

WELCOME!

We are pleased you are here to learn more about the City of Wahoo's public facilities improvements.

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF THIS EVENT:



Spend as much time with us as you like.



Tour the facility, on your own or with a guide staff.



Review each display and talk with the project team to learn more.



TIMELINE OF 605 N. BROADWAY

605 N. Broadway has a long history of public service, having housed City Hall, the City Library, Wahoo Utilities, and the Police Department over the years. City Hall has now vacated the space so it can be repurposed into a modern Public Safety Center for Wahoo Police and Fire and Rescue.



Original City Hall

1959

A Cornerstone Ceremony was held for the new City Hall. The facility housed the City offices, Council Chambers, Police Department, Fire Department (including EMS functions provided by Wahoo VFD), and the Wahoo Public Library.



1992

Window, insulation, mechanical, and electrical improvements were made to City Hall. Panels were installed in the windows to reduce energy loss and the boiler system was removed.

1999

A new Fire Hall was constructed and Fire and EMS Services moved to new facility.

Wahoo electors approved the purchase of a natural gas system. Natural gas staff moved into the vacated Fire Hall bays and into the basement area previously occupied by the WVFD.

2006

The Wahoo Public Library completed construction on a new facility at 637 N Maple. Library space was vacated and available for remodel for City Hall expansion.



2010

A pitched roof was placed on City Hall. City Hall offices moved to the north side of the facility, and the Police Department moved into old City Hall offices.

2017

The Board of Public Works purchased 110 S Chestnut and the natural gas company moved out of the Fire Hall bays and basement area.

City Council decided to move to a full-time EMS Director and prepare to hire full-time paramedics to serve Wahoo 24/7.

2025

The City purchased 216 W 3rd as a temporary operations site for the Wahoo Police Department.

The City began a 3-year lease agreement for 608 N Linden, Suite B, for City and utility administrative offices.

PURPOSE FOR CITY HALL RELOCATION

The former Wahoo City Hall building no longer meets the needs of our growing community. Updates to the office space and roof were made in 2009, but functionality limitations remain.

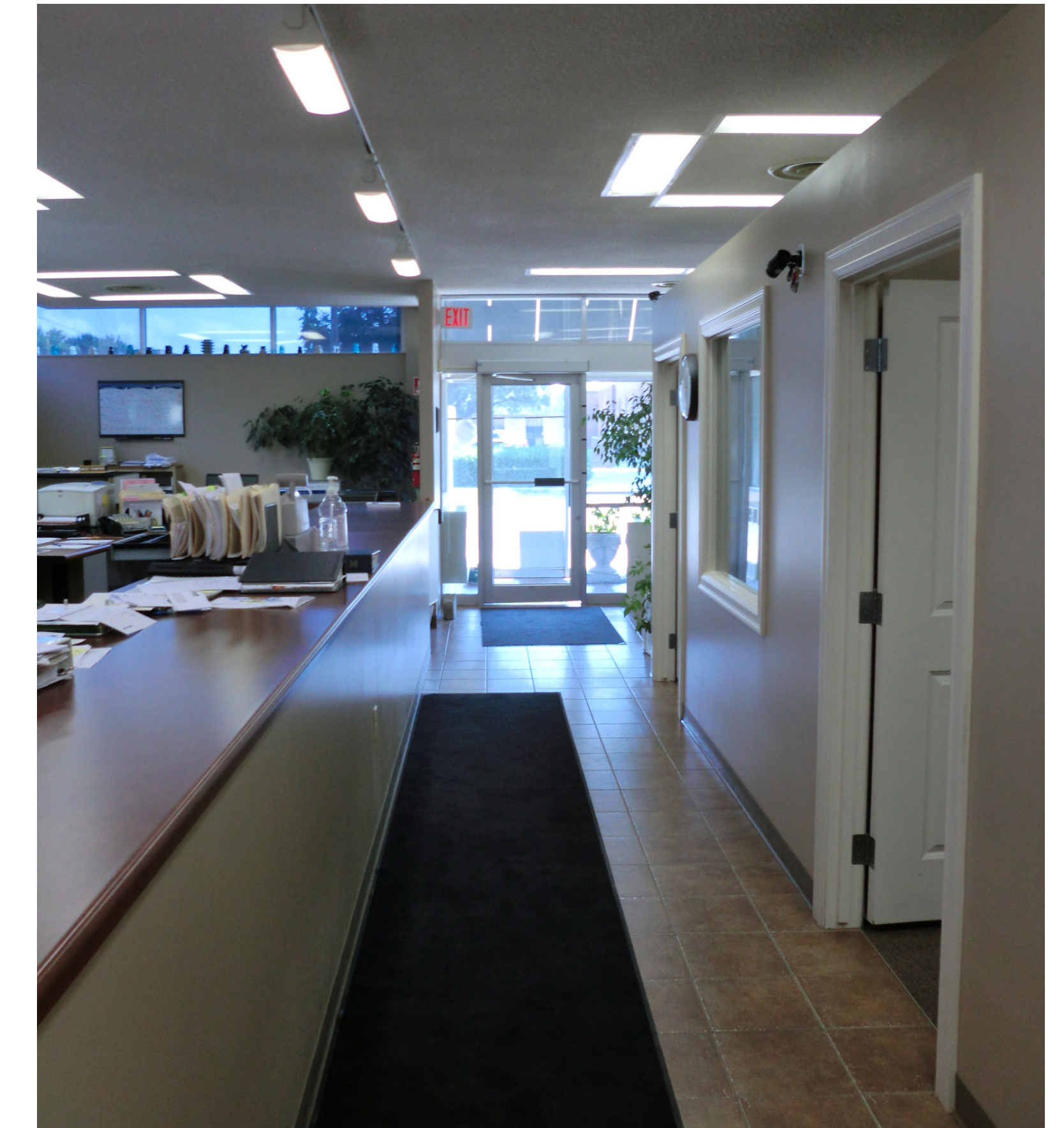
- » There is a need for safety, accessibility, and health improvements throughout City Hall.
- » The City Hall space at 605 N. Broadway has exceeded its functional capacity.
- » City Hall lacks a meeting space suitable for public meetings and city staff meetings.

