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# Paving the Pathway from Streets to Stability



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PRE-PANDEMIC 2019 POINT IN TIME COUNT OF AT LEAST

**4,015 Houseless Individuals**

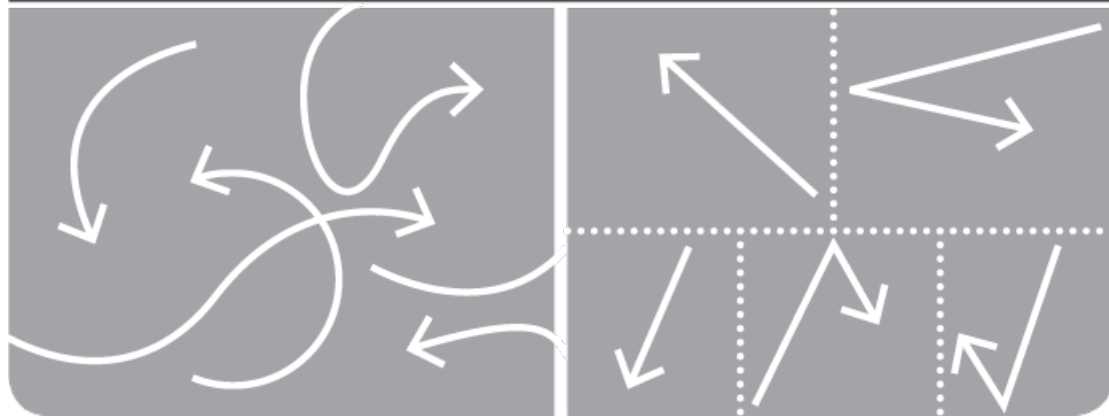
# Problem at Hand

Neighbors experiencing houselessness are residing in parks, natural areas, and the right of way, all posing serious risks from the perspective of public health and safety.

While the City of Portland works with our government, non-profit and business partners to solve the houselessness crisis, the City needs to identify a new comprehensive solution to camping in urban settings.



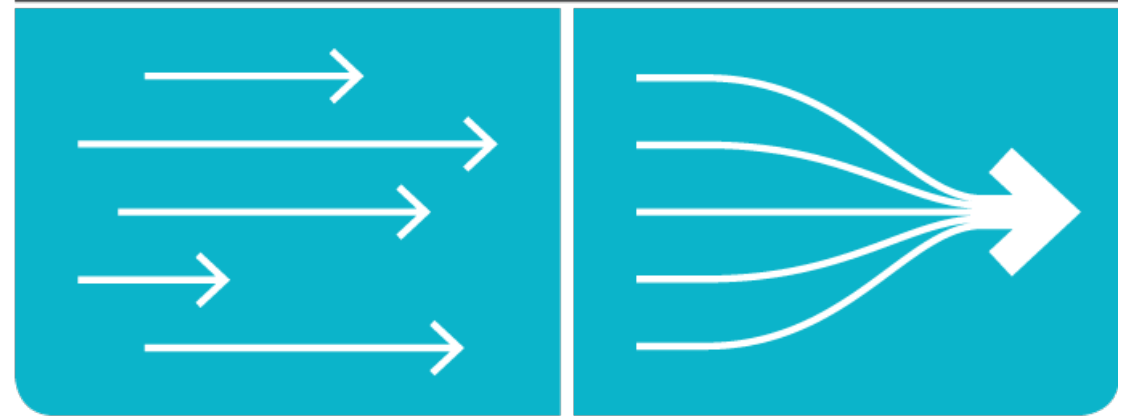
## OLD / CURRENT BEHAVIOR



DISORDER & CONFUSION

ISOLATION

## NEW BEHAVIOR



ALIGNMENT

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

**Office of Mayor  
Ted Wheeler**

**Office of Commissioner  
Jo Ann Hardesty**

**Office of Commissioner  
Mingus Mapps**

**Office of Commissioner  
Carmen Rubio**

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**Alignment on Creating Safe Rest Villages**



# Community Inclusion

- Neighbors experiencing houselessness
- Joint Office of Homeless Services
- A Home for Everyone
- Multnomah County
- Oregon Metro
- State legislators
- Community Town Hall meetings
- Oregon Law Center
- Street Roots
- Neighborhood Associations
- Northeast Neighborhood Coalition
- Business for a Better Portland
- Portland Business Alliance
- HereTogether
- Portland, Neighbors Welcome



# Action

- This ordinance creates clear standards by which Portlanders experiencing houselessness can expect to rest safely without fear of intervention by City entities;
- It explains the criteria used in determining which camps are high-or-low impact and establishes zones that are de-prioritized for intervention by the Impact Reduction Program
- It ensures the Impact Reduction Program assists houseless Portlanders in accessing Safe Rest Villages should they voluntarily choose to do so; and
- It clarifies the Impact Reduction Program is the responsibility of the entirety of Council, not simply the Mayor or whichever Commissioner overseeing the land-owning bureau on which a high-impact encampment exists.
- The ordinance does **not** criminalize houselessness, and it does **not** feed into the false binary of—"to sweep, or not to sweep."
- It **does** provide a humanitarian response to meet our houseless residents where they are.



