



Eugene City Council Work Session
September 8, 2021

Unhoused Response Planning for the Future



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Today's Agenda

- Current Conditions
- Crime Reduction
- Safe Sleep Site Update
- Expanded Partnerships
- Next Steps

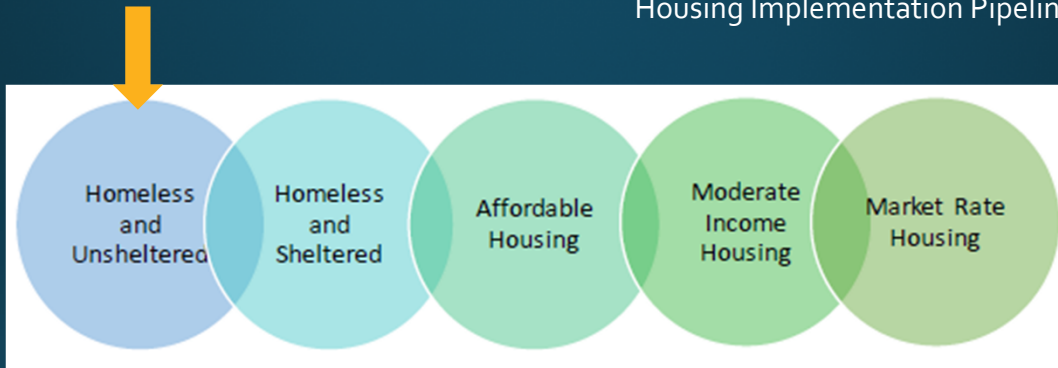


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Systems Approach

Housing Implementation Pipeline



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Current Conditions

- August Homeless by Name List– 2,405
- Urban camping criteria remain in place
- Following public health guidance

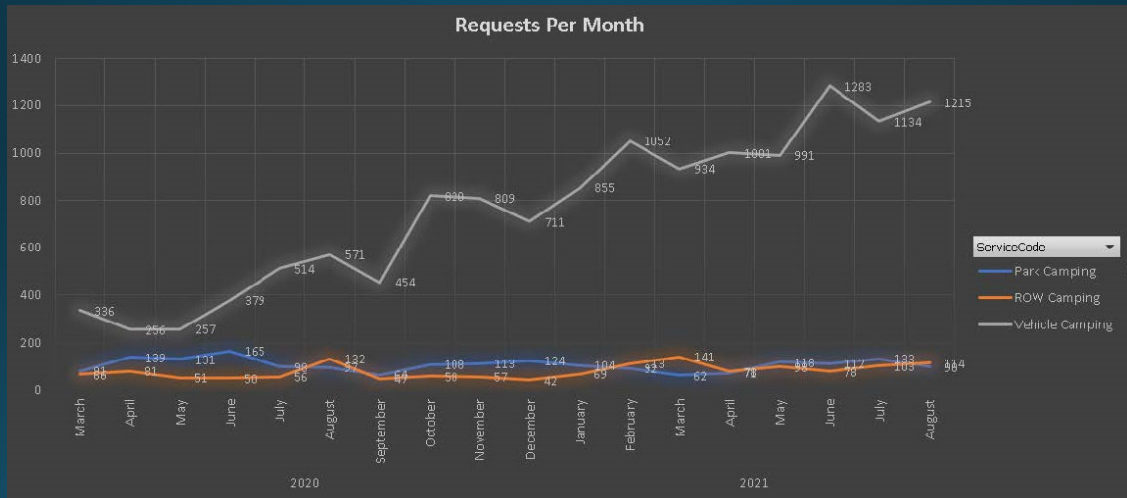


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Temporary Urban Camping

Requests for Service: March '20 – August '21



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Washington Jefferson Park

- Number of tents continues to fluctuate
- New layout in place
- Expanded site monitor coverage and security provides 24/7 monitoring of site



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13th Avenue Camp

- Site attrition continues
- Expanded site monitor coverage and security provides 24/7 monitoring of site
- People finding alternative housing options



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Vehicle Camping

- New parking regulations in place
- Rolling parking closures continue



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Communications

- New Communications Manager hired
- Reaching audiences through multiple channels
- Goal of improving trust

The ordinance would remain in effect until May 1, 2023, unless extended.

