

Spring Garden Township Awarded RACP Funding for New Regional Fire and Emergency Services Center

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SPRING GARDEN TOWNSHIP, YORK COUNTY— Spring Garden Township announced today that it has been awarded \$2.5 million in funding through the Commonwealth's Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) to support construction of the new Spring Garden Area Fire and Emergency Services Center. The transformative project will establish a modern regional public safety hub designed to meet the growing emergency response needs of Spring Garden Township and the surrounding York region. The new facility will replace the aging Grantley Station and provide a long-term home for fire and EMS operations, enhancing service, safety, and operational efficiency for decades to come.

"This investment represents a transformative step forward for our community and the region's emergency services network," said **Luther Wike, Township Manager**. "The new Spring Garden Area Fire and Emergency Services Center will provide first responders with the modern facilities they need to safely and effectively serve residents, businesses, and visitors throughout the York area. We are grateful to those who have recognized the importance of this project and are helping bring this vision to reality. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill and Representative Carol Hill-Evans for their steadfast support and advocacy in advancing this critical investment in public safety."

The new facility will be home to York Area United Fire & Rescue, the regional department serving Spring Garden, Springettsbury and Manchester Townships. As emergency call volumes and service demands continue to grow, the project will provide the modern infrastructure necessary to support personnel, apparatus, and emergency operations well into the future.

"Our firefighters, EMS professionals, and volunteers deserve a facility that matches the critical services they provide every day," said **Daniel Hoff, Fire Chief**. "This funding brings us significantly closer to delivering a state-of-the-art emergency services center that will improve operational readiness, support recruitment and retention efforts, and strengthen our ability to protect the communities we serve."

The new facility is planned as a modern single-story emergency services center with adequate space for emergency apparatus, personnel accommodations, training opportunities, and future operational needs. The project will also support efforts to reestablish a live-in recruitment program through partnerships with local educational institutions.

State Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill praised the award as a commitment to public safety and regional cooperation.

"Strong communities depend on strong public safety infrastructure," said Senator Phillips-Hill. "This project reflects the value of regional collaboration and long-term planning. The new emergency services

center will enhance emergency response capabilities, improve conditions for first responders, and help ensure residents receive the highest level of safety and service possible."

Emphasizing the project's lasting impact on the safety and well-being of York County residents, **State Representative Carol Hill-Evans** said "Our first responders put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities. This investment will provide them with the modern resources and facilities they need while strengthening emergency response services throughout the region. I am proud to support a project that will benefit residents and emergency personnel for generations to come."

The Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program is a Commonwealth funding program that supports the acquisition and construction of regional economic, cultural, civic, recreational, and historical improvement projects that generate substantial public benefits and enhance the quality of life in communities across Pennsylvania.

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