Example: Eugene, OR



# EMERALD VILLAGE

A PROJECT BY **opportUNITYvillage**  
EUGENE



Example: Oakland, CA

# COB ON WOOD

TRAIL TRACKS



Example: Los Angeles, CA  
*Chandler Boulevard Bridge Home Village*



# Improved Point of Entry



**STREET** →

← **STABILITY** →



**HOUSING**

Chronically  
Houseless

Temporarily  
Houseless

Shelter  
Housing

Assisted  
Housing

Self-Sufficient  
Housing

Homeownership  
Support Program

Homeownership



**HEALTH**

Some Sober  
Days

Healthcare  
Coverage

Diagnosis

Inpatient  
Program

Outpatient  
Program

Regularly Taking  
Medication/s

Disease  
Management



**SELF -  
SUFFICIENCY**

Access to  
Transportation

Access to  
Hygiene

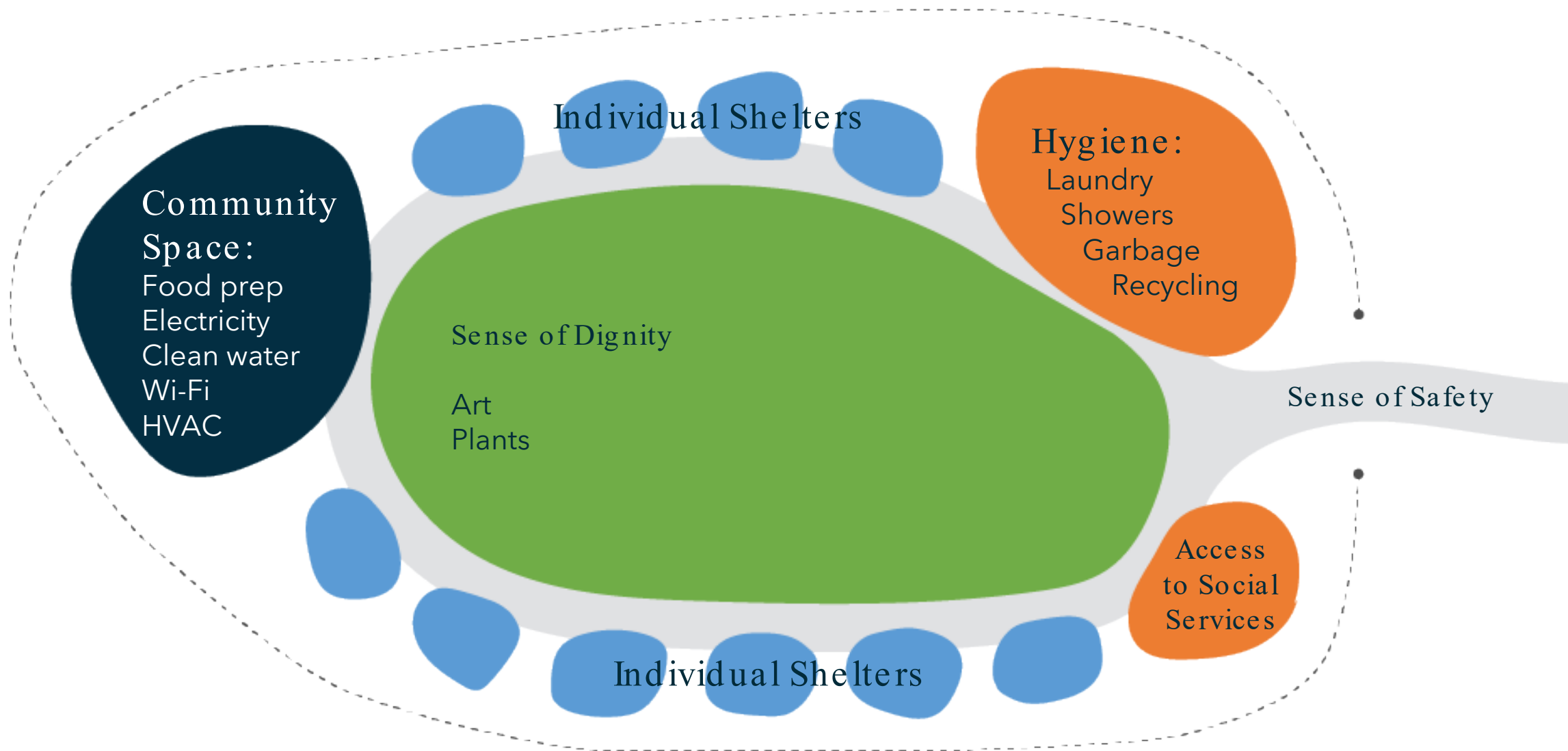
Legal/Financial  
Support

Career  
Development

Childcare

Working  
Any Job

Working a  
Living-Wage Job



## Example: Portland, OR

*Conceptual use of space diagram*

# Safe Rest Villages – Service Priorities



## Values:

Dignity  
Safety  
Community  
Compassion



## Housing:

Private Space  
Shared Space



## Infrastructure:

Electricity  
Clean Water  
Wi-Fi  
HVAC  
Food Preparation  
Fire Safety  
Public Transportation



## Hygiene:

Laundry  
Showers  
Flush Toilets  
Garbage  
Recycling



## Access to Services:

Case Management  
Mental Health Supports  
Substance Abuse Services  
Housing Supports  
Community Advocates  
First Aid & Medical Care

# Safe Rest Villages – Next Steps



April - S2HC

May - Budget \$\$

June/July – ARPA

July – Hire project manager

Aug/Sept - Community engagement  
team



Aug/Sept - Site Selection

Sept/Dec - Construction





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# Testimony & Dialogue



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