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# Kenton Women's Village: Learning Lessons

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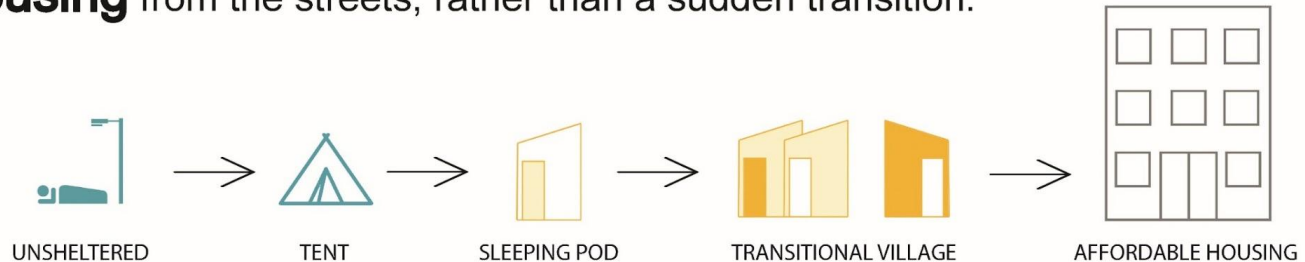
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# Why a Pod Village?

## Community development opportunities Incremental transition into permanent housing

Houseless shelters can be chaotic and sometimes not much better than living on the streets. Sleeping pod villages provide **opportunities** for **community development** while still allowing privacy and security. The village model provides a more incremental **transition** into permanent **housing** from the streets, rather than a sudden transition.



## INNOVATIVE LAND USE

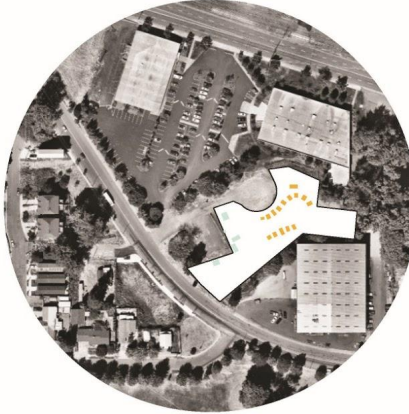
Villages are a positive use of underutilized land or land that won't be developed for a few years.

### HAZELNUT GROVE



Hazelnut Grove is located on a narrow stretch of a highway shoulder, owned by ODOT. Due to the uneven terrain and a steep hillside, it is undesirable land for development, which makes it a perfect site for a village.

### KENTON WOMEN'S VILLAGE



Kenton Women's Village is located in an industrial area that is undesirable for development. The site is on city owned property that was previously vacant before the village was built.

### AGAPE VILLAGE



Agape village is located on a piece of property owned by Portland Church of the Nazarene. The site used to be a quarry and was vacant until the church and nonprofits decided to build the village.





















