

Health *through* Housing

Overview and next steps for
Health through Housing (HtH)

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At least 6,000 people
sleep outside across
King County every night.

That number will grow unless we act boldly.

Supportive housing works.

**It is more effective
and less expensive.**

3 Days = 3 Months = 1 Year

What is **Health through Housing**?

King County's regional initiative to rapidly acquire and perpetually operate 1,600 units of supportive housing for residents experiencing and at risk of chronic homelessness while reducing racial-ethnic disproportionality.

“The paramount goal of the [initial Health through Housing] implementation plan shall be the creation and ongoing operation of 1,600 units of affordable housing with housing-related services for eligible households in King County that are experiencing chronic homelessness or that are at risk of experiencing chronic homelessness.”

King County Code 24.30.030.3

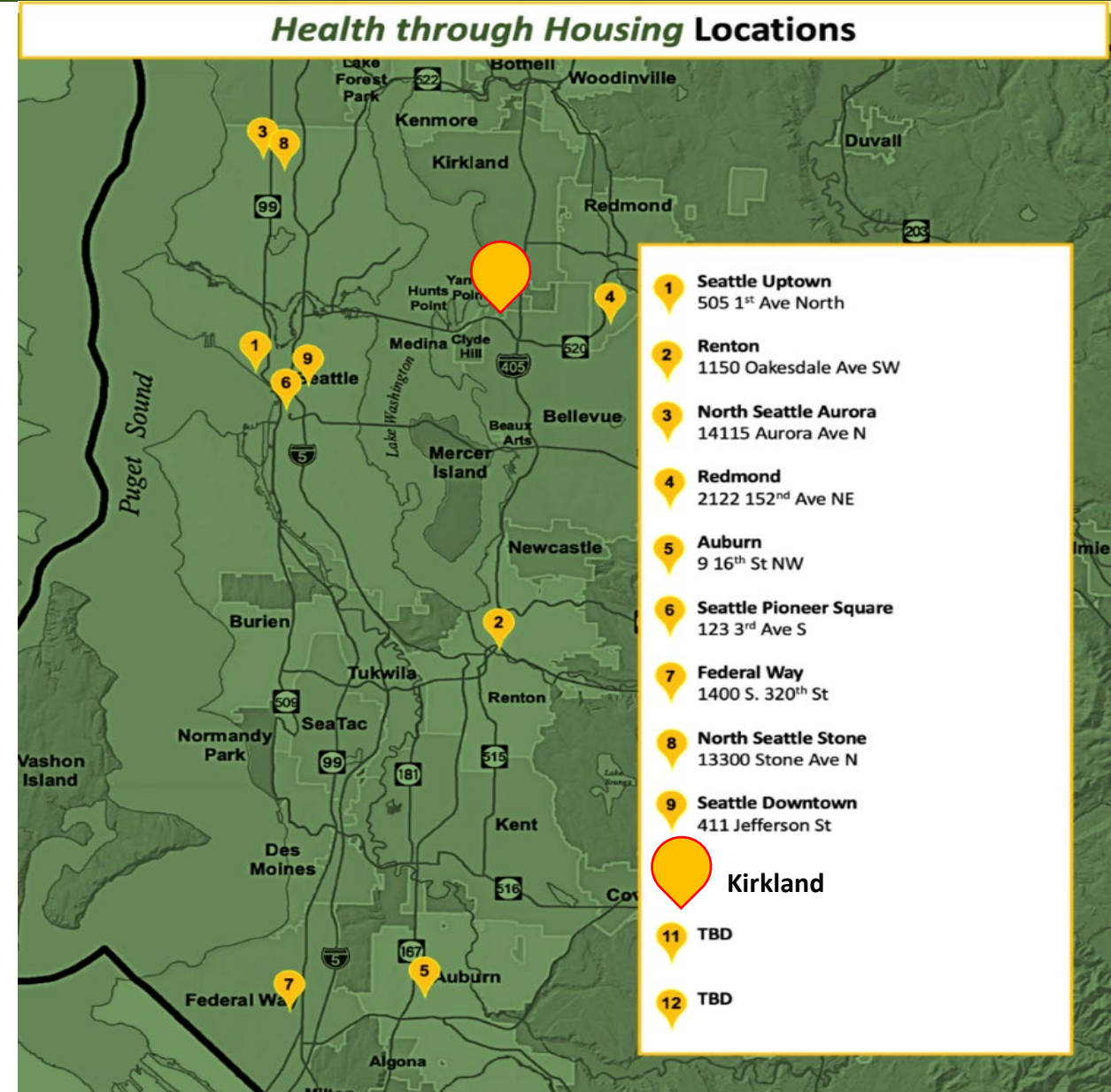
What is **Health through Housing**?

- **\$270k vs \$400k+** | Take advantage of temporary economic conditions to create new affordable housing for substantially less than new construction.
- **1,600 households inside by end of 2022** | Put buildings into use quickly to provide emergency and permanent supportive housing.
- **Operations, Operations, Operations** | Stable resident supports within HtH buildings so residents have consistent, case-managed healthcare (integrated physical & behavioral), nutrition, employment, & housing supports.

