

Stronger Together

Swift Creek and Fairview Fire Departments



Overview

Background

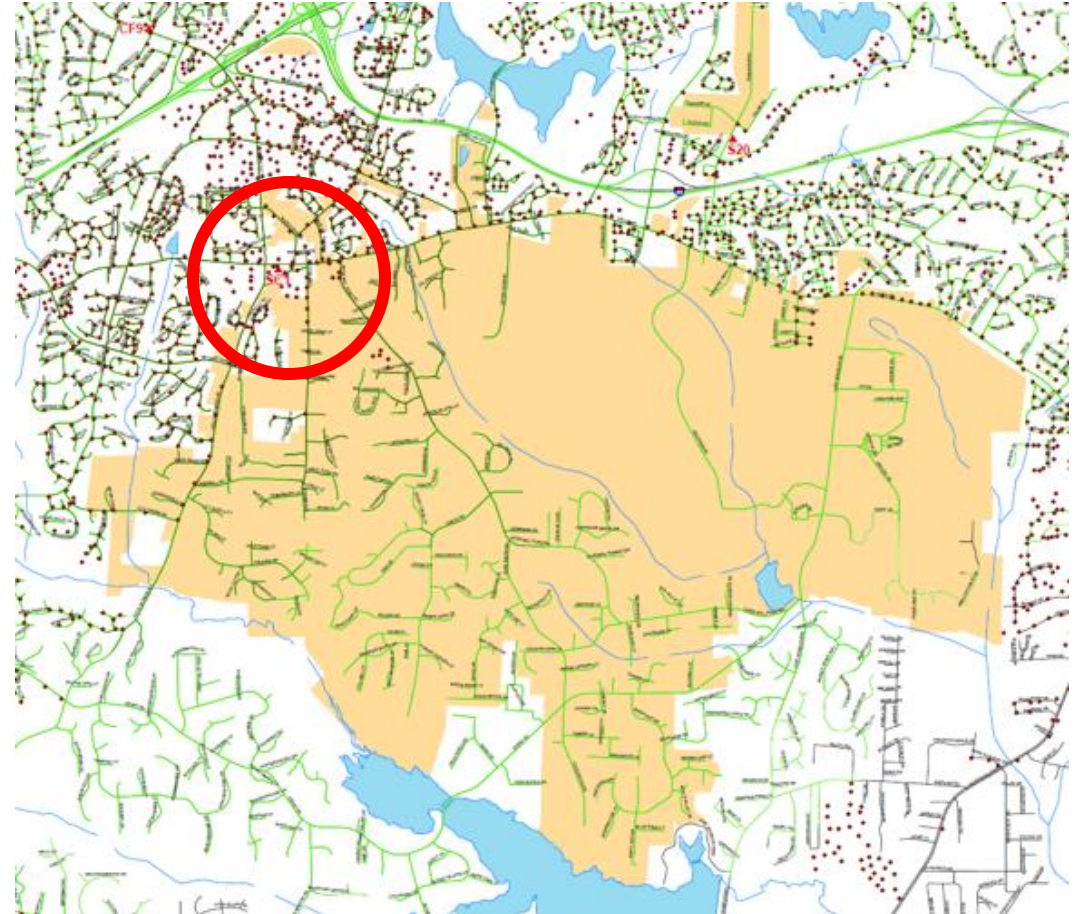
Why merge?

Looking ahead

Your role

Background

- Result of a long-term effort.
- Tri Data Study:
 - 1994: City of Raleigh and Town of Cary should cover areas where they can respond quicker, eliminating some of the current Swift Creek district.
 - 2003: Same guidance, also stated that the station should be built in a more central location.



United Front

- Leadership from Swift Creek and Fairview have partnered with Wake County Fire Services to plan the future of fire services in both areas.
- A task group comprised of Swift Creek and Fairview Board Members and Chiefs have held 5 planning meetings thus far and have jointly developed a MOU agreement.



A red and white fire engine is parked inside a fire station. The engine has "SWIFT CREEK FIRE DEPT." written on the side and "ENGINE" on the front. The grille features an American flag design. The text "Why merge?" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Why merge?

