

Habersham County Emergency Services

Habersham BOC
Retreat 02/13/2025





WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE

Firehouses

Built as volunteer stations for volunteers

Not properly maintained

Making the best of what we have to work with...

Station 12 – Duncan Bridge Rd.



Built in 1995

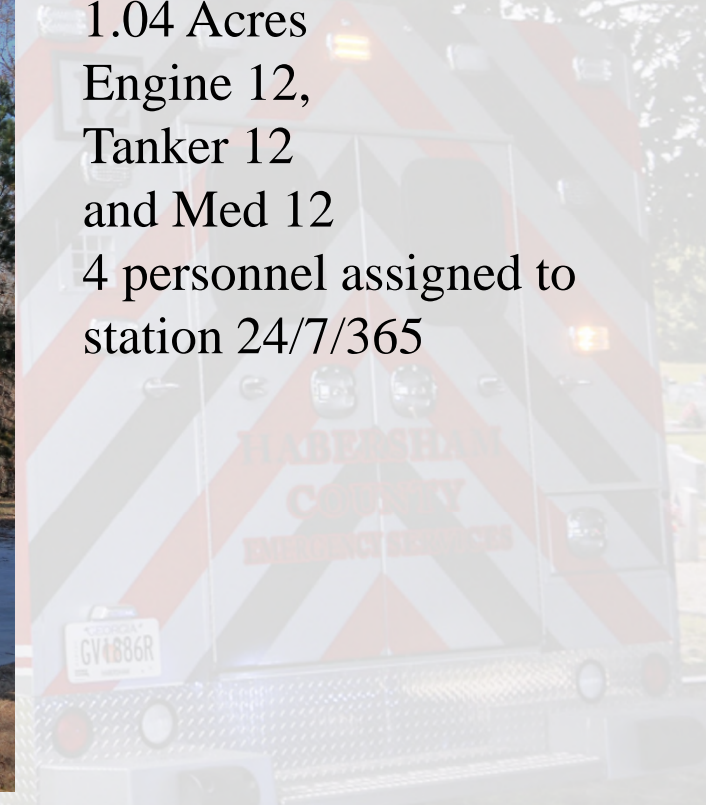
1.04 Acres

Engine 12,

Tanker 12

and Med 12

4 personnel assigned to
station 24/7/365

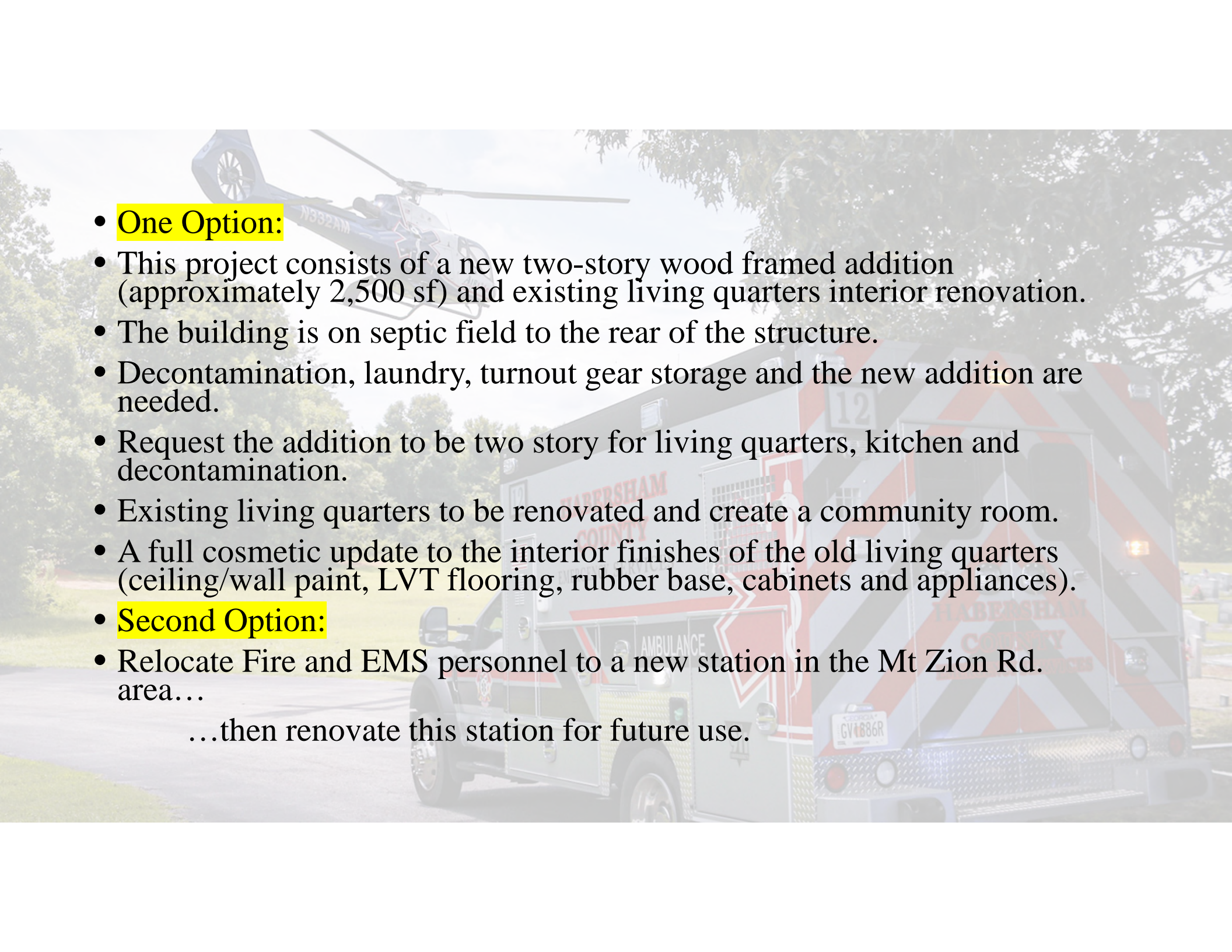




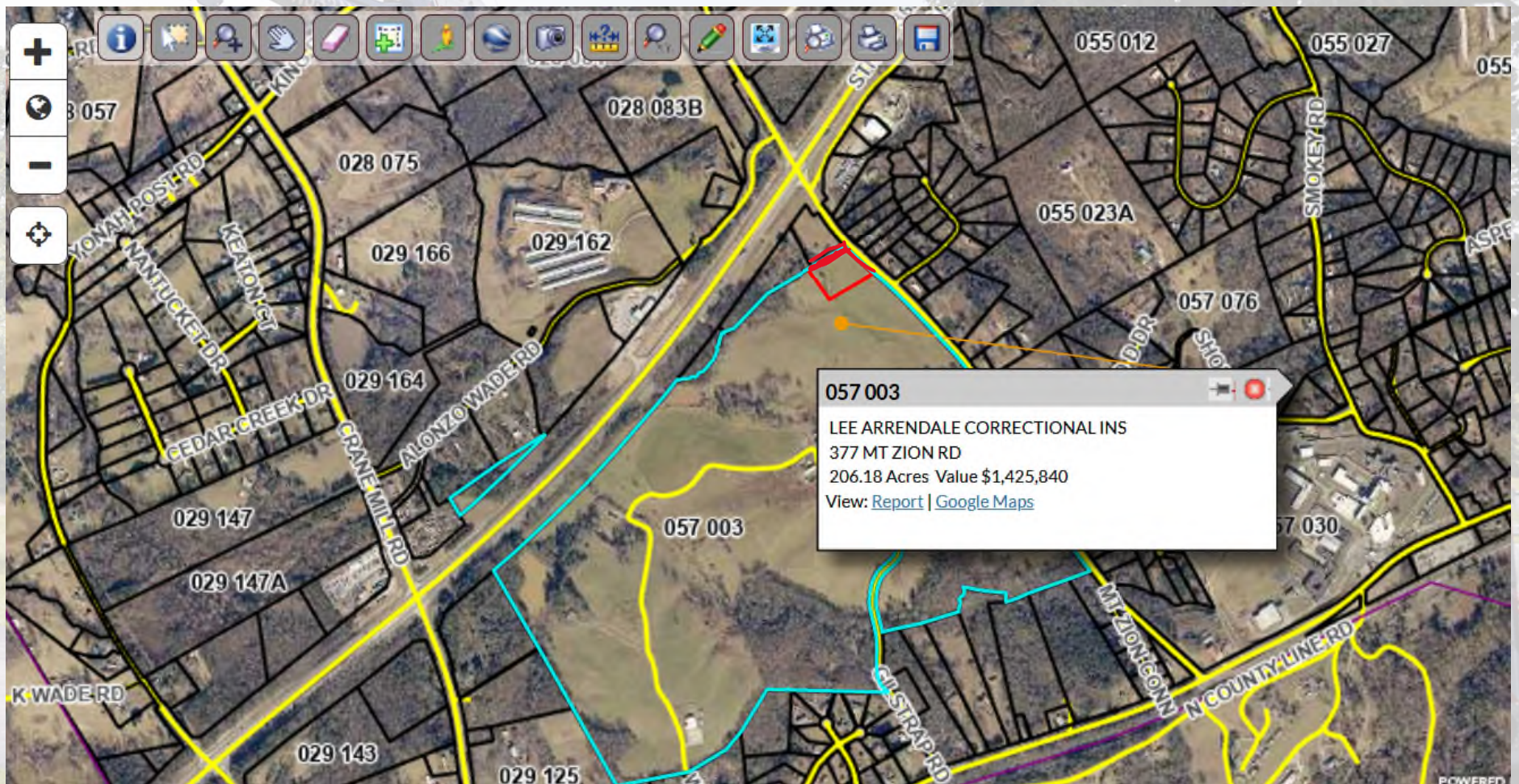






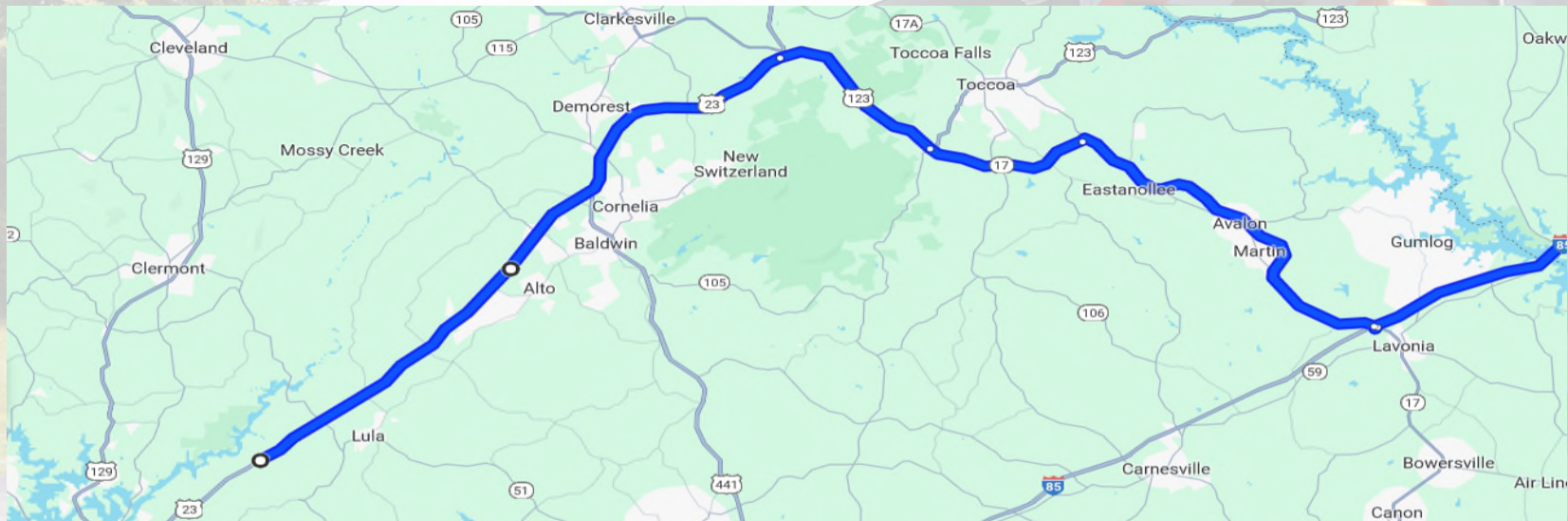
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- The background of the slide features a semi-transparent image of a blue helicopter with the registration number N382AM in the upper left, and a white ambulance with red and black hazard stripes in the lower right. The ambulance has "TADDERSHAM COUNTY" and "AMBULANCE" written on its side, and a Georgia license plate "GV4886R".
- **One Option:**
 - This project consists of a new two-story wood framed addition (approximately 2,500 sf) and existing living quarters interior renovation.
 - The building is on septic field to the rear of the structure.
 - Decontamination, laundry, turnout gear storage and the new addition are needed.
 - Request the addition to be two story for living quarters, kitchen and decontamination.
 - Existing living quarters to be renovated and create a community room.
 - A full cosmetic update to the interior finishes of the old living quarters (ceiling/wall paint, LVT flooring, rubber base, cabinets and appliances).
 - **Second Option:**
 - Relocate Fire and EMS personnel to a new station in the Mt Zion Rd. area...
 - ...then renovate this station for future use.

Station 18 – Mt. Zion and Hwy 365



Imagine

- You are driving a tractor-trailer.... Quickest/easiest way from just south of Lula to I-85N via 4-Lane Rd.



- Inland Port – scheduled to open in 2026.

Station 13 – Habersham Mills Rd.



Built in 1996

1.01 Acres

Battalion Chief

Engine 13, Tanker 13

Brush 13, Service 13

3 staff - 24/7/365

Initially, volunteer station
for the mill.

The back living area was
added after initial building
Septic system is a concern.
4650 sq ft, heated



Septic system is a big issue...

