

11.0 MUNICIPAL FACILITIES & PUBLIC SAFETY

11.1 LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department operates out of the JFK Civic Center and 9 fire stations throughout the city.

**Table 11-1
Locations of Fire Stations**

Address	Year Built	Equipment/Use
803 Gorham St	1876	Engine 1
45 Branch St	1877 (1994)	Engine 2, Ladder 2
99 Moody St		Engine 3, Ladder 3
198 High St	1889	Engine 4
275 Stevens St	1922	Engine 7
57 Old Ferry Rd	1977	Engine 10
751 Lawrence St	1891	Engine 11, Ladder 1
280 West Sixth St	1900	Engine 6, Ladder 4
500 Rogers St	1924	Training Center – Old Engine 4, Old Ladder 1
93 Mammoth Rd	1891	HazMat HQ, Staging – HazMat Truck

Source: City of Lowell Fire Department

In August of 2001 the Fire Department issued a Capital Expenditure Plan, which called for \$8,384,000 in spending on equipment and facilities between 2003 and 2008. This figure includes equipment purchase, both for emergency response and administration, building maintenance and repair, and the consolidation of two existing stations in the southern part of the city into a new facility on Gorham Street. A breakdown is provided in the chart below.

**Table 11-2
Fire Department Capital Plan**

	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08
Replace Motor Vehicle						
Operation Vehicles						
Car One				33,000		
Car Two, Three			62,000			
Mechanic's Truck					45,000	
Fire Trucks						
Engine 3 (replacing 1987)	324,500					
Ladder 3 (replacing 1989)		800,000				
Engine 10 (replacing 1989)				430,000		
Engine 6 (replacing 1994)						475,000
	324,500	800,000	62,000	463,000	45,000	475,000
Radio Equipment	55,000	15,000	20,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Other (scuba. etc) Equipment	28,000	28,000	30,000	30,000	33,000	33,000

SCBA - Equipment	35,000	35,000	38,000	38,000	40,000	40,000
4" Hose/Hardware	5,000	5,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	10,000
Office Furniture & Equipment	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	5,000
Replace/repair Apparel	40,000	40,000	40,000	43,000	45,000	45,000
Thermal Imaging Devices			40,000			20,000
Defibrillation Devices	12,000	12,000	3,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Fire Alarm Wire Replacement	20,000	20,000	20,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
Hovercraft		40,000				
Building Rehab/ Renovation						
Engine 7 - exterior rehab (stucco)	45,000					
Lawrence St.- Tower Removal, eaves		125,000				
Engine One Tower Repair				75,000		
Maintenance Repair Bldg.	38,000	38,000	38,000	40,000	45,000	45,000
Vehicle Maint. Facility					42,000	42,000
TOTAL	607,000	1,162,500	303,500	763,500	324,500	777,000
Fire Station Relocation						
architect		400,000				
construction			4,800,000			

Source: City of Lowell Fire Department

The desire to relocate from the JFK building is driven by a number of factors. One is the inadequacy of the vehicle service center, which is shared with the Police Department, and is too small for today’s fire engines. Another is the lack of parking space available in the lot behind the building, which is also shared with the Police Department. The general lack of office space, which affects all users of the Civic Center, is a third factor.

In September 2001, the department released a feasibility study for the South Lowell neighborhood. This study analyzed the cost of building a new station in order to consolidate the Gorham Ave. and Lawrence Street station, renovating both stations, or renovating and enlarging the Gorham Street station. The construction of a new station was estimated at approximately \$4 million, while the other two options were estimated at \$3.6 million. This higher cost for this project on the above chart represents an inflation-adjusted estimate.