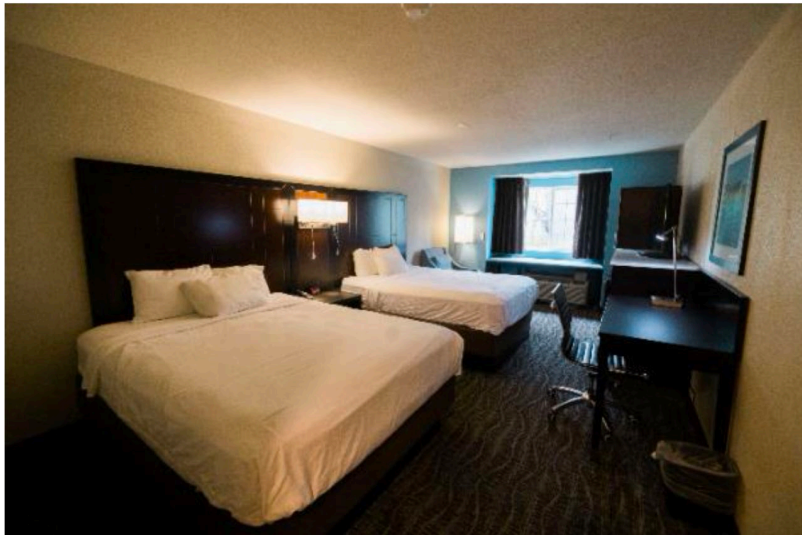
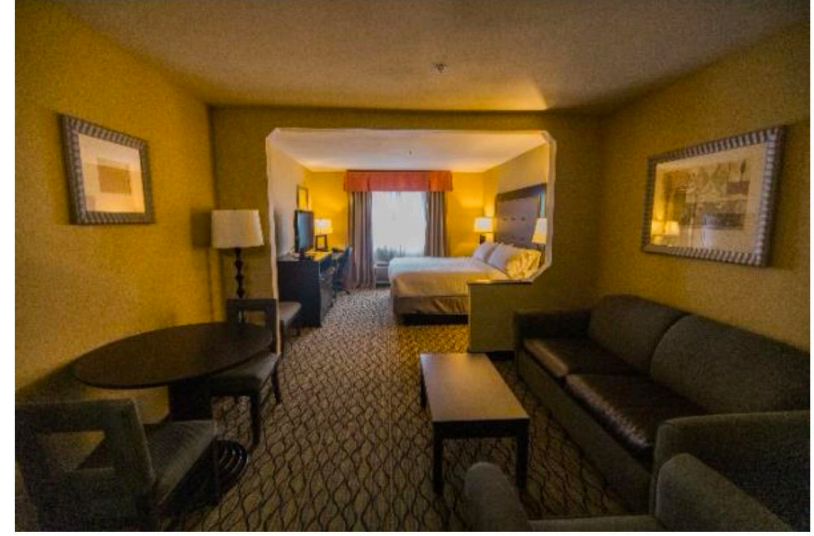
The HtH Portfolio So Far

Getting to 1,600 Units

- 971 units purchased or pending closing
 - 10 buildings
 - 6 cities
- MOA with Seattle OH for 350 “Operations Only” Units
- Seeking 95 Non-Seattle “Operations Only” Units
- 185~ remaining units to purchase
 - Likely in 2 to 3 buildings



The HtH Portfolio So Far



HtH does not replace PSH construction. HtH is strategy in a crisis to harness temporary conditions & rapidly supplement supportive housing stock across the region with robust, ongoing operations.

Who Can Live in HtH Buildings?

**Household
Income at or
Below 30% of
the Area Median**

Ordinance 19179



**Experiencing or
At-Risk of
Chronic
Homelessness.**

Defined in Ordinance 19236;
Must be consistent with RCW
82.14.530(2)(b)

While not a facet of individual eligibility, overall HtH building and portfolio populations must also comply with statute and ordinance requirements to meet or exceed two goals:

1. Reduce racial-ethnic disproportionality
2. Satisfy local referral commitments and intent

Importance of Outreach | Developing new approaches and provider partnerships to balance equity focus, local referral, regional access, federal requirements, and building operations.

Integrating Community Feedback

What We've Heard So Far in Kirkland & Other HtH Cities

Focusing on how to implement the most effective and successful program that can house persons who are experiencing or at risk of chronic homelessness:

- 24/7 Staffing
- Onsite Substance Use Treatment
- Employment and Housing Assistance
- Building and Property Conditions
- Security Cameras
- Partnerships and Impact with First Responders
- Increased Communication
- Neighborhood Advisory Group
- Screening and Preparation for Housing
- Observing Laws on Registration Requirements
- Connections to Local Service Providers
- Ability to Help People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness In and Near Kirkland
- Controlled Access
- Safety In and Around the Housing
- Code of Conduct
- Privacy Fencing
- Concerns About Enabling vs. Treatment
- Ensuring Food Access
- How Quickly Occupancy Will Increase
- Operator Responsiveness to Concerns

The Process in Kirkland

Next Steps

- Close purchase of the facility | March 2022
- Ongoing engagement with City of Kirkland and with local residents and local providers to inform consideration of Operator and Outreach applicants | March through Opening in early 2023
- Operator and Outreach Selection | 3rd Quarter 2022
- Operator, Community, City*, County Good Neighbor Agreement Process | 3rd & 4th Quarter 2022
- Operator Staff-Up & Local Outreach | 4th Quarter 2022
- Initial, Phased Occupancy | 1st Quarter 2023

Questions?

Thousands of people sleep outside every night.
We can bring them inside.

Learn More About Supportive Housing At:

National: Corporation for Supportive Housing – www.csh.org

- [Supportive Housing 101](#)
- [CSH Guidebook](#)

Local: Third Door Coalition – www.thirddoorcoalition.org

- [Research and sources - permanent supportive housing](#)
- [Infographic](#)