2 Drain fields

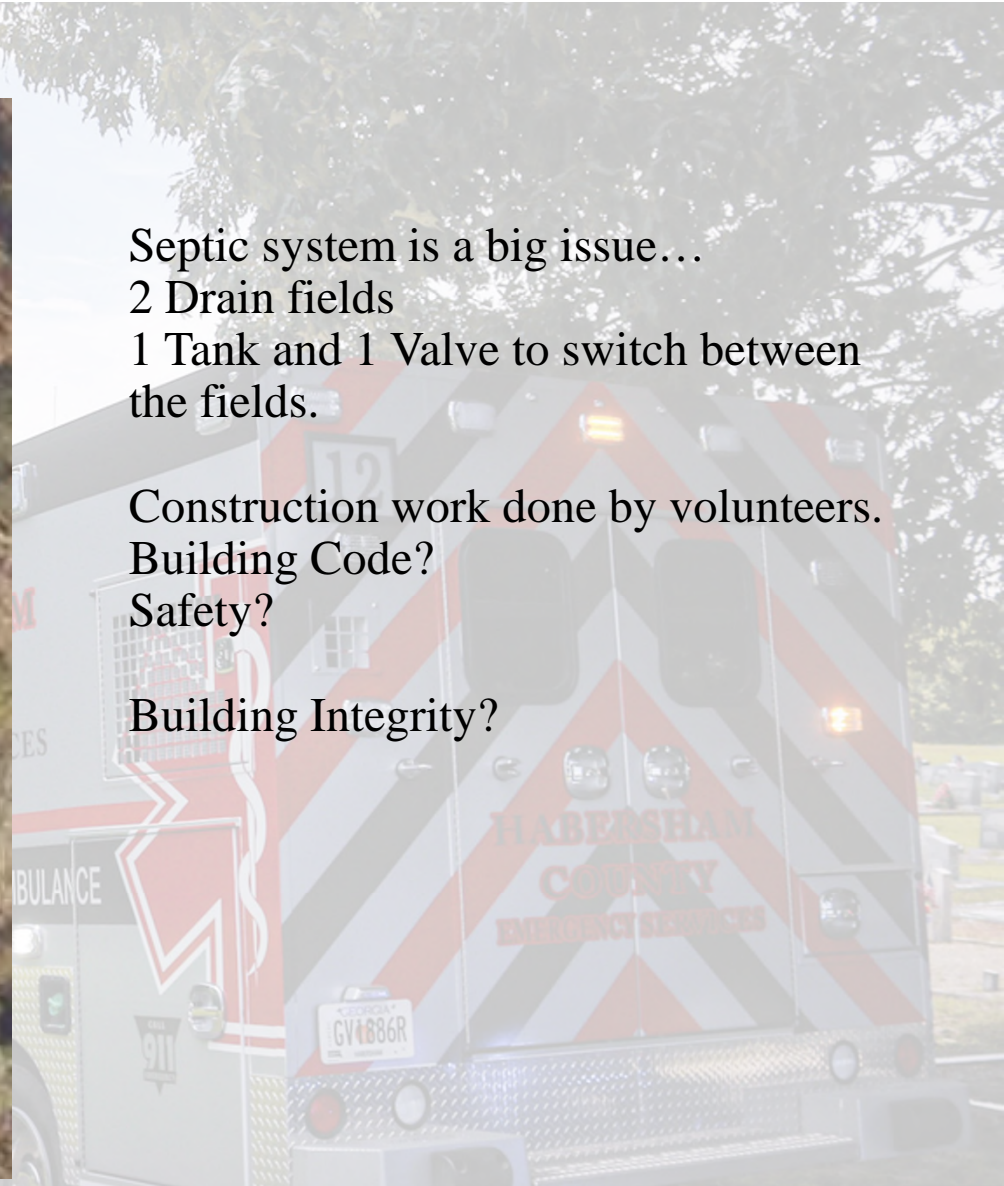
1 Tank and 1 Valve to switch between the fields.

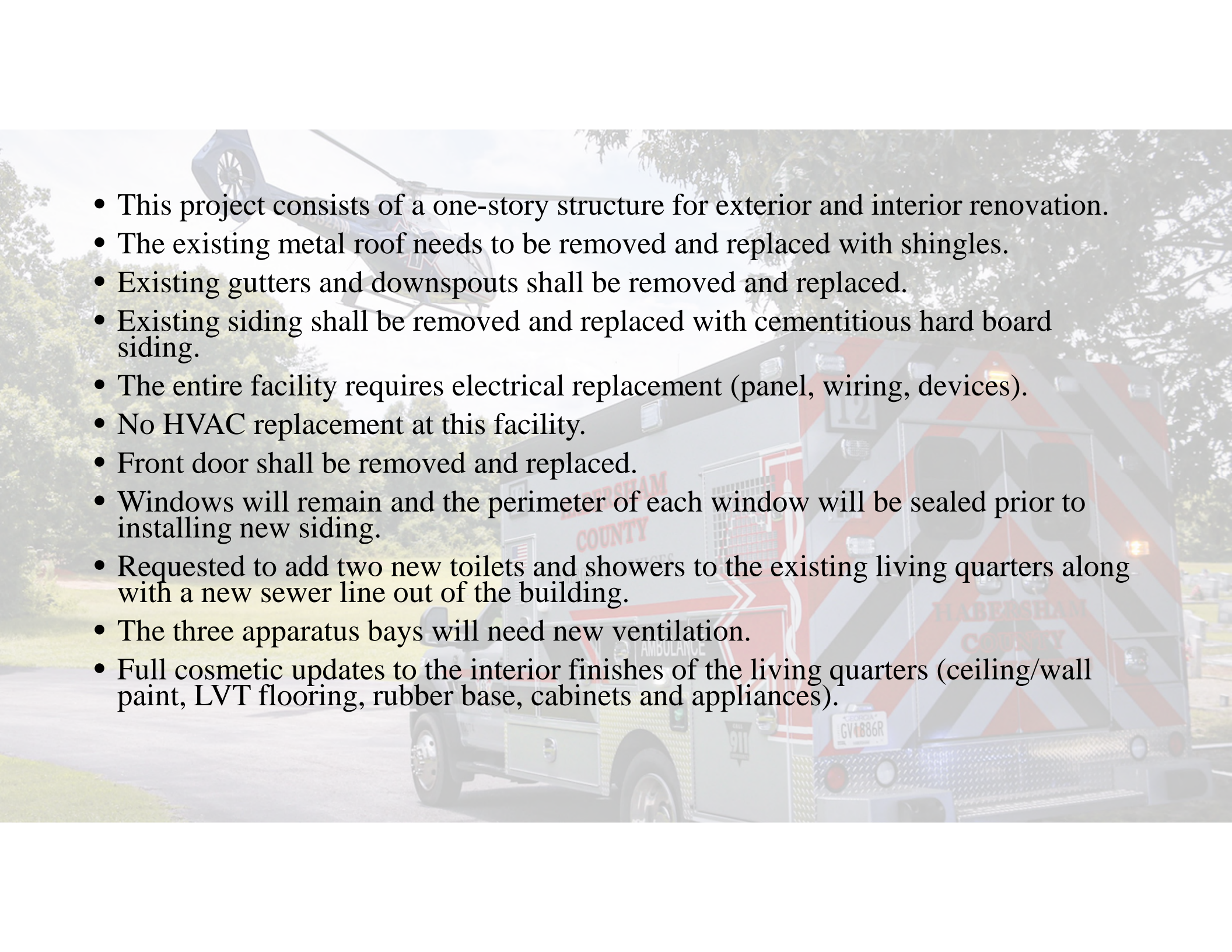
Construction work done by volunteers.

Building Code?

Safety?

Building Integrity?



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- This project consists of a one-story structure for exterior and interior renovation.
 - The existing metal roof needs to be removed and replaced with shingles.
 - Existing gutters and downspouts shall be removed and replaced.
 - Existing siding shall be removed and replaced with cementitious hard board siding.
 - The entire facility requires electrical replacement (panel, wiring, devices).
 - No HVAC replacement at this facility.
 - Front door shall be removed and replaced.
 - Windows will remain and the perimeter of each window will be sealed prior to installing new siding.
 - Requested to add two new toilets and showers to the existing living quarters along with a new sewer line out of the building.
 - The three apparatus bays will need new ventilation.
 - Full cosmetic updates to the interior finishes of the living quarters (ceiling/wall paint, LVT flooring, rubber base, cabinets and appliances).