11.2 LOWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Lowell Police Department’s Headquarters occupy 53,400 square feet in the John F. Kennedy Civic Center. In 1997, the LPD issued a Needs Assessment Study, covering the years 1997 – 2010. This document inventoried each of the functional units in the department, and their space and equipment needs. Much of the existing facilities in the JFK Civic Center are functionally obsolete, or approaching obsolescence, according to current needs and standards. Based on this analysis, the study concluded that a new headquarters building should be constructed, to replace the LPD’s space in the JFK Civic Center. The study catalogues the space needs of a modern police headquarters, and recommends a 113,000 square foot building, on seven acres of land, at a

cost of \$19,600,000. This figure rises if a smaller site is chosen, due to the added costs of constructing a taller building.

The Eliot Center, at 10 Favor Street, houses a juvenile detention center operated by the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services and LPD gang activity offices. The neighborhood substations and other facilities operate out of space provided by other organizations, as shown below.

**Table 11-3
Locations of Police Facilities**

Site	Location	Square Feet	Cost
Back Central Precinct/Back Central HQ	739 Central St.	1500	\$7800/year
Belvidere Precinct/ North Sector HQ	151 Andover St.	1200	\$12,300/year
Centralville Precinct	480 Bridge St.	1300	\$12,000/year
Highland Precinct/West Sector HQ	657 Middlesex St.	988	\$8400/year
Pawtucketville Precinct	114 University Ave.	720	\$8100/year
LHA Precinct	21 Salem Street	336	0
Domestic Violence Resource Center	15 Hurd Street	5068	\$49,266.72/year
Training Center	700 Chelmsford St	6078	\$97,248/year
Cross Border Initiative	700 Chelmsford St	3454	\$52,718.04
Gallagher Terminal	145Thorndike St.	460	0

Source: City of Lowell Police Department

11.3 ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The City of Lowell School Department educates 16,356 students in 32 schools. Information on these schools is provided below.

**Table 11-4
Public Schools**

Name	Address	Grades	Enrollment 2001
Abraham Lincoln School	300 Chelmsford Street	PK - 4	516
B.F. Butler Middle School	1140 Gorham Street	5 - 8	629
Bartlett Middle School	79 Wannalancit Street	5 - 8	574
Cardinal O'Connell School	21 Carter Street	K - 4	165
Charles W. Morey School	114 Pine Street	K - 4	501
Charlotte M. Murkland Elem. School	350 Adams Street	PK - 4	520
Dr. An Wang School	365 West Meadow Rd.	5 - 8	721
Dr. Gertrude Bailey School	175 Campbell Drive	PK - 4	461
E. N. Rogers School	43 Highland Street	5 - 8	806
Greenhalge School	149 Ennell Street	PK - 4	558
Henry J. Robinson Middle School	110 June Street	5 - 8	749
Hugh J. Molloy School	125 Smith Street	K - 4	200
Hugh F. Brady Alternative School	341 Pine Street	5 - 8	38
	34 Berry Road	5 - 8	43
James S. Daley Middle School	150 Flemming Street	5 - 8	928
James Sullivan Middle School	150 Draper Street	5 - 8	671
John J. Shaughnessy School	1158 Gorham Street	PK - 4	531
Joseph G. Pyne School	145 Boylston Street	K - 4	211
Joseph McAvinnue School	117 Mammoth Road	PK - 4	545
Laura Lee Alternative School	235 Powell Street	none	15
LeblancSchool	58 Sycamore Street	K - 4	161
Lowell High School	50 Fr. Morrisette Blvd.	9 - 12	3530 in both
L.H.S. Alternative School	39 John Street	9 - 12	programs

McDonough Arts Magnet School	40 Paige Street	K - 8	332
McDonough City Magnet School	43 French Street	K - 8	328
Moody Elementary School	158 Rogers Street	K - 4	316
Pawtucketville Memorial School	425 West Meadow Rd.	K - 4	405
Peter W. Reilly School	115 Douglas Road	K - 4	651
S. Christa McAuliffe Elementary	570 Beacon Street	PK - 4	503
UMass Demonstration School	1 University Ave.	PK - 4	60
Varnum Arts School	115 Sixth Street	K - 4	354
Washington School	795 Wilder Street	K - 4	334

Source: Comm. of Massachusetts Department of Education

The city's Adult Education Center is located at 408 Merrimack Street. School Department administration offices are located at 41 Gorham Street.

