



WATERTOWN HUMANE SOCIETY

As you are aware, the Watertown Humane Society is working on a major shelter renovation to improve the living conditions of the animals in its care. Regarding the City of Watertown, we are specifically speaking about the space we use to house dogs who were seized by law enforcement or found by officers after hours. The current space has deteriorated after many years of use and is not meeting the needs of both law enforcement and shelter staff. The dogs housed in these areas are often fractious and aggressive; proper housing is incredibly important to the safety of the officers dropping off the animals, as well as the humane society staff. In addition to safety, the emotional support of the animals that arrive here is also incredibly important to all involved.

In our renovation plan, we have designed a completely segregated space for law enforcement seized dogs and have designed a safer entrance plan for the law enforcement officers responsible for dropping these animals at our shelter. The new area will include 4 double-sided shoreline kennels (8 kennel spaces divided by a guillotine door). The new kennels will be divided by cinder brick walls and kennel tops which will prevent the dogs from seeing and/or interacting with one another in any way. The double-sided nature and guillotine system will provide a safer way for law enforcement and humane society staff to care for these animals. Also, a newly installed segregated exterior keypad entrance to the quarantine area will eliminate the need for officers to bring animals through the entire general population kennel space to place them in their designated housing area. Once in the space, there will be doors to ensure that if the animal slips the handler the animal will be segregated from the entire shelter area. Plus, there will be a cabinet for law enforcement paperwork.

It has always been, and will continue to be, our goal to be a valued asset and partner to the city of Watertown. We hope that the city will provide us with financial assistance to make some necessary improvements to our shared space, whether it be in one lump sum or the bank will accept pledges made for payments over several years as well. You will find a breakdown of the cost analysis for this project enclosed in this correspondence. We are currently planning to break ground Spring of 2024. We hope the city will consider adding this cost to the annual budget, we believe it would be incredibly helpful to our combined mission.

Thank you for your consideration,

Heather VanDam
Executive Director



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INVOICE # 001

QTY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	LINE TOTAL
24 Outdoor Chain Link Kennels	Current Kennel Demolition/removal estimation		\$1000
150 sq ft	Path/Sidewalk to Police Entrance	\$10/sq ft	\$1500
475 sq ft	Construction Cost	\$200/sq ft construction cost	\$95,000
4 Double sided kennels (8)	Dog kennel housing	\$4500/Kennel	\$36,000
		TOTAL PROJECT ESTIMATION	\$133,500.00
		CITY ASSISTANCE REQUESTED	\$125,000