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I submit that for alternate locations, there is a perfect choice of farmland already for sale and located at the intersection of route 53 and 83 (see Google Map below showing location along with distance from current station). An approval of a rezoning application is needed to make this property available to the LGFPD. This location is between Sunset Grove and the professional office buildings along route 83. This site is 15+ or - acres and more than large enough to hold the footprint of any desired fire station/office building. It will not impact village aesthetics in this area. It is already at a stoplight and within 2 blocks of the current station, so there will be minimal variance to current response times. It has easy access to Route 83 and lights can change to allow easy exit/entrance to the location. Also consider that it will be more cost-effective to build out a new station where the property is mainly a flat parcel used as a farmer's cornfield.

Other benefits of this farm location on Route 83:

1. It is within the suggested area given to LGFPD
2. There is cost savings vs. purchasing a 4557 sq ft home only to demolish that same home,
3. No hazardous waste and salvage issues from clearing the old home
4. There would be no need to bulldoze and cut down hundreds of trees/bushes,
5. There would be minimal environmental issues and no wetlands impact,
6. There would be NO need to bulldoze around the lake (the LGFPD proposal is to fill in one part of the lake and reshape another).
7. This location for office/station would not impact over 100 homes.
8. Virtually no impact to current response times,
9. No increase in siren noise as the street lights can easily change for the emergency vehicles, etc.
10. There would be easier entrance and egress being adjacent to a traffic light.

It is astonishing that this location wasn't picked as the ideal spot. New trees and landscaping can easily be added to the station/office - nearly all example pictures of prior Fire Station buildings appear with new landscaping.. If the desire of LGFPD is to have a lake on property, one can be created in a 15 acre lot! Residents have come to the meetings again and again to voice concern over the Aptakisic location. We have clearly shown time and again why that location is not suitable for nearby homeowners, safety response times, environmental impact, traffic, etc.

It is far easier and more cost effective to build these flat farmlands, than it would be to demolish a 4557 sq ft home, forested areas, regrade and do wetland studies. Hazardous material cleanup would likely be needed for wiring, pipes, electrical, glass and building materials.

Long Grove residents need a better alternative. Trustees should NOT approve the Aptakisic location. There is too high of impact to over 100 homeowners, many of whom went to meetings and repeatedly voiced concerns. LGFPD needs to find another location.

Thank you,  
Steve Ernsteen