City Hall has been temporarily relocated to 608 Linden Street to allow the old space to be repurposed for Wahoo's Fire and EMS departments. The third rendition of City Hall is being considered to include ADA-compliant spaces and reflect the modern needs of a growing community.

Public seating adjacent to work area and records



No barrier at front entrance



Human Resources Department



POLICE DEPARTMENT

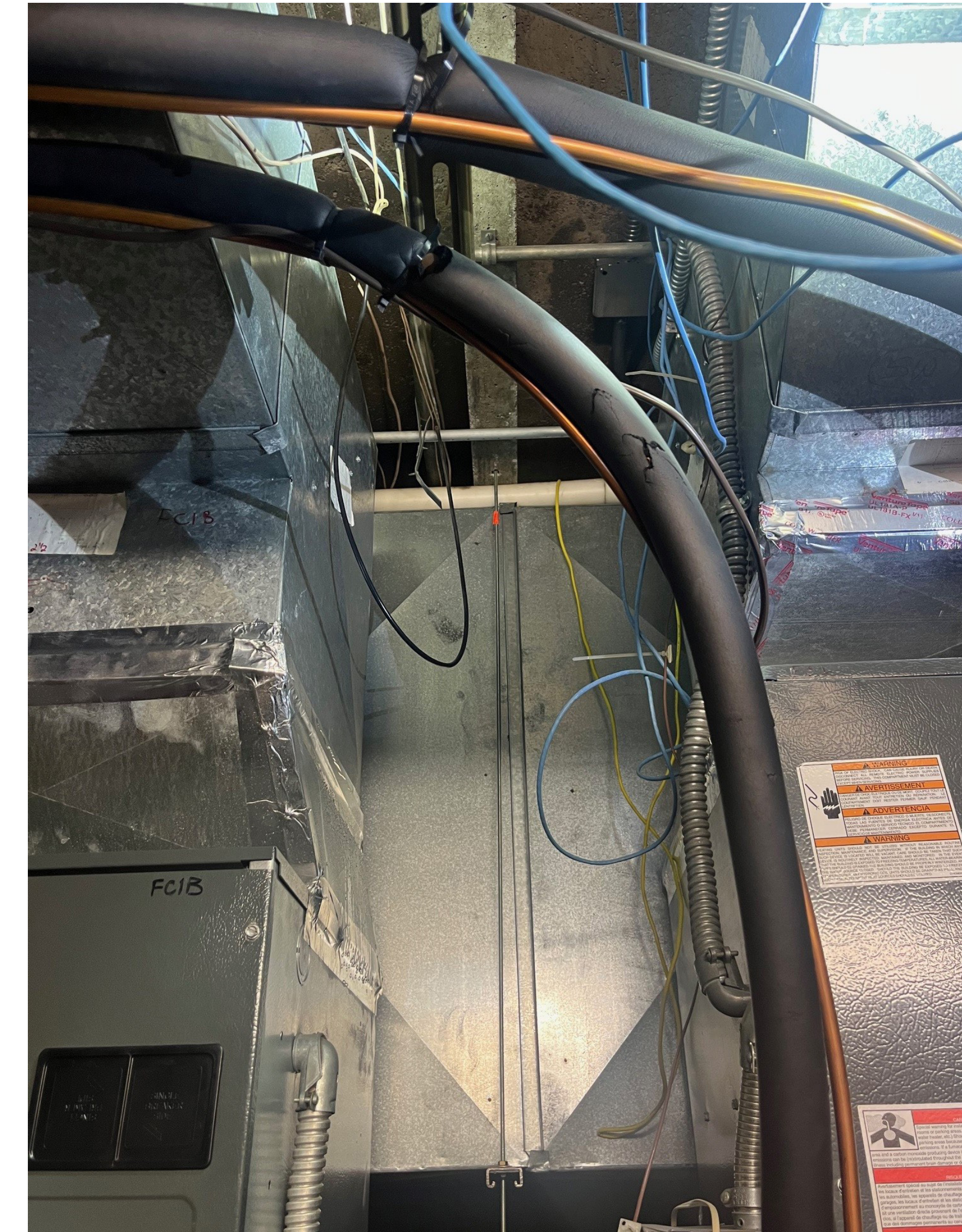
The Police Department has not been updated since the 1950s, with minor improvements occurring over the years.

