



Peninsula Crossing Trail Safe Rest Villages – FAQ 4.19.23

Have you chosen all vendors?

Not entirely. Back in September of 2021, the Safe Rest Village team sent out requests for proposals for all contractors involved, as required by the American Rescue Plan. We have all of our vendors for construction, shelter units, etc.

The shelter units and service structures for this site come from a variety of vendors. This includes Stanley Tiny Homes, Quickhaven, LIT Workshop, and Custom Containers 915. Any of these vendors could provide offices, restrooms, laundry services, kitchenettes, shelter units, or offices for staff. We're proud of the businesses we are supporting in this process.

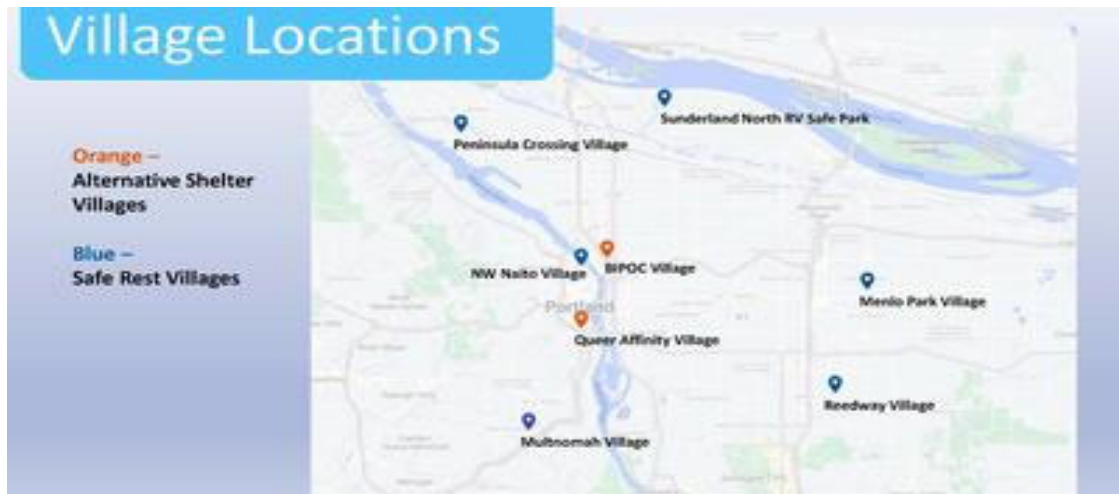
Regarding shelter operators, the Joint Office of Homeless Services has responsibility for recruiting, contracting and overseeing them. No shelter operator has been announced for this site at this time.

Location

Why this location?

This site was announced in February 2022 by Mayor Wheeler in an Emergency Declaration.

Contextually, this site is owned by the Portland Housing Bureau and slated for development of affordable housing. As such, it is available for a temporary asset in the community. We also looked for sites with geographic equity in mind. Providing services where people already have established relationships is a major focus of this program and temporary outdoor shelters as a whole. You can find more specific information on the location distribution on our website, [here](#). [I've also included a map here that shows the distribution of our Villages.](#)



Goats

Where will the Goats go? Do they have their own address?

The Belmont Goats have been moved to a location slightly south of their original space. We built them a new barn and the Goats have settled in well. Currently, to access the Goats, it is best to use the original address. For information on whether or not the Belmont Goats organization is pursuing a new address, we suggest reaching out to their organization directly.

Site Design

Why is the entrance on Syracuse?

There are a wide range of reasons that Syracuse has been selected as the entrance. The property owned by the Portland Housing Bureau itself is accessible off of Syracuse. We do not have access and control of the Rights of Way off of Oberlin and the Minerva Alley.

It's important to note that our site design will include staff parking for the chosen operator, as well. Portland Parks & Recreation, the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) and others have put many hours into restrictions that prevent vehicle access to the trail. If we chose to access the site from Oberlin, we would have to redo the hard work that the Parks Bureau and the Portland Bureau of Transportation have already done.

We look forward to working with neighbors to address unintended impacts from the Safe Rest Village, including car and pedestrian traffic. To continually mitigate impact, we can work with the shelter operator on the flow of cars and pedestrians to keep it at a sustainable level. Finally, impact is rarely as large as people think it will be. In our experience in other neighborhoods, the presence of a Safe Rest Village does calm neighborhood activity.

Can you include the relative locations of all entries and exits to the site?

Yes. Once a site design has been finalized, we will share it with the public.

What is the capacity of this Safe Rest Village?

This site will have 60 shelter units. Each unit can hold a maximum of 2 people and a pet, but most tend to only hold one person at a time.

Programmatic Questions

Who will manage this Village?

The shelter operators at all Safe Rest Villages are contracted through the Joint Office of Homeless Services. They have sent out multiple requests for proposals to local shelter operators and go into a contract negotiation process with each of them. The exact makeup of the contract can depend on the shelter model, the size, if the shelter has a cultural affinity attached to it, etc. At this time, there has been no announced shelter operator for this site. Once the Joint Office of Homeless Services confirms the shelter operator, we will announce it to the public.

Will pets be allowed?

Yes! Folks can bring their animal onsite, as part of the low-barrier model.

Will there be a fence?

Yes! All Safe Rest Villages have a 7-foot privacy fence around them. Now that the Village is under construction, a 7 foot privacy fence will be built along the entire perimeter of the site.

The Safe Rest Village team will continue to send mailers to immediate neighbors and emails to the stakeholder group as construction continues. If you have immediate questions, always feel free to reach out to saferevillages@portlandoregon.gov.

Safety Concerns

What is low-barrier sheltering?

All Safe Rest Villages are low barrier to entry, making it easier for folks to access services. Although entry to the Village is low barrier, there will still be expectations laid out for all participants in a Code of Conduct developed by the shelter operator. Part of being a low barrier-shelter means that folks that have partners, that have pets, that have substance use issues will be allowed to access services at this site. This gives participants a chance to step out of their traumatic living situation and address and identify their barriers to long-term stability in a safe environment.

Does the 150 foot camping ban go around the entire property or just the SRV?

The 150 foot camping ban extends 150 feet around the length of the property on which the Safe Rest Village will reside. If you have questions about the Impact Reduction Program, please direct them to reportpdx@portlandoregon.gov to speak with them directly.

When a map is created for this site, we will share that with the public.

What about the needle exchange?

The current efforts regarding needle exchanges at this location are not associated with or funded by the City of Portland. As such, the City of Portland has no control over when or where they do their work.