



City of Lawrence

# Lawrence Field Operations Campus

## Need for the Project

The City of Lawrence Field Operations Campus would create new working headquarters for a large number of City employees in the Municipal Services & Operations and Parks & Recreation Departments. The project aligns with the City's Strategic Plan in a number of ways: addressing deferred facility needs; supporting community growth; improving service efficiency and resiliency; focusing on environmental stewardship, compliance and sustainability; and prioritizing employee safety, well-being and morale. This consolidated headquarters would centralize staff and facilities, optimize the use of facilities, functions and staff roles, and address critical storage and facility needs.



### Efficiency & Quality of Service

- Currently, critical City workers are not able to do their jobs properly due to cramped space and substandard—often dangerous—conditions.
- Relocating the City's field operations groups to a single campus creates a more efficient citywide operation that reduces operations costs while increasing quality of service.



### Facilities in Floodway

- Many critical City operations are located directly in floodplain and floodway zones. Floodways are designated to carry excess water during heavy rains, creating dangerous flood conditions that can devastate City facilities, ruin specialized equipment and endanger lives. Moving the Divisions that are within these Floodways substantially alleviate these risks.
- Flood damage would likely result in delayed response and inconsistent delivery of City services, during a time when these services are needed most



### Aging Infrastructure

- City Field Operations responsible for streets, sewers and utilities are operating out of facilities suffering from decades of deferred maintenance, which cannot be brought up to meet current building code requirements due to their location in the Floodway.
- Current facilities lack accommodations for proper storage and other functional needs.