Station 16 – Amy's Creek



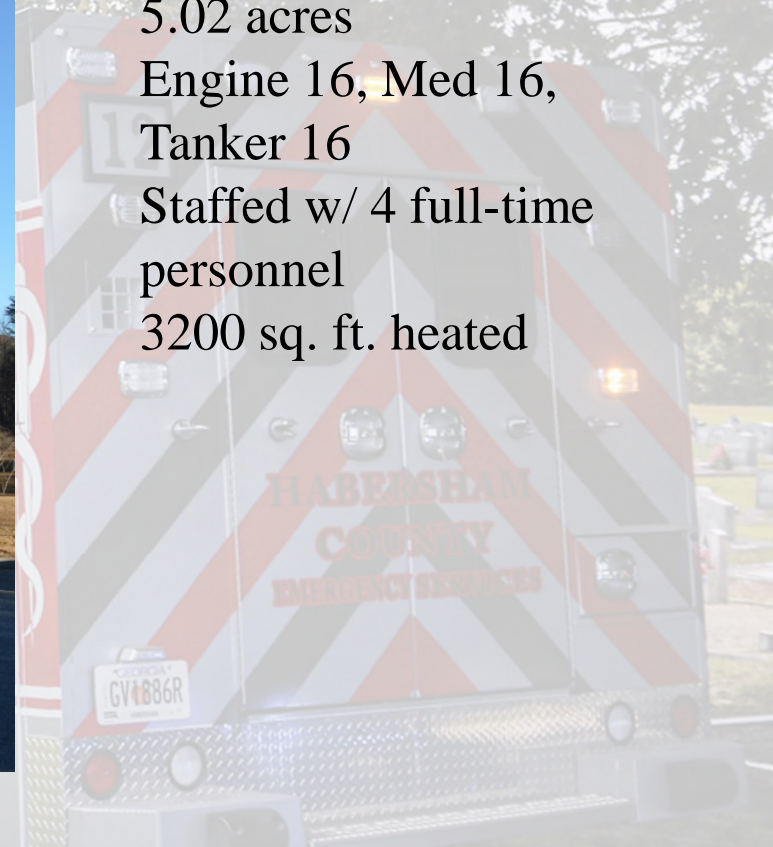
Built in 2002

5.02 acres

Engine 16, Med 16,
Tanker 16

Staffed w/ 4 full-time
personnel

3200 sq. ft. heated

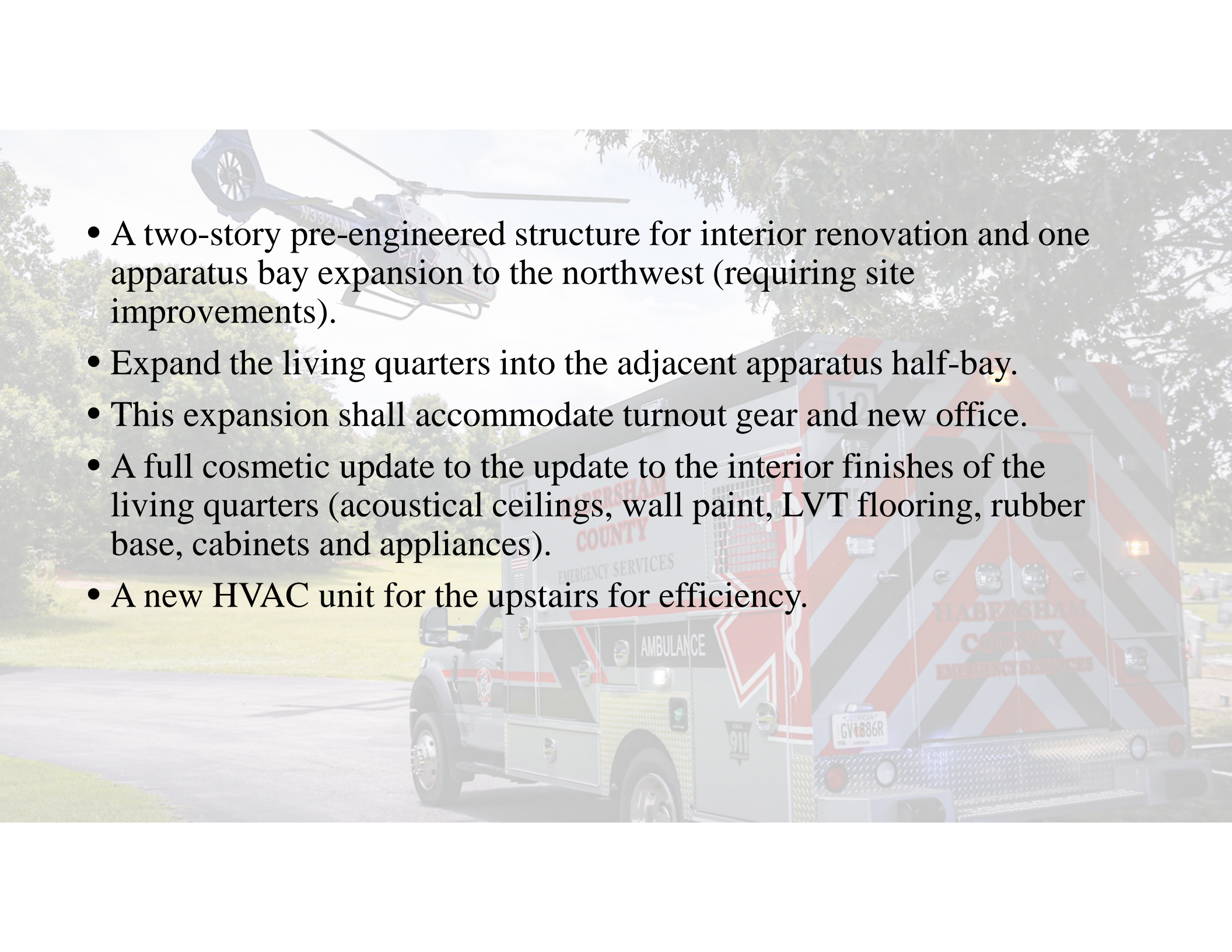










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- A two-story pre-engineered structure for interior renovation and one apparatus bay expansion to the northwest (requiring site improvements).
 - Expand the living quarters into the adjacent apparatus half-bay.
 - This expansion shall accommodate turnout gear and new office.
 - A full cosmetic update to the update to the interior finishes of the living quarters (acoustical ceilings, wall paint, LVT flooring, rubber base, cabinets and appliances).
 - A new HVAC unit for the upstairs for efficiency.

Station 14 – Camp Creek Rd.