In addition to the schools operated by the School Department, 489 students attend charter schools, programs operated by outside organizations but publically funded.

**Table 11-5
Charter Schools**

Name	Address	Grades	Enrollment 2001
Middlesex Academy Charter School	67 Middle Street	9 - 12	100
Lowell Community Charter School	206 Jackson Street	K - 5	389

Source: City of Lowell DPD

Finally, the following private schools operate within the city. Enrollment figures are approximate.

**Table 11-6
Private Schools**

Name	Address	Grades	Enrollment 2001
Hellenic American School	41 Broadway Street	PK - 6	125
Lowell Catholic High School	530 Stevens Street	9 - 12	300
St. Margaret's School	486 Stevens Street	PK - 8	435
St. Michael School	21 Sixth Street	PK - 8	330
St. Patrick's School	311 Adams Street	PK - 8	183
St. Stanislaus School	368 High Street	K - 8	150
Sacred Heart School	122 Andrews Street	PK - 8	212
Franco American School	357 Pawtucket Street	K - 8	365
Immaculate Conception School	218 East Merrimack Street	PK - 8	281
Merrimack Valley Hebrew	18 Academy Drive	PK - 6	45
St. Jeanne D'Arc School	68 Dracut Street	K - 8	491
St. Louis Elementary School	77 Boisvert Street	PK - 8	500
Community Christian	205 Industrial Ave. East	PK - 12	201

Source: City of Lowell DPD

11.4 OTHER MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

Most city departments have offices in City Hall, located at 375 Merrimack Street. The Division of Planning and Development is located in the JFK Civic Center at 50 Arcand Drive. The Pollard Memorial Library, currently under renovation, is located adjacent to City Hall at 375 Merrimack

Street. Departments whose responsibilities include operating and maintaining sites throughout the city typically have headquarters and garages located elsewhere. These are listed below.

- Parks Department – 133 Stedman Street (Headquarters), 95 West Sixth Street/10 Hampshire Street (Vacated)
- DPW – 276 Broadway (Headquarters), 1365 Middlesex Street (Garage)
- Senior Center - 412 Merrimack Street
- Water Division – 815 Pawtucket Boulevard (Headquarters)
- Waste Water Division – 415 First Street Boulevard

In addition to the City-owned property below, a number of City departments and programs occupy leased property, primarily in downtown locations. Lease agreements are generally for three-year terms.

**Table 11-7
Real Property Leased by the City**

Department	Address	Square Feet	Monthly Rate
Health	35 John Street	6000	\$4750
Library	33 Middle Street	24,000	\$30,000
Schools	155 Merrimack Street	50,000	\$46,458
Schools	26 Palmer Street	7628	\$11,162
Schools	61 Merrimack Street	7931	\$13,166