INTERIOR PHOTO OF  
S.A.F.E. POD PROTOTYPE

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PORTLAND  
MAYOR'S  
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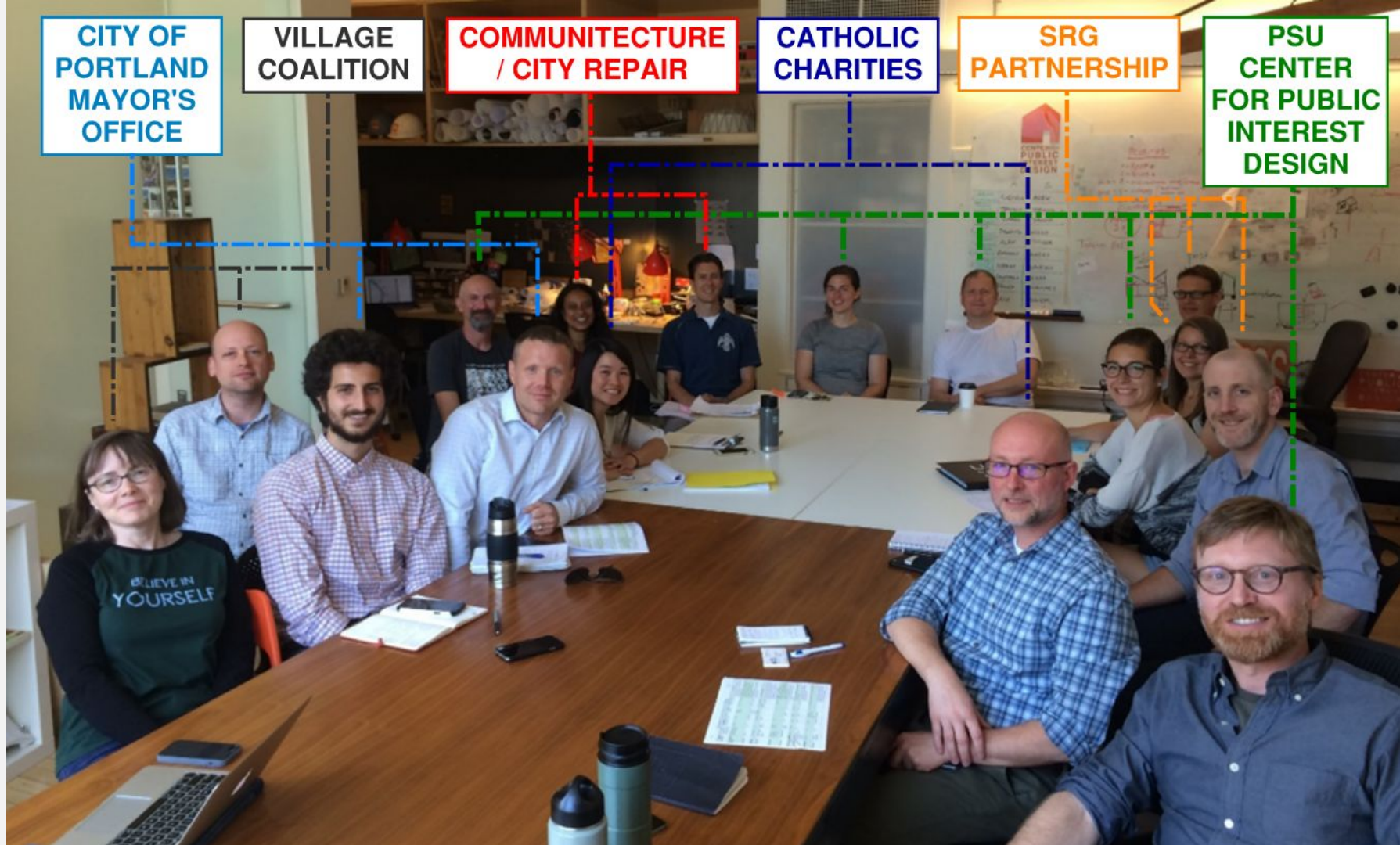
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COALITION

COMMUNITECTURE  
/ CITY REPAIR

CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES

SRG  
PARTNERSHIP

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FOR PUBLIC  
INTEREST  
DESIGN









# Kenton Women's Village 2.0



# Kenton Women's Village 1.0



# Kenton Women's Village 2.0



## KWV 2.0 Phase 2: Sleeping Pods



ANDERSEN CONSTRUCTION  
FOUNDATION

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Catholic  
Charities

Providing Help, Creating Hope



Center for  
Public Interest  
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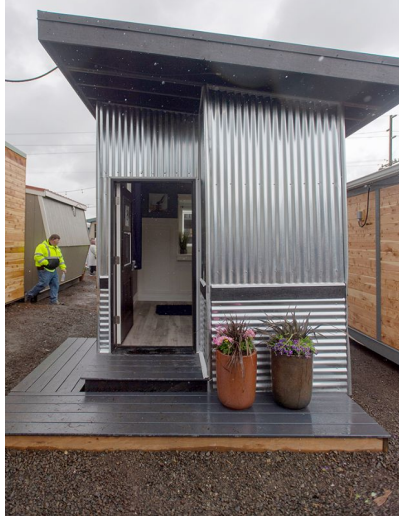


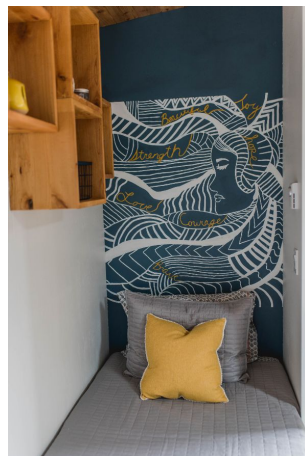
HOME BUILDERS  
FOUNDATION

- Andersen Construction
- Associated General Contractors  
Oregon-Columbia Chapter
- BC Custom Construction
- Bremik Construction  
*sponsoring Constructing Hope*
- Builders FirstSource
- DR Horton
- Lease Crutcher Lewis
- Legend Homes  
*sponsoring Professional Women in Building*
- LMC Construction
- Lovett Deconstruction
- O'Neill/Walsh Community Builders
- P&C Construction
- R&H Construction
- The ReBuilding Center
- Skanska
- Stephens Homes  
*sponsoring Professional Women in Building*
- Turner Construction Company