Built in 1992

1.52 acres

Engine 14

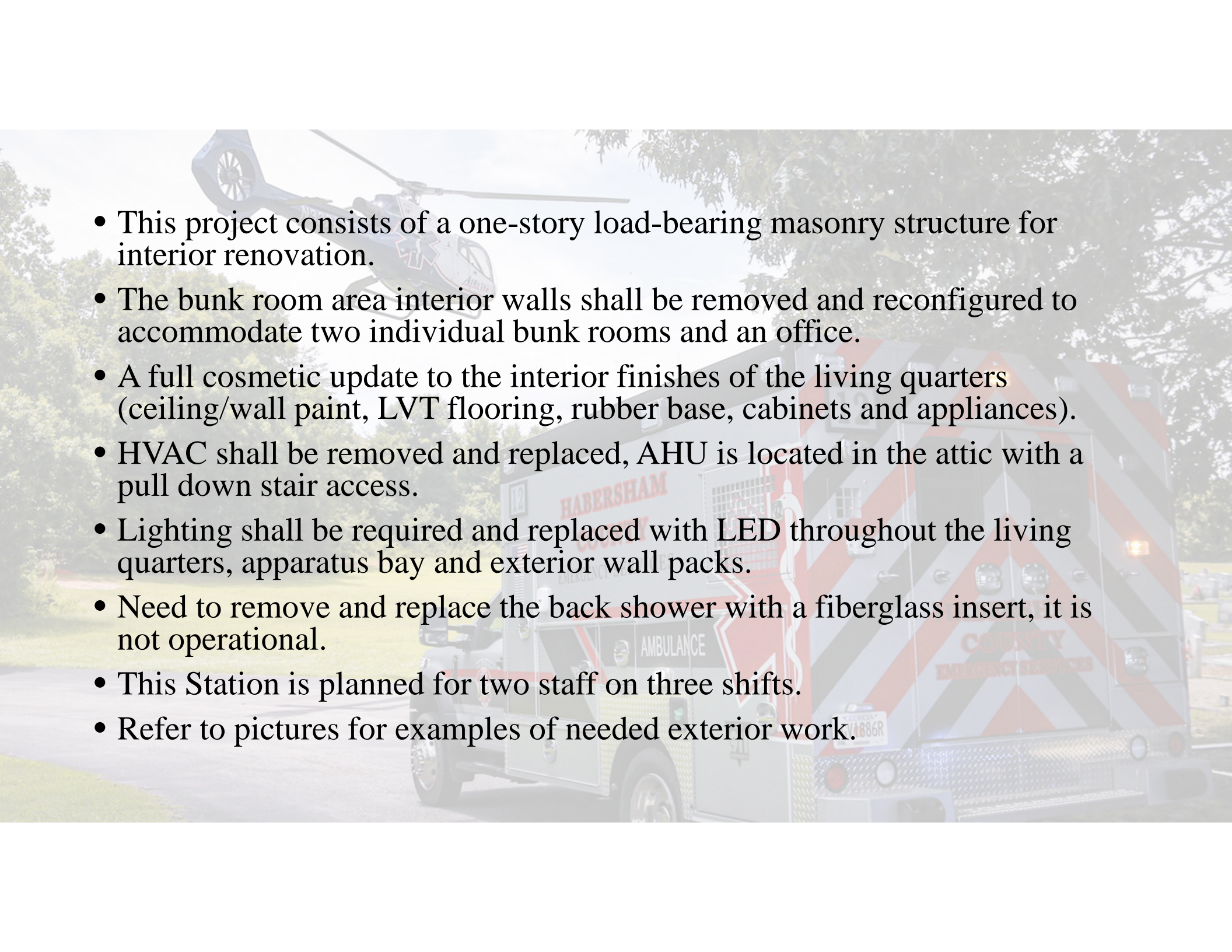
Service 14

and Bariatric Med Unit

2 staff 24/7/365





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- This project consists of a one-story load-bearing masonry structure for interior renovation.
 - The bunk room area interior walls shall be removed and reconfigured to accommodate two individual bunk rooms and an office.
 - A full cosmetic update to the interior finishes of the living quarters (ceiling/wall paint, LVT flooring, rubber base, cabinets and appliances).
 - HVAC shall be removed and replaced, AHU is located in the attic with a pull down stair access.
 - Lighting shall be required and replaced with LED throughout the living quarters, apparatus bay and exterior wall packs.
 - Need to remove and replace the back shower with a fiberglass insert, it is not operational.
 - This Station is planned for two staff on three shifts.
 - Refer to pictures for examples of needed exterior work.











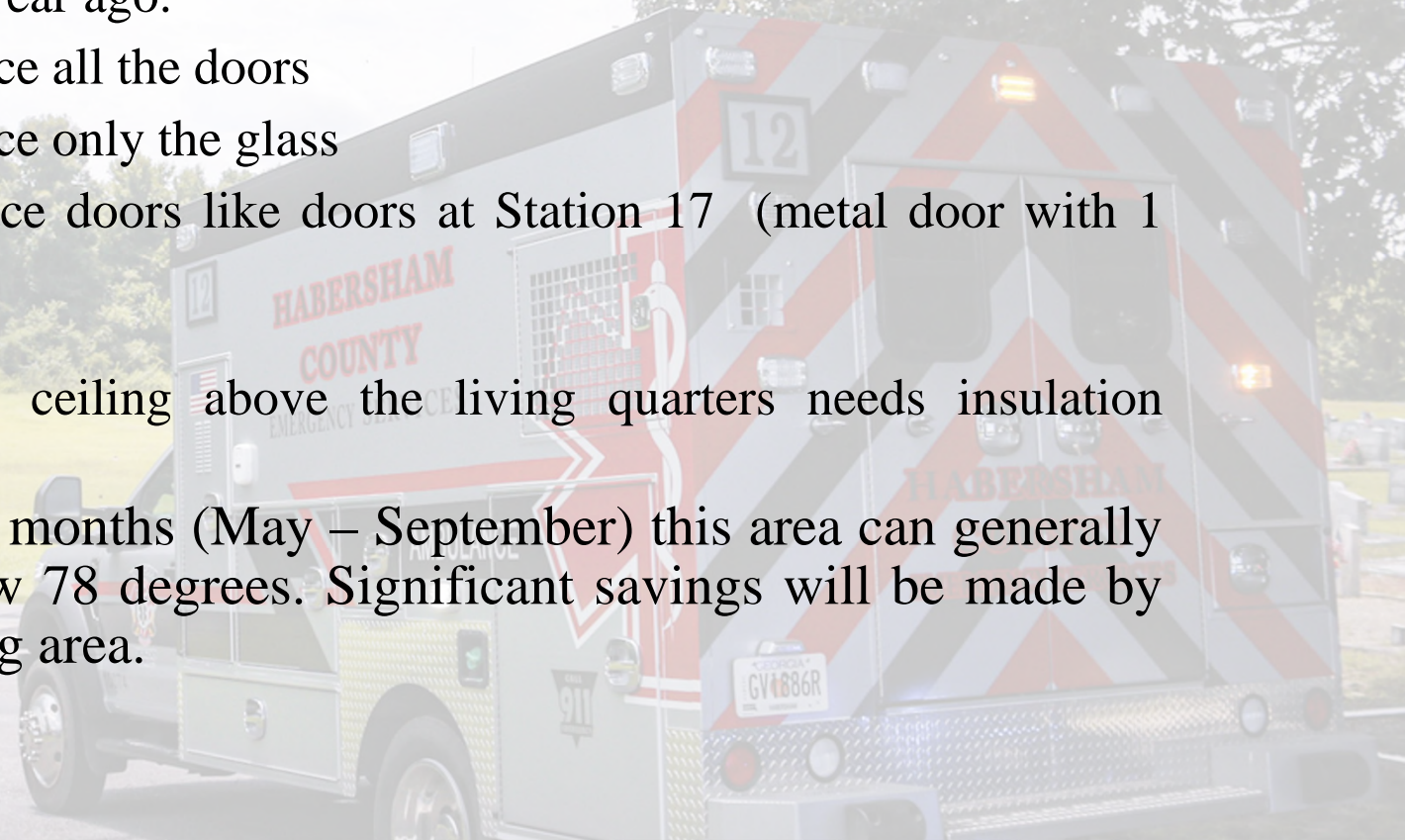
Station 9 – Current Administrative Building



- Built in 2006
- 2.11 acres
- Houses Engine 9, Med 9, Ladder 9, UTV,
- 4 personnel 24/7/365
- 4 personnel M-F 8-5



- Some of the glass sections in the garage doors across the front of the building needs to be replaced. ~~Quotes are being gathered to best meet these needs.~~ Quotes were obtained – Ranging up to \$15,000 per door.
 - Options – prices not guaranteed to be exactly the same – quote was approximately 1 year ago.
 - \$65,000 replace all the doors
 - \$15,000 replace only the glass
 - \$25,000 replace doors like doors at Station 17 (metal door with 1 row of glass)
- The area above the ceiling above the living quarters needs insulation installed (blown in).
- During the summer months (May – September) this area can generally not be cooled below 78 degrees. Significant savings will be made by insulating the ceiling area.



Station 11 – Fairview School Rd.