Source: City of Lowell

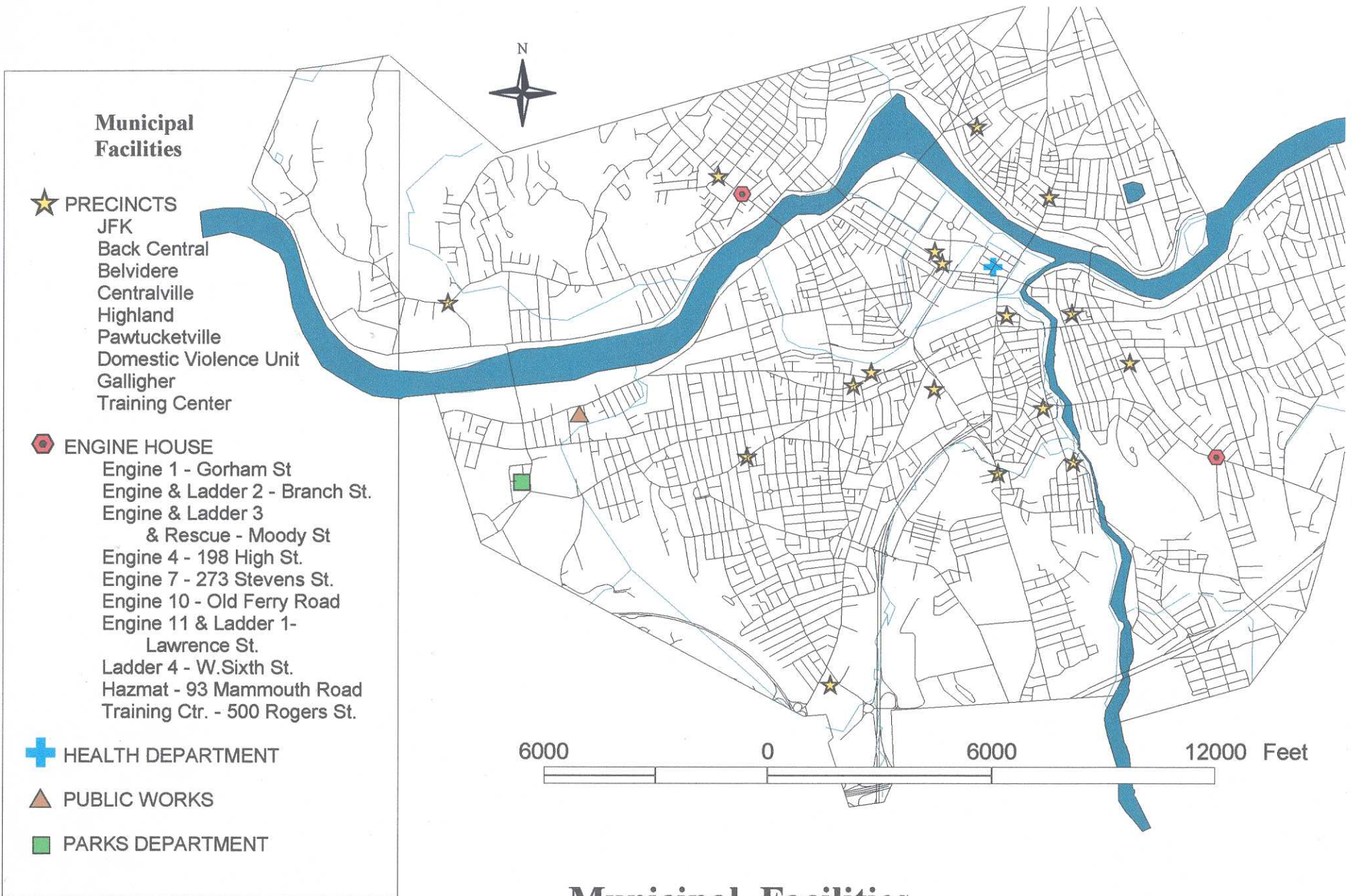
11.5 HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE

LOWELL GENERAL HOSPITAL

Located at the former Fay Estate on Varnum Street in Pawtucketville, Lowell General Hospital was organized and incorporated in 1891. The facilities encompass ten buildings. The hospital has 200 licensed beds, 38 bassinets, a 21-bed Transitional Care Unit, Lowell General at Drum Hill and the Women's Imaging Centers of Lowell and Chelmsford. Lowell General had over 12,000 admissions in 2001, nearly 181,000 outpatient visits (including over 46,000 Emergency Room visits), and performed over 7000 surgeries. The hospital's staff includes 417 medical staff, 430 nurses, and 895 other positions.

SAINTS MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER

The SMMC campus is located in Lower Belvidere, off East Merrimack Street. The former St. Joseph's Hospital at 220 Pawtucket Street houses a number of medical facilities, including a walk-in emergency care center and dialysis clinic operated by Saints. Saints also operates a dialysis center in Methuen and a Family Health Center in Tewksbury.



Municipal Facilities

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