- » Deteriorating ceiling and floor tiles contain asbestos, raising health and safety concerns for staff and the public.
- » Loose wires and exposed outlets pose safety risks; the purpose of all the wires is unknown, making maintenance risky.
- » There is limited space for sensitive materials and areas for confidential conversations.
- » The building does not meet ADA-compliant conditions, nor does the basement meet safety standards for a public storm shelter.
- » Outdated equipment and spaces reduce efficiency, undermine employee morale, and make recruitment difficult.

Training facility



Hanging wires



Damaged stair tiles



FIRE & RESCUE

Wahoo's Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) have evolved since the fire hall was completed in the 1990s, with only a few changes made to the facility.

- » 24/7 EMS staff sleep in recliners or cots.
- » The overnight sleeping space is in a room with a designated working desk.
- » Staff must walk past medical supplies and clean areas while in contaminated gear.
- » Overall demand for Fire and EMS has increased 10% annually, but space limits additional staff.
- » Limited storage spaces have led to:
 - Restricted inventory of medical supplies
 - PPE exposed to vehicle exhaust
 - Tandem parking of emergency vehicles



First Floor Plan - DRAFT



Basement Floor Plan - DRAFT



The City of Wahoo’s Facilities Committee is proposing to redevelop the previous Wahoo City Hall property at 605 Broadway Street into the new Public Safety Center.

- » City Hall relocated to temporary office space at 608 Linden Street (former Inspro) in January 2026 and will remain there until a new, permanent location is determined.
- » Police will operate at a temporary alternate location at 216 W 3rd in the transition period.
- » Fire and EMS operations will continue in their current locations during this transition.
- » Moving City Hall and temporarily relocating Police enabled asbestos abatement to begin in the previous City Hall building. Abatement will begin as early as July 1 and expected to be completed later this fall.

A new safety center will meet the current and future needs of Wahoo and the surrounding communities our local first responders serve.