Built in 1988

Volunteer Station

Currently used as
Training Building

Firefighter and EMT
classes

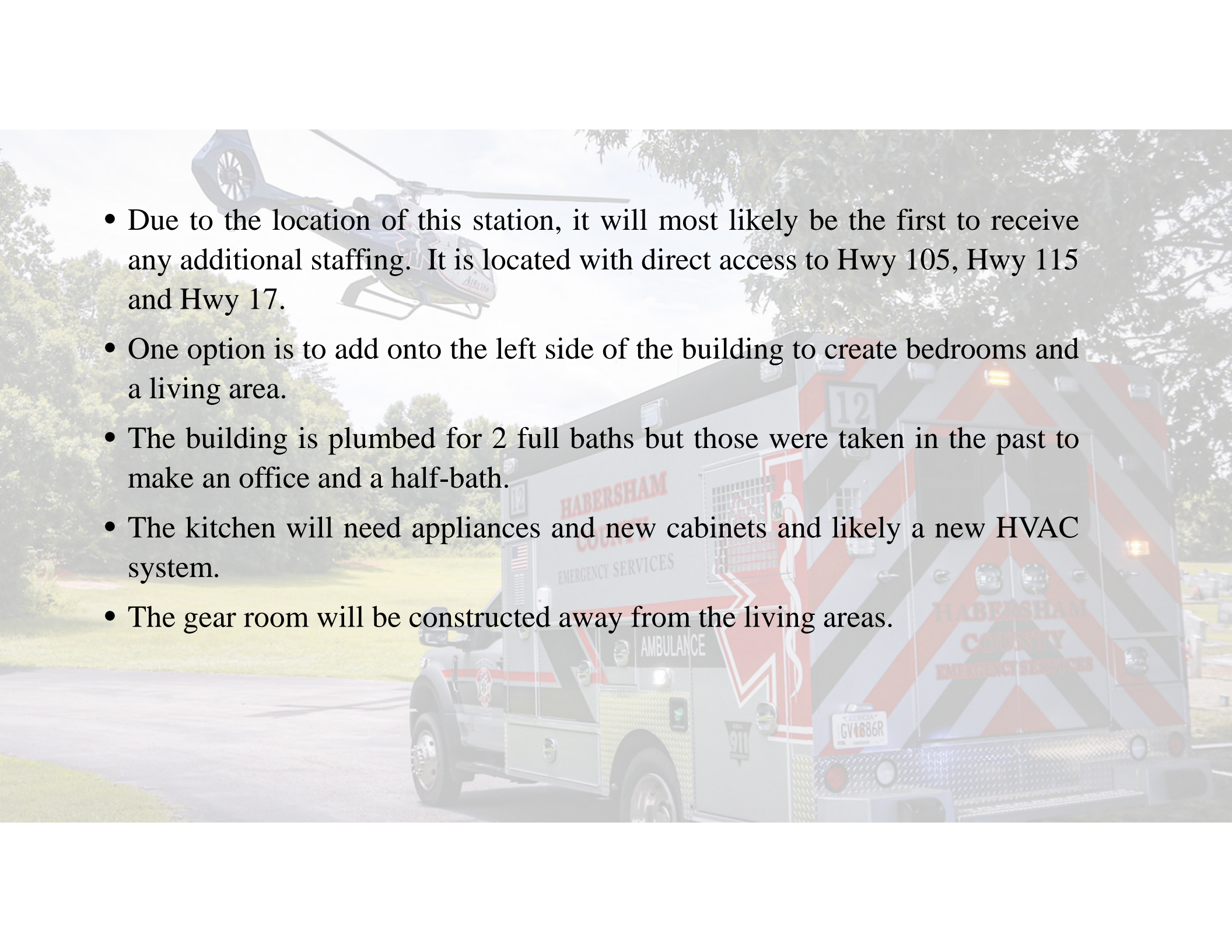










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- Due to the location of this station, it will most likely be the first to receive any additional staffing. It is located with direct access to Hwy 105, Hwy 115 and Hwy 17.
 - One option is to add onto the left side of the building to create bedrooms and a living area.
 - The building is plumbed for 2 full baths but those were taken in the past to make an office and a half-bath.
 - The kitchen will need appliances and new cabinets and likely a new HVAC system.
 - The gear room will be constructed away from the living areas.