Community Benefits

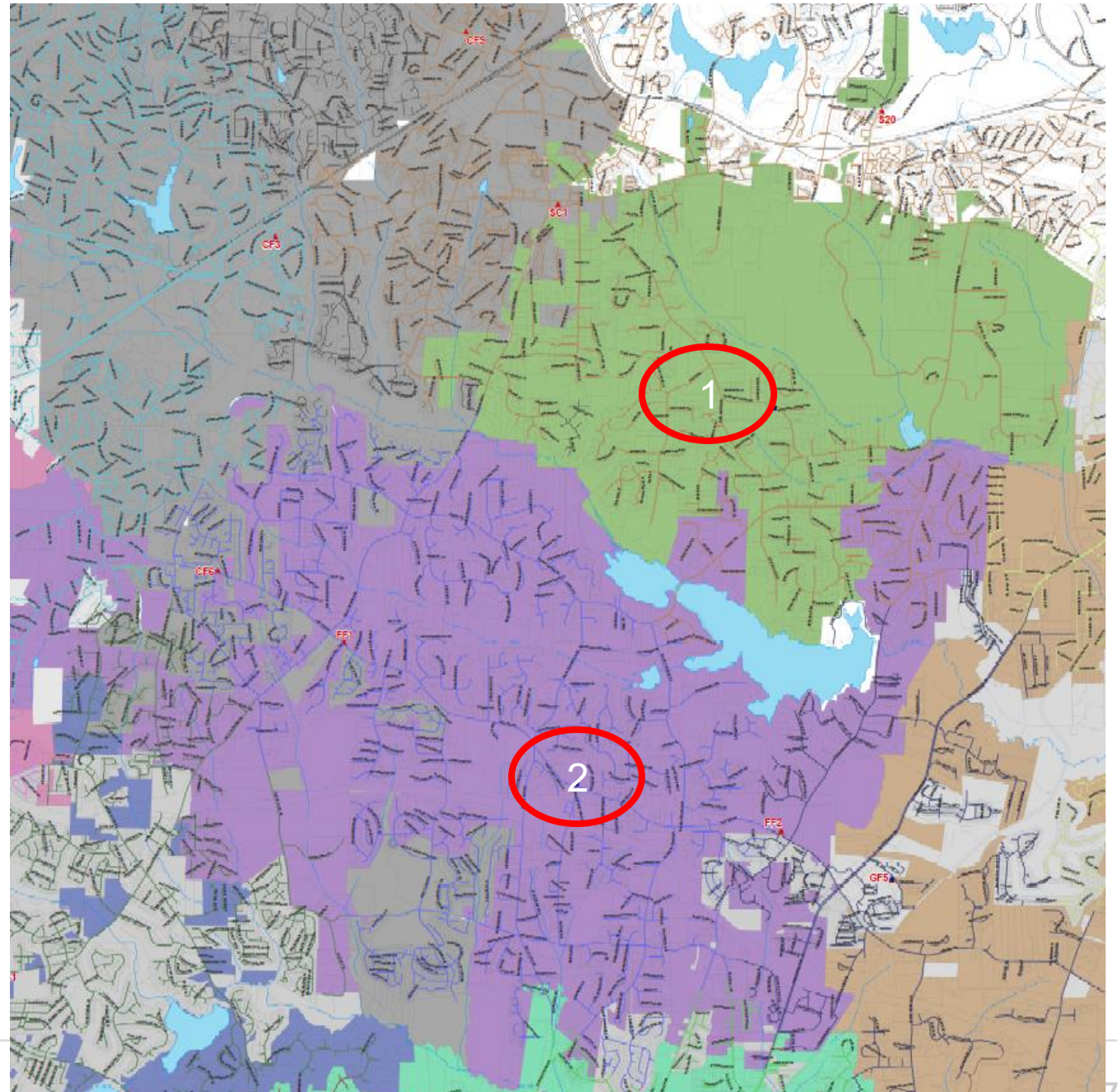
- Strengthened sustainability for the two fire departments.
- Enhanced firefighter training and advancement opportunities.
- Shared specialized equipment.
- Cost-effective operations.



What could a new fire district with new stations look like?

1- New Station in @ 3 years.

2- New Station in @ 5-7 years.



Better Support for Firefighters

- More training opportunities.
- Safer operations with larger teams.
- Unified leadership structure.
- Improved opportunities for advancement.
- Supporting sustainability with firefighter retention and recruitment.



Stronger Community Connection

- A new, united fire department.
- A symbol of teamwork and progress for the community.
- Community events, fire prevention and education all under one banner.



Fiscal Responsibility

- Streamlined administration.
- Minimize duplication and more effective use of resources.
- Long-term sustainability.
 - Stronger department, more stable funding.



Looking Ahead

Effective date of Merger would be July 1, 2026, to coincide with the new fiscal year.



Next Steps:

- Fairview Fire Department has already voted and approved the merger process.
- Swift Creek residents will vote on proposal at the department's Annual Community Meeting.
 - Monday, Oct. 6.
 - 7 p.m.
 - Here at the station.



A red Swift fire engine is shown at night with its rear compartment open. Several firefighters in blue uniforms are gathered around the compartment, which is illuminated by a bright light. The Swift logo is visible on the side of the engine. The scene is set against a dark background with some light flares.

Questions?