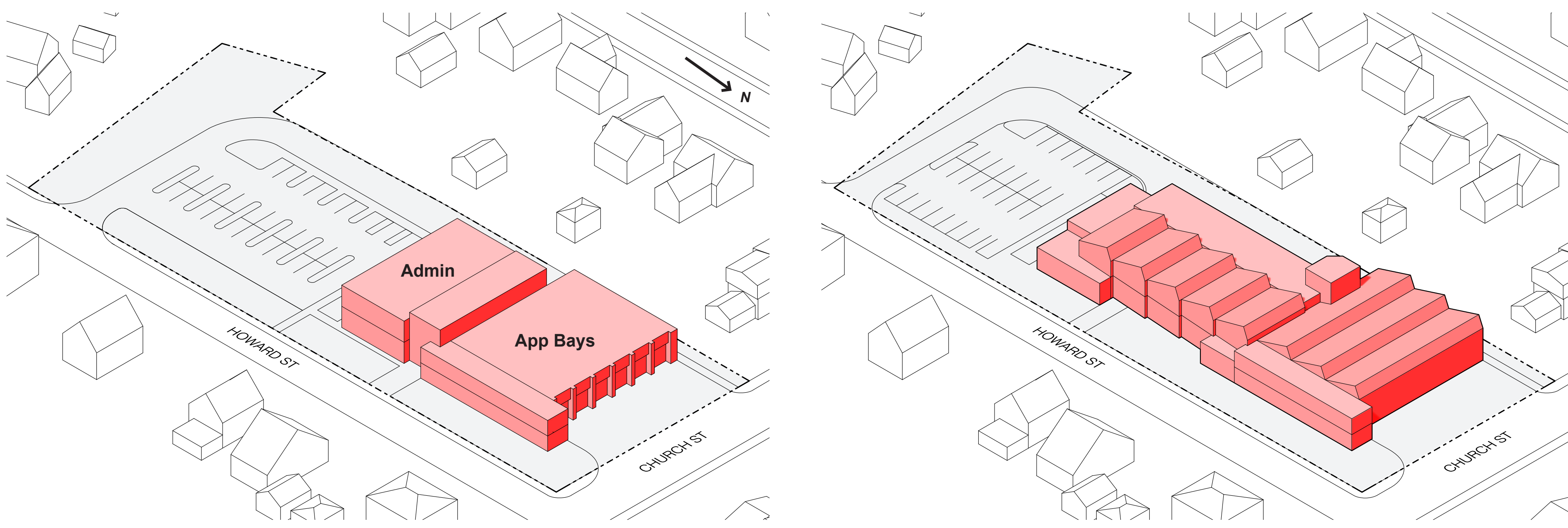
• **GROWTH** The new station will provide a six-vehicle apparatus bay large enough to house the Town's existing emergency vehicles as well as new larger vehicles currently on order. The new station will be sized to accommodate the current personnel and provide for future growth of the department.

• **SAFETY** Health and safety considerations are the main issue with the existing station and thus the most important part of the proposed new station. Proper separation of "hot", or unhealthy zones, from "cold", or healthy zones, have been carefully planned; and dedicated decontamination spaces ensure firefighter safety and a healthier environment for the department and its visitors.

• **SITE & NEIGHBORHOOD** The site is designed to accommodate parking for both fire department staff and the public, as well as outdoor space at the back for essential firefighter training. The new station is designed to be set back from Howard Street to allow a large, landscaped area, as well as a parking lot designed to maximize greenery behind the neighboring properties and provide room for potential building expansion in the future. The building mass and height is designed to reflect the scale of the neighborhood. And for necessary privacy, a fence and retaining wall separate the properties west of the station with trees separating those to the south.

The new station will look for sustainable design opportunities to make it energy efficient to ensure that operational costs are kept to a minimum.

This new station project will be on the ballot at the April 12, 2025 Annual Town Election and the May 5, 2025 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.



REVISED DESIGN (Sept 2024)
25,000 SF

PREVIOUS DESIGN (Feb 2023)
33,000 SF

Estimated Annual Property Tax Increase Based on \$26.1M Project.		Fiscal Year	Bond Year	Annual Property Tax Increase	Monthly Property Tax Increase
Average Value of Single Family Home: \$488,565. Homes valued higher will have a bigger tax increase. Homes valued lower will have a smaller tax increase.		2026	1 (interest only)	\$3.76	\$0.31
		2027	2 (interest only)	\$93.27	\$7.77
		2028–2057	3–32	\$223.32	\$18.61

