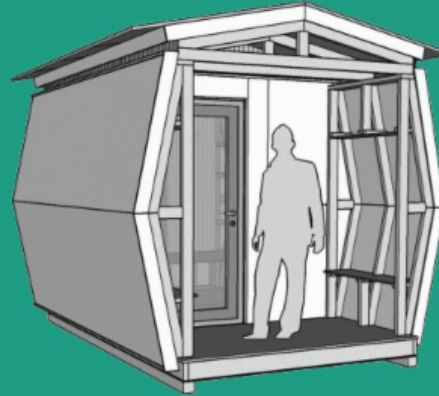


## Transitional shelter communities

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



Planning continues for the [temporary, transitional shelter community pilot project](#) on a 1.5-acre site near the corner of 115<sup>th</sup> 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 [email Board of County Commissioners Sr. Policy Advisor Emily Klepper](#) or call 503-742-5933.



*Housing Affordability panels* – The County Commissioners have begun holding panel discussions to better understand the issue of housing affordability. The first meeting was held Sept. 20 ([audio](#)), followed by an Oct. 25 meeting ([audio](#) and [packet](#)). The next meeting, which is open to the public to listen to the discussion but is not open for public testimony, is set

for 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 6. These discussions offer information about current housing issues in our region, coalition building and partnerships, impacts and other strategic considerations.

**Site Preparation** – The Development Agency contracted with Trench Line Excavation to bring waterlines to the site, which includes a new hydrant at the end of 115<sup>th</sup> to provide additional fire response capability. This makes the site more usable for future industrial development, in addition to the residents who will live in this temporary community. The waterline installation is complete, and paving is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 1, weather permitting. The Development Agency has been in touch with neighboring businesses about maintaining operations and access during construction.

**Land Use Approval** – The county's Department of Health, Housing & Human Services has submitted an application to the county for a conditional use permit for the site. A public hearing before the Land Use Hearings Officer is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, in the Development Services Building Auditorium, 150 Beavercreek Rd., Oregon City.

- [Land use hearing details](#)
- [Land use hearing notice with information about submitting testimony](#)

## Construction updates



*From left to right: Volunteers Dick, Everett and Vega from the Oregon Army National Guard Color Guard volunteered Oct. 22 to help build sleeping pods for the county's homeless veterans.*

**Oct. 21-22** – We had 15 union carpenters and three members of the Oregon Army National Guard Color Guard on site volunteering.

The crews finished blocking the roof trusses, sheathing the blocking, taping the sheathing, completed the lower courses of insulation

on all pods. Cutout crews made furring strips, trim pieces, nailers and intricate sheathing panels.

Volunteers also began installing remaining sheathing parts for the front walls. On several pods, crews were able to install the second course of insulation on the sidewalls. Another crew applied flashing tape to the window bucks to ensure no moisture behind the insulation can infiltrate the wall sheathing or window opening. Another team trimmed roof truss gussets and errant sheathing edges.



Volunteers got a huge boost when an older couple came to the site. They saw the project profiled on one of the local television news stations, and they came by and donated an assortment of Simpson structural connectors, nails and sill insulation.



*Oct. 28-29* – Significant construction progress was made this past week.

Volunteers finished sheathing and taping the pod walls and roofs, attached insulation panels and furring strips, and in a remarkable effort Sunday by a crew of five, lifted and attached the 20 insulated roof diaphragm assemblies. Crews of youths cut and fit XPS foam into gaps and cracks, and several people used a high quality spray-foam gun to air-seal the smaller cracks.

Volunteer siding crews hung panels on the lower sidewalls and all but three of the upper sidewalls. A trim crew followed, installing assemblies made by volunteers a few days ago. Sergio Palleroni, director of the Center for Public Interest Design (within the PSU Architecture Department), and his hard-working daughter, expertly applied window flashing tape. And lastly, volunteers patched screw and nail holes in the siding to prepare them for painting.

The next steps include finishing the siding, installing the doors and windows and installing roofing. At that point, the exterior enclosures will be substantially complete. We're looking to get that that point next week.

The photos below show general incremental progress, as well as our lifting crew and their “topping out” party.



*Kirk of City Repair driving the “Lift Truck” in an impossibly tight corridor.*



*The lifting crew: Shannon, Kirk, Sam and Lily.*



*The last roof diaphragm, signed by the lifting crew.*



*You can see the insulation of sleeping pods, before the siding was put on.*



*End of day on Oct. 29: Siding and roofs are getting close to being completed.*

***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 and other routine needs.

***Contact us*** – Please contact [Board of County Commissioners Sr. Policy Advisor Emily Klepper](#) or call 503-742-5933 if you would like to help with this project, have questions or concerns, or would like additional information.

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