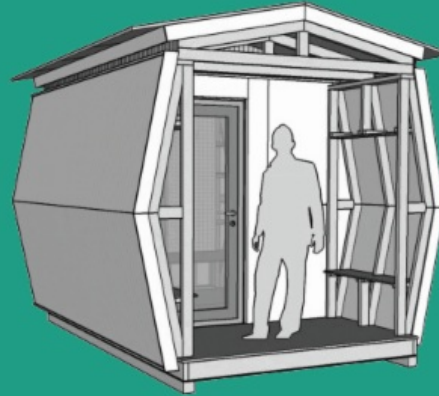


Transitional shelter communities

A transitional shelter pilot project for up to 30 homeless veterans on county-owned land.



Planning continues for a [temporary, transitional shelter community pilot project](#) on a 1.5-acre site near the corner of 115th Avenue and Jennifer Street.

Here's a brief update on where we are and where we're going. If you have questions, suggestions or comments, please feel free to [email Board of County Commissioners Sr. Policy Advisor Emily Klepper](#) or call her at 503-742-5933.



Volunteers are sought to help build sleeping pods, like this one, which are being built on the Red Soils campus at Clackamas County throughout October.

Volunteering – The shelter site will have up to 30 sleeping pods (similar to the photo above). The first set of these pods will be built on the county's Red Soils campus in Oregon City (2051 Kaen Road in Oregon City). We're seeking volunteers to help build them. No experience is

required and training will be provided onsite.

Volunteer construction work will begin Oct. 7 and run throughout the month of October on Wednesdays through Sundays. On weekends, we will have one morning and one afternoon shift. On Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, shifts are available from noon to 5 p.m.

Please keep in mind we can accommodate a maximum of 15 volunteers per shift, so your desired shift on a particular day may not be available. We will, however, do our best to honor all volunteer requests.

Volunteers can sign up through the [City Repair volunteer registration page](#).

Land Use Approval – Once the conditional use permit application is submitted, it will be subject to the usual process -- application review, public notice and land use hearing in front of the hearings officer.

Site Preparation – The Development Agency has a contract with Trench Line Excavation to bring waterlines to the site to make it more usable for future industrial development, as well as, for residents who live in this temporary community. The installation is tentatively scheduled from Oct. 5 to 27, and may require some night work. The Development Agency is working with neighboring businesses about maintaining operations and access during construction.

Community Operations – The site will include 15 to 30 sleeping pods and community restrooms, showers, cooking and eating facilities, and a communal room.

Community Members – Residents of this transitional community will be adult military veterans from Clackamas County who are homeless. They will be selected through referrals and screenings by county staff, veterans and social service agencies and support organizations.

The residents will be provided with health, counseling and other supportive services through the county, non-profits and other organizations to help them transition from this community to more permanent housing.

Health, Safety and Mobility – County staff conducted a [health and safety impact review](#) of the site. Security and safety are top priorities for the county, not just for the residents, but also associated staff and the general community.

While there is no direct access to public transportation from the site, plans are underway to provide a shuttle or other form of transportation to bus stops so these veterans can access training, counseling, shopping, medical facilities, shopping and other routine needs.

Housing Affordability -- The County Commissioners have begun holding panel discussions to better understand the issue of housing affordability. The first meeting was held Sept. 20; with the next one scheduled for Oct. 25. These discussions offer information about current housing issues in our region, coalition building and partnerships, impacts and other strategic considerations.

Contact us – Please contact me if you would like to help with this project, have questions or concerns, or would like additional information.

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