Station 8 - Batesville

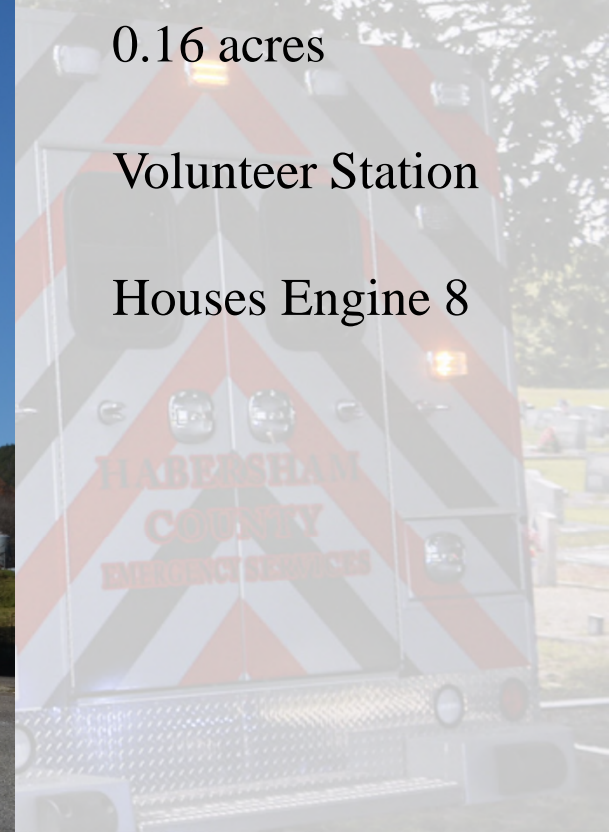


Built in 1986

0.16 acres

Volunteer Station

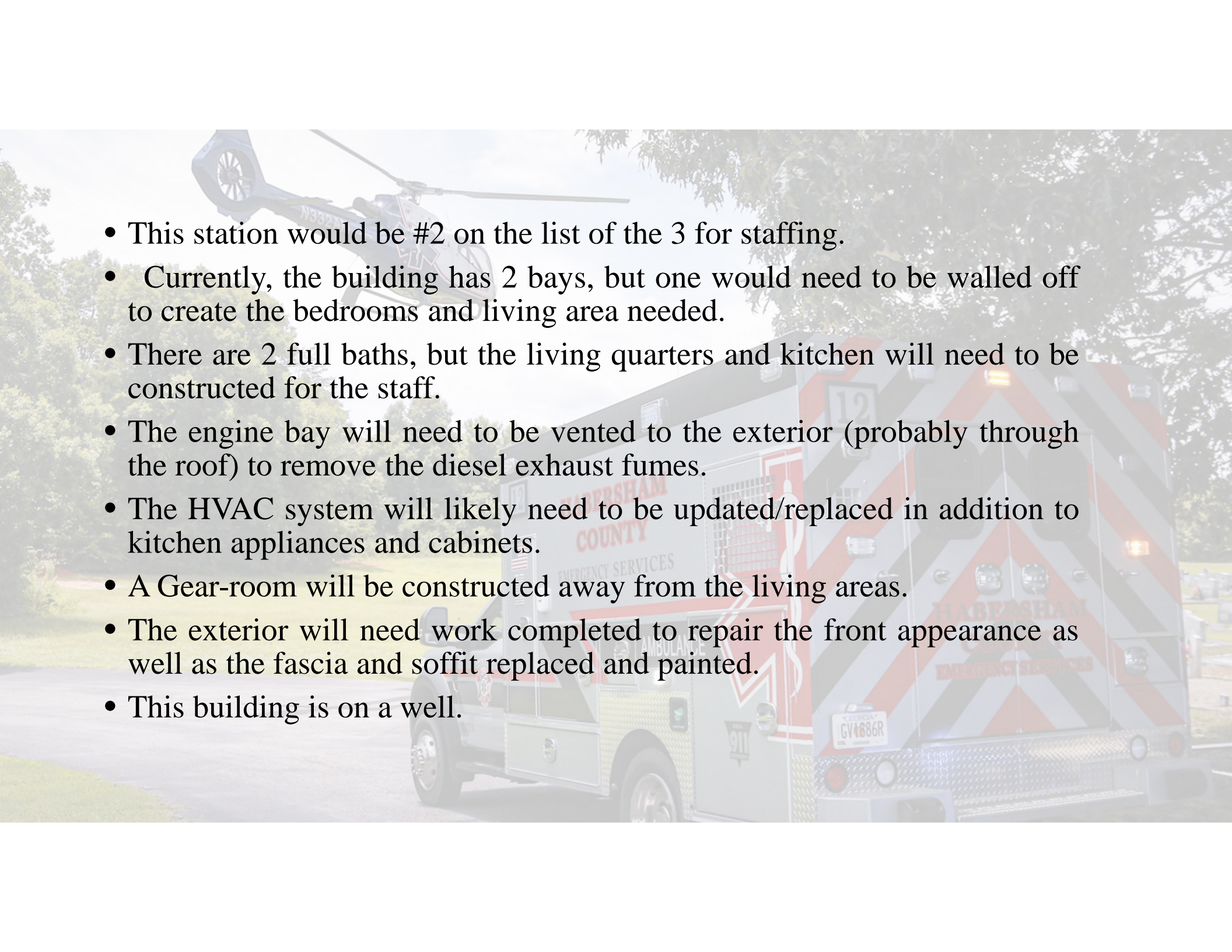
Houses Engine 8







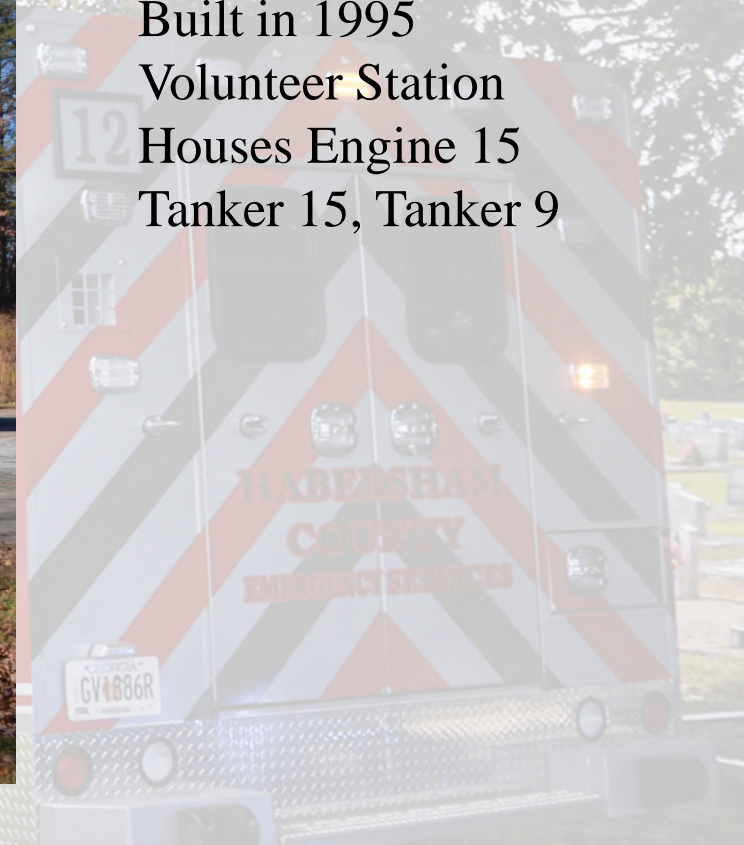


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- This station would be #2 on the list of the 3 for staffing.
 - Currently, the building has 2 bays, but one would need to be walled off to create the bedrooms and living area needed.
 - There are 2 full baths, but the living quarters and kitchen will need to be constructed for the staff.
 - The engine bay will need to be vented to the exterior (probably through the roof) to remove the diesel exhaust fumes.
 - The HVAC system will likely need to be updated/replaced in addition to kitchen appliances and cabinets.
 - A Gear-room will be constructed away from the living areas.
 - The exterior will need work completed to repair the front appearance as well as the fascia and soffit replaced and painted.
 - This building is on a well.

Station 15 – New Liberty Rd.

