

EAST HAMPTON MUNICIPAL CAMPUS

Town Referendum
Fall 2017

BACKGROUND

For nearly thirty-five years, the Town of East Hampton has been discussing the need and possible location for a new town hall; police department and board of education building. These three facilities, in their current conditions, represent a significant liability to the Town of East Hampton. In recent years the Town Council established a commission to identify the best site for the new municipal building. Of the eight properties submitted for consideration, the Edgewater Hill property was ranked the highest by six of the seven East Hampton Town Council members. The Edgewater Hill proposal was also the most cost effective and affordable with a price tag of approximately \$18.5 million. The final price tag may be offset by the sale of the existing Town Hall, Police Station and Board of Education properties.

CONDITION OF THE CURRENT POLICE FACILITY, TOWN HALL & BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING

- Noncompliant with ADA
- Limited work, meeting & storage space
- Inadequate parking
- Outdated & inefficient HVAC Systems

THE CURRENT POLICE STATION ALSO LACKS:

- Lobby space for public interaction.
- Adequate space for prisoner transport and appropriate holding cells.
- Separate cells for juveniles, women & men and no locker facilities for female officers.
- On-site parking for police cruisers.

The current **TOWN HALL** has no drinkable water, corroding pipes, deteriorating foundations and persistent flooding and water damage.

WHY NOT LOCATE THE NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN THE VILLAGE CENTER OR THE FORMER CENTER SCHOOL?

- The cost of renovating Center School and building the municipal building addition at Memorial School is \$44 million.
- The cost of renovating the Center School alone is approximately \$29 million.
- Renovating old buildings is more expensive than new construction and even more expensive when remediation of contaminated soils is required, as is the case in the Village Center, Center School and the existing Town Hall

BENEFITS OF A NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING

- Professional & safe police department.
- Fully ADA compliant facility.
- Reduced & more efficient maintenance costs.
- Convenient, One-Stop Shopping.
- Easy access & centrally located.
- Enhanced taxpayer value with consolidation.
- Ample parking for staff & residents.
- Adequate workspace & professional environment.
- Delaying construction of an inevitable new facility will drive up cost, estimated at \$300,000 per year.