WJ PARK & 13TH AVENUE

SAFE SLEEPING SITE BACKGROUND

** Updated 8/27/2021

Washington Jefferson Park

There were 234 tents at Washington Jefferson (WJ) Park as of last week, a continuing decline in the number of tents at the site. On Wednesday, August 25, City staff started creating a grid pattern in WJ Park, between 5th and 6th avenues. They marked out 12' x 12' spaces with room between each space. People staying in the park were invited to move into the new designated spaces.

The goals of the gridding efforts include:

- Provide a location for people temporarily camping at WJ Park
- Create equitable spaces in the park
- Utilize the park to create adequate space between people camping
- Ensure fire and emergency access
- Better direct services to specific tents and locations
- Help staff better manage the number of people staying in the park and decommission camping spaces that are vacated
- Allow City staff to water trees without having to ask people to move

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Safe Sleep Site Update

- Update on current siting efforts/process
- Community partnerships



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Siting Safe Sleep Sites

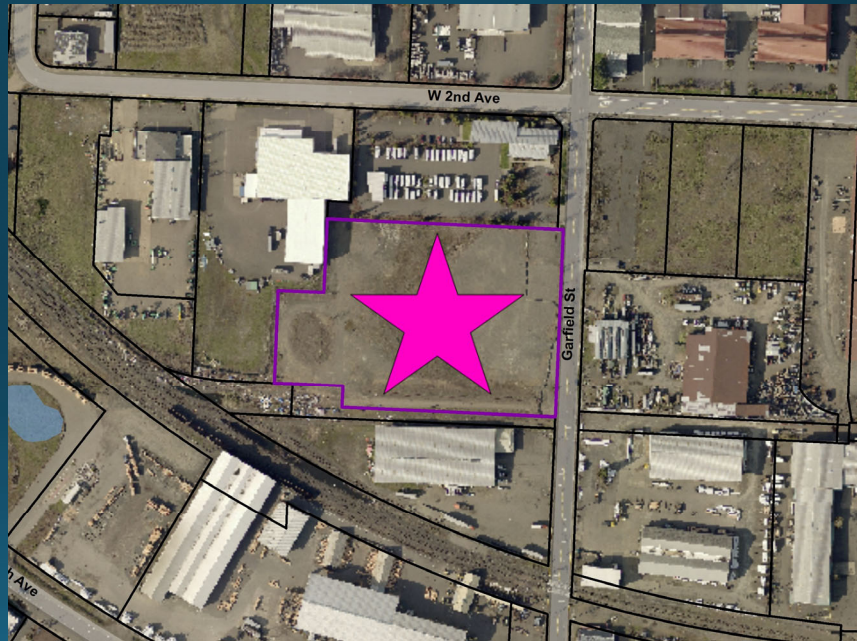
Accomplishments to date	Challenges ahead
More than 300 sites reviewed	Identifying site operators
Sites identified; plans created	Supply chain
Community engagement	Contractor supply & timelines
Lease agreement	No uniform site; each site unique
Parking implementation plan	
Garfield site – prep underway	
Garfield site – 8 contracts drafted/executed	

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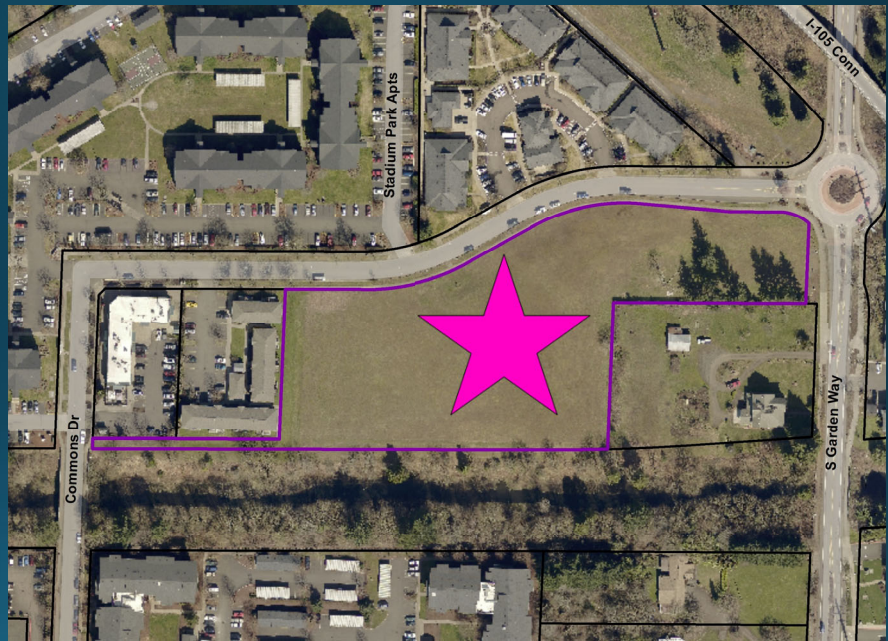


