Wetlands may limit location of public safety building

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CAPE MAY — Wetlands and wetlands buffers could play a role in where a new firehouse and police station may be located in the city. Cape May’s Public Safety Building Committee is charged with making recommendations to City Council for a new firehouse and police station. Committee Chair Jerry Gaffney updated council members Sept. 5 on progress of the project.

Gaffney said the city’s tax assessor said the site on Pittsburg Avenue was very dry but uncleared and would probably require pilings to be driven into the ground. He said Conley said the city would be required to conduct an environmental study.

Therrien said the site near the landfill where the city is located was in a wetlands buffer. He said a 150-foot buffer is required, could be reduced to 75 feet in one portion of the property. He said if it is compensated for on another portion of the property. Therrien said his firm could undertake any necessary environmental work.

Therrien said the site on Elmira Street due to flooding. He said the volunteer fire company indicated it may contribute money for feasibility studies for a new firehouse. Committee member Bob Conley said the city would pay $7,000 for an initial study.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Gaffney said he would like to see a meeting of the Public Safety Building Committee in the near future to discuss possible sites.

"This is a big venture folks, this really is, and I think it will be," he said. "I would like to think that maybe the low estimate is $10 million, but I really think is probably closer to between $10 million and $15 million." Gaffney continued, "Whatever it is, you really start getting into the dollars, and know what you’re going to do.”

Officials cut the ribbon on combined bike path

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WEST CAPE MAY — Tom Thornton became involved in the selection of a new site for Cape May’s Volunteer Fire Company and possibly a new police station.

Thornton was in a wetlands buffer. He said the city was notified of this fact. He said the site on Elmira Street is within the wetlands, it likely could not be used. But the site on Pittsburg Avenue is not within the wetlands and it likely could be used.

Members of the media and interested citizens were on hand Sept. 13 to tour the site of the new Cape May County Park and Zoo in Cape May Court House. A branch also connects to the New Jersey Turnpike terminal.

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Wetlands, above.

Restored meadows boost native plants, protection

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Old timbers may look at the South Cape May Meadows and remember when cattle from the Rey farm grazed on the property or when the town of South Cape May existed there before being washed out to sea.

"The town knew where re- member the Outpost ice cream stood there with its fence that young cow-downs and pokes could sit upon while they enjoyed a cool treat.

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