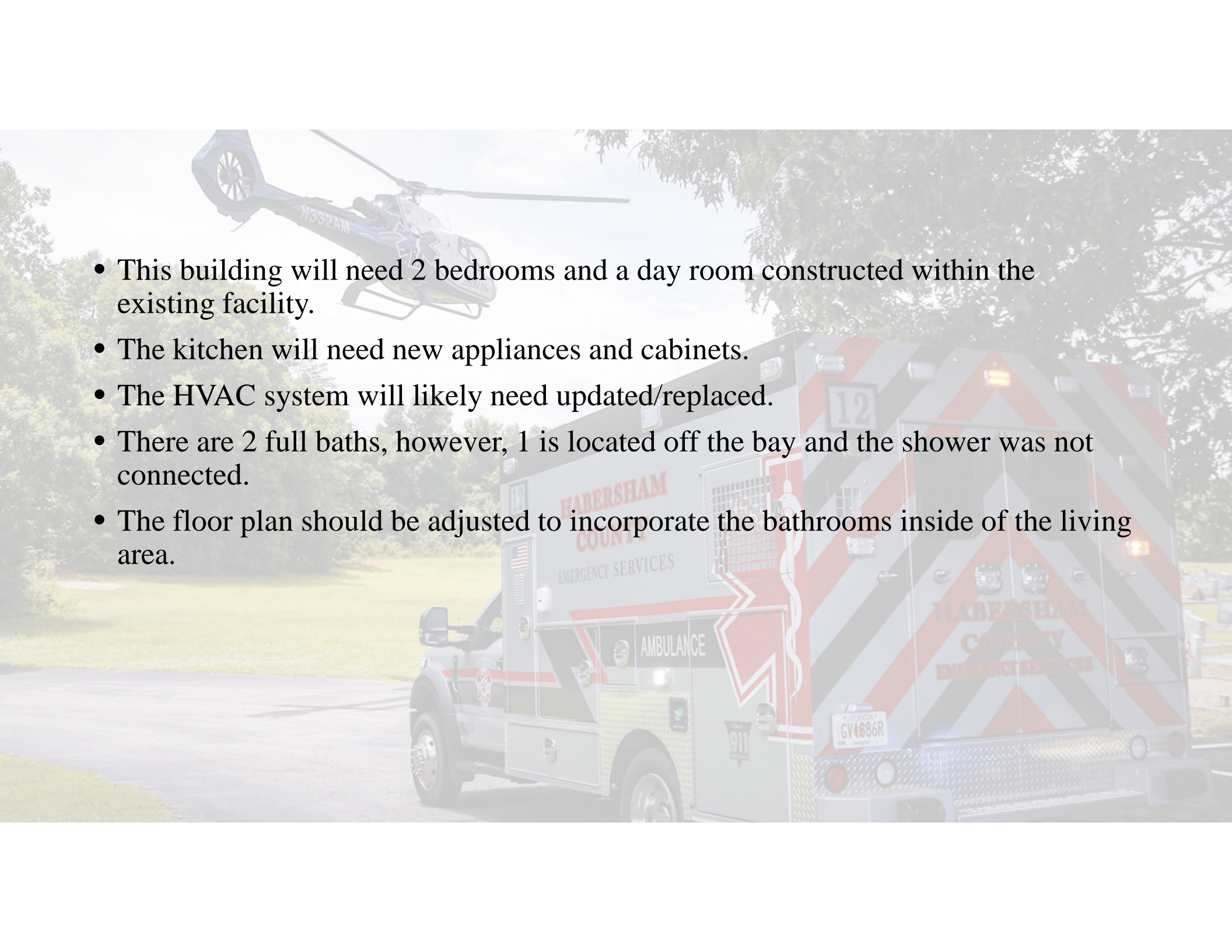


Built in 1995
Volunteer Station
Houses Engine 15
Tanker 15, Tanker 9

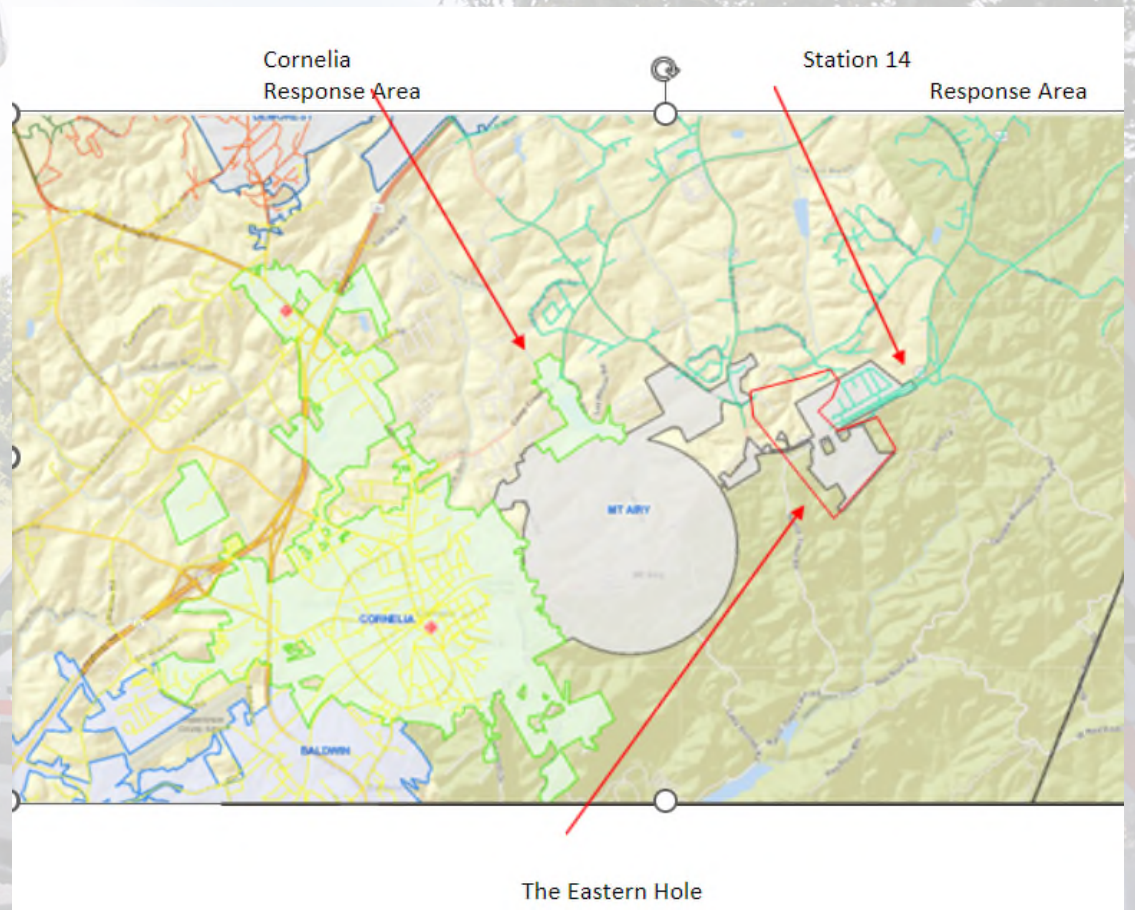




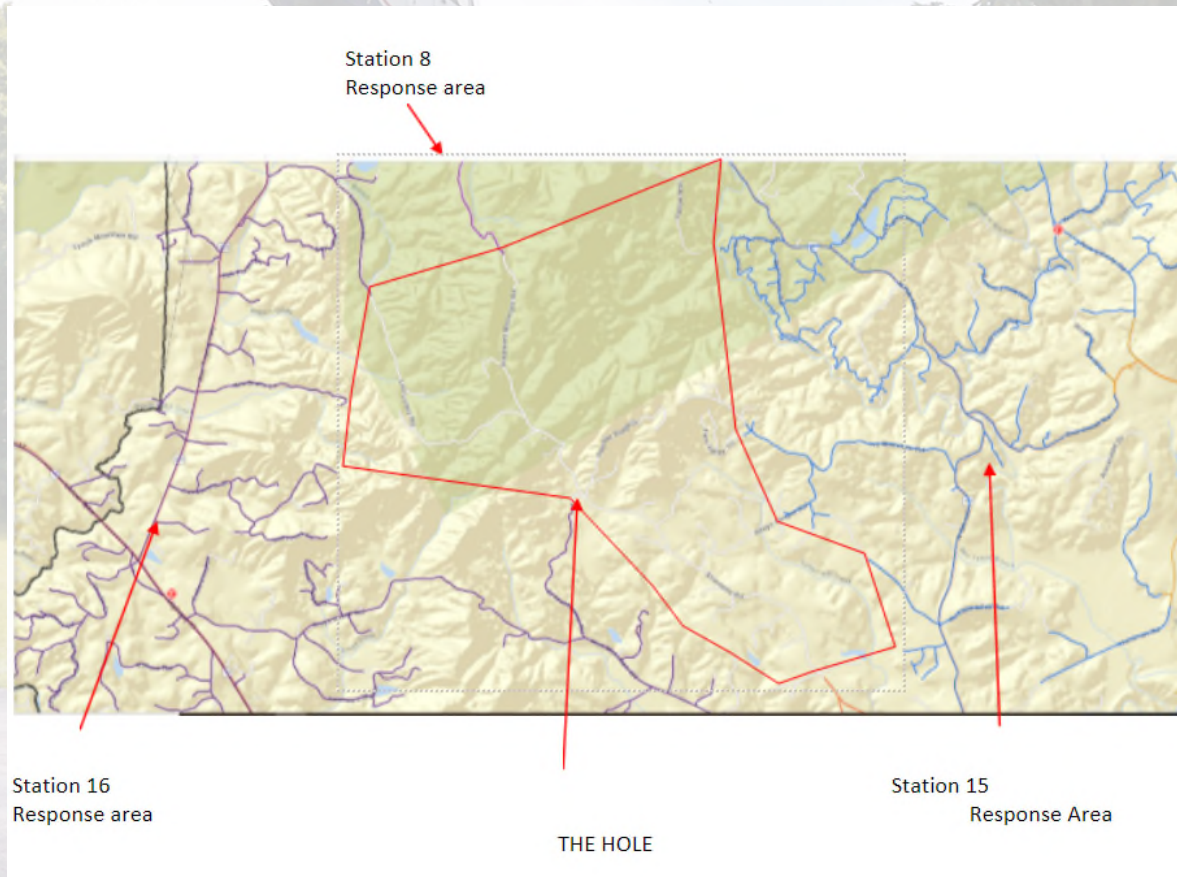


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- This building will need 2 bedrooms and a day room constructed within the existing facility.
 - The kitchen will need new appliances and cabinets.
 - The HVAC system will likely need updated/replaced.
 - There are 2 full baths, however, 1 is located off the bay and the shower was not connected.
 - The floor plan should be adjusted to incorporate the bathrooms inside of the living area.

Admin Building Station 1



Station 19 – Piedmont Mountain Rd.



Firehouses

- **Volunteer Departments brought under county in 1994.**
- **The Volunteer Houses were not designed for crews living in them.**
- **We have modified and adapted – some more than others.**
- **Remodel vs. Build New**
- **Looking ahead 5, 10 years**
- **Construction and population patterns**
- **The problems didn't develop overnight nor will they be fixed overnight...**

What We Need...
An **INVESTMENT** in the future of
Habersham County!!!

People

We are getting there



Apparatus


We are getting there



Firehouses



There is work to do!!!

The background of the image is a faded photograph. On the left, a helicopter with the registration number N332AM is in flight. On the right, the rear of a Habersham County Emergency Services ambulance is visible, featuring red and white chevron patterns and the text 'HABERSHAM COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES'.

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