

**Public Services Impact Assessment**  
**Proposed District East Development**  
**Town of DeWitt, New York**

This section reviews the existing capabilities and resources of local, county and/or regional agencies providing police, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS) to the project location and how the project will not pose a significant adverse impact to the resources of these first responder agencies. An overview of the existing conditions and potential impacts is included for police, fire, and EMS.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Existing Conditions**

Police service for the Town of DeWitt is provided primarily by the Town of DeWitt Police Department. According to the adopted 2022 Town of DeWitt budget, the Town of DeWitt has provided funding for 52 employees, 44 sworn police officers, with 35 officers dedicated to the patrol division. Property taxes paid to the Town of DeWitt contribute to the funding of the Police Department.

The uniformed Patrol Division provides law enforcement services 24 hours a day, seven days a week to Town of DeWitt residents. There is one police station in the Town and is located at 5400 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse, NY 13057. The police station is less than a mile from the project site. The estimated time for a police response to the project site would be between 2 to 5 minutes.

**Potential Impacts**

Chase Bilodeau, Chief of the Town of DeWitt Police Department, was given copies of the proposed master plan and a breakdown of proposed uses and square footages for his review. Chief Bilodeau responded by email “that in the past, Shoppingtown was a fully operational mall and we were certainly able to provide full police services to the mall without issue, so I do not have any concerns with being able to do so again with the newly developed property”.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Existing Conditions**

Fire protection service for the site is provided by the DeWitt Fire Department (DFD), which covers approximately 15 square miles of the Town of DeWitt. The DFD has a single fire station serving its coverage area and is located at 4500 East Genesee Street in DeWitt. The station is approximately 0.25

miles south of the site; response time to the site is approximately three minutes.

The DFD is a combination fire department comprised of 16 full-time, 6 part-time, and 5 volunteer members answering approximately 2,000 calls per year. Available apparatus includes one engine, one rescue/EMS vehicle, one aerial truck, one spare engine and two command units. Property taxes dedicated to general fire protection constitute all funding for the DFD.

The DFD protects a wide range of residential and commercial occupancies within its jurisdiction. These include LeMoyne College, Jamesville-DeWitt High School, Jamesville-DeWitt Middle School, Tecumseh Elementary School, Moses DeWitt Elementary School, The Nottingham, The Oaks at Menorah Park, Wegmans, and numerous businesses in Widewaters Park and along Erie Boulevard East. Northeast regional distribution center with a huge stock of furniture and significant fire load. The DFD has the capacity to address fire protection concerns for a wide variety of occupancies.

### **Potential Impacts**

The proposed site will be equipped with a fire water supply of sufficient capacity, reliability, and duration to serve automatic fire sprinkler systems in each of the buildings in accordance with NFPA 13, NFPA 24, and all local municipal requirements. The design of each building will be in accordance with all applicable standards of the Building Code of New York State (NYS).

Sprinkler systems and fire alarm system components will be properly labeled to allow the fire department to quickly locate activated alarms and minimize facility evacuation time. Accordingly, all standpipes shall be labeled and kept free from obstructions.

The project will include the provision of Fire Department Connections (5" Storz) on the outside of each of the buildings. It is also important that on-site hydrants be provided and properly located and spaced to avoid unnecessarily long hose lays that may block responding apparatus from setting up at an incident. 360-degree access to all buildings is necessary to allow for proper placement of aerial apparatus and facilitate reach where they need to be situated. Large, paved surfaces around the buildings are required to facilitate the safe operation of aerial fire apparatus, as these trucks need solid surfaces to set up on and adequate clearance areas to accommodate outrigger support placement.

Proposed access driveways will be designed to accommodate fire and emergency apparatus access. Emergency vehicle access shall be provided around the buildings; fire lanes will be provided at appropriate locations in accordance with the Town of DeWitt requirements.

As a result of the enhanced and state-of-the art fire protection measures that shall be implemented at the project site, any potential impacts will not be significant and will be appropriately addressed within the existing resources of the DFD and mutual aid agencies from Fayetteville, Manlius, East Syracuse, Jamesville, and Minoa. Based on the foregoing, the project will not pose a significant adverse impact to the DFD in carrying out any potential fire protection duties at the project site.

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)**

### **Existing Conditions**

In addition to fire protection services, the DeWitt Fire Department provides Advance Life Support (ALS) level first response service to Town of DeWitt. Hospital transportation is provided primarily by American Medical Response (AMR) and secondarily by mutual aid ambulance agencies from Fayetteville, Manlius, Eastern Area Volunteer Emergency Services (EAVES), and TLC Ambulance Service. AMR posts ambulances in the area during high call volume times to allow for rapid response to any location.

### **Potential Impacts**

The project will provide sufficient emergency access, both outside and inside of the proposed buildings. Hallways and access points will be constructed in accordance with the Building Code of New York State and be clearly marked. In addition, all access points will be of sufficient size to accommodate safe stretcher transit. Based on the foregoing, the project site will not pose a potential significant adverse impact to the DFD, AMR, or mutual aid agencies in performing EMS response at the project site.