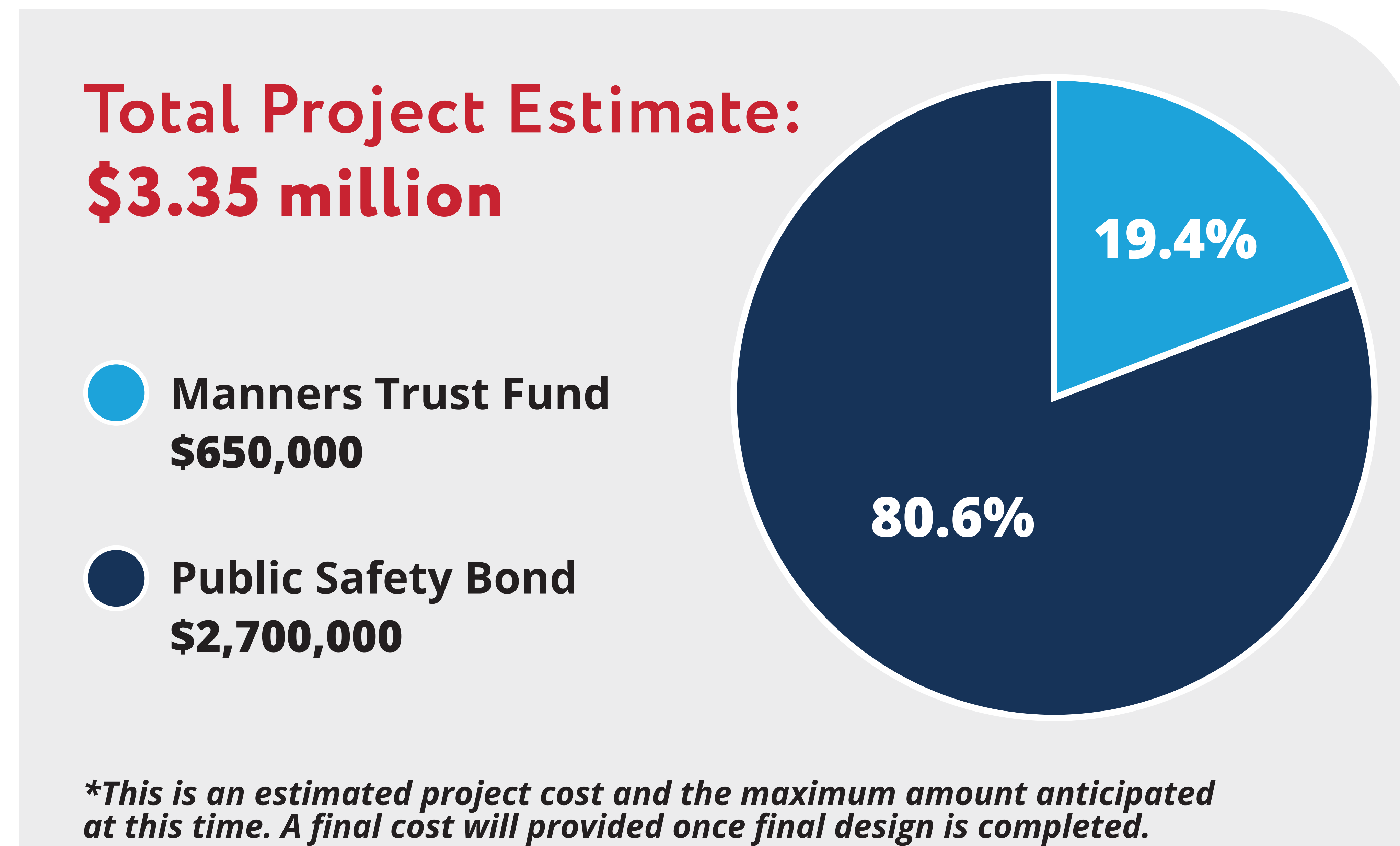
- » An updated facility will enhance safety for staff, such as fire sprinklers and alarm systems, and remove health hazards, such as asbestos.
- » The new space will have intentional design of vehicular spaces to enable quicker dispatch times.
- » Providing an updated, modern facility will reflect the high standards of our emergency services and provide space for responders to better serve the community under one roof.

The city conducted an architectural facility review to help guide recommendations and general cost estimates.

- » Cost estimates were also established to better understand the financial needs and funding opportunities.
- » To date, work has focused on space planning and programming, not detailed design.

FUNDING

The City of Wahoo is using a Public Safety Bond to fund the Public Safety Center project.



For a property owner with a valuation of \$_____, what does this mean?

VALUATION OF PROPERTY	PER YEAR	PER MONTH
\$150,000	\$67.50	\$5.63
\$300,000	\$135.00	\$11.25
\$450,000	\$202.50	\$16.88
\$600,000	\$270.00	\$22.50

**This is the maximum property tax impact possible.*