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East Pierce Fire & Rescue Purchases Land for Future Milton Fire Station

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East Pierce Fire & Rescue has purchased property in the City of Milton as a location for a future fire station. The property located at 1515 11th Avenue will provide a central location to serve the citizens of Milton.

Funding for the purchase was provided from the General Obligation Bond approved by voters in November 2018. Construction of the station is not yet funded, but as other savings were realized, the fire district was able to secure the property at this time.

“Purchasing the land now gets us ahead of rising property values and gives us the ability to improve service in Milton at a future date,” states Chief Backer. “The fire district had conducted an exhaustive search of the area, and parcels large enough for this use were limited in availability, with several having environmental limitations. It was buy something now, or not have anything viable to choose from down the road,” said the Chief.

The future Milton fire station is a Phase 2 project and is not included in Phase 1 of the Capital Improvement Plan which is funded by the 2018 bond issue. “Additional funding will need to be obtained for Phase 2 projects, unless we can realize enough savings from other projects,” said Chief Backer. “We are working to save as much as we can in Phase 1, while Phase 2 is currently slated to be 2025 or later.”

The property fronts onto 11th Avenue, providing safe access to the site. The station will not directly access Milton Way. The Capital Facilities Plan calls for a fire station large enough to house a 3-person engine company and 2-person medic unit.



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