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Chase Commons Park

- Space for up to 20 Conestoga huts
- Service provider and neighborhood outreach needed
- Staff will shift focus after establishing 2nd and Garfield



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- Confirm social service provider
- Continuing/more-broad neighborhood outreach needed



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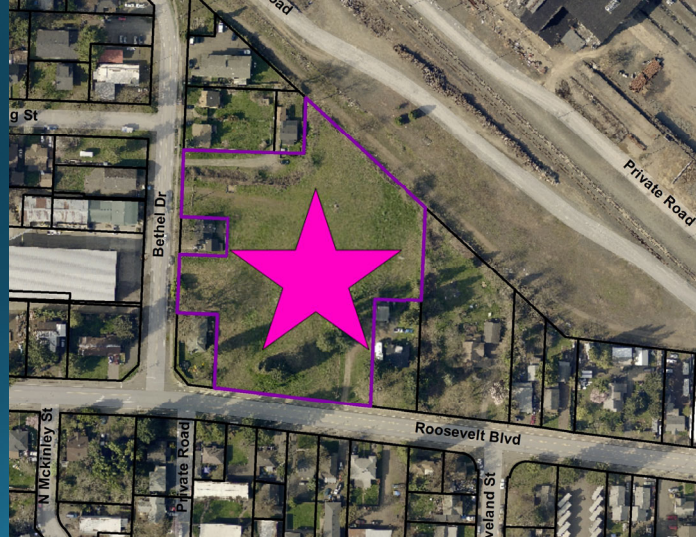
Potential Safe Sleep Site

Square One Village (SOV)

- Advanced Site/Pallet Shelters
- Up to 40 Spaces
- Program alignment w/successful SOV Ops

Next Steps

- SOV to discuss future of site next week

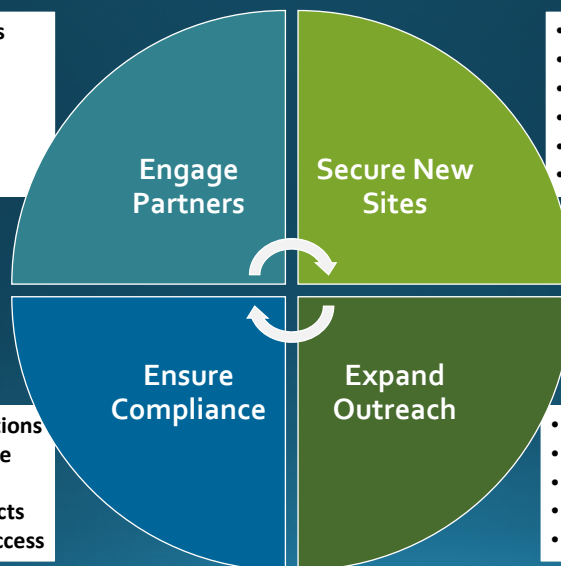


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Unified Command Plan

- Social Service Providers
- Business Community
- Faith Community
- Neighborhoods
- Government
- Nonprofits



- Code Amendments
- Site Identification
- Council Approval
- Lease / Purchase
- Prepare and Manage Sites
- Future uses

- Communicate expectations
- Enforce non-compliance
- Code updates
- Mitigate ongoing impacts
- Preserve community access

- Expand partnerships
- Deploy to key areas
- Transition sites
- Connect to social services
- System-wide coordination

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Next Steps

- Open first two Safe Sleep sites
- Ongoing community engagement
- Come back to Council with additional sites for approval
- Continue to work with social service providers to build capacity to operate Safe Sleep sites
- Continue to mitigate impacts for housed and unhoused

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Questions



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