## KENTON WOMEN'S VILLAGE POD BUILD CHALLENGE











**What are the impacts  
of Villages?**

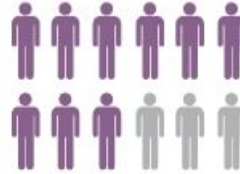
**How can we make  
Villages better?**

# Who lives in Kenton Women's Village?

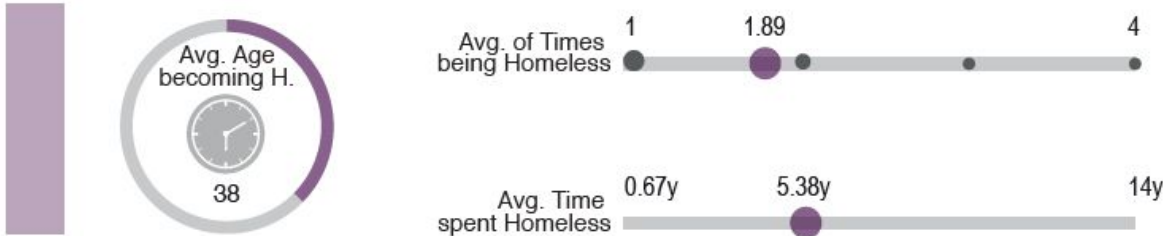
## INTERVIEWS

9 Interviews conducted from 7/02/19 to 7/22/19

- 12 women were living in the village at the time of the interview
- 75% of the women living at the village were interviewed at that time



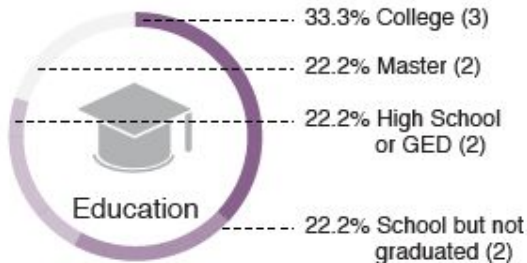
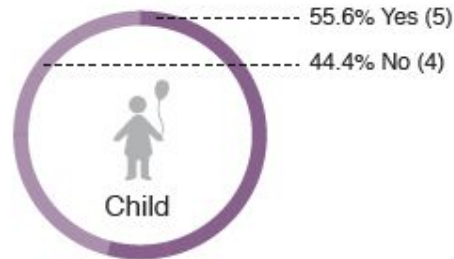
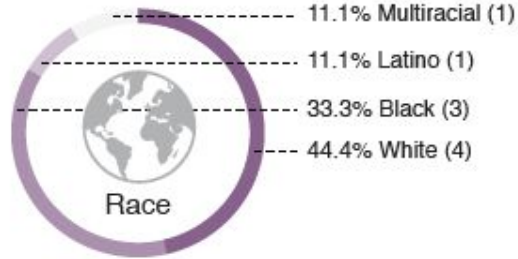
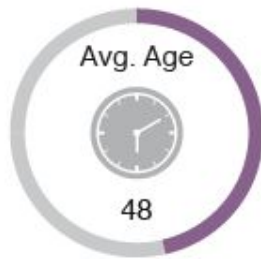
## HOMELESSNESS STATUS



## RESIDENCE AT KWV



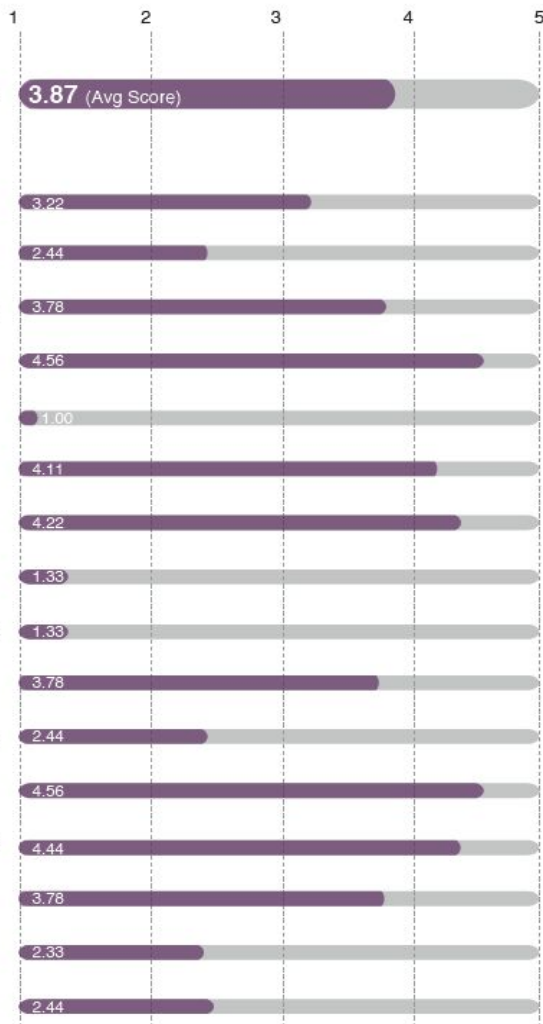
# RESIDENTS DEMOGRAPHICS



## POD QUALITY



Pod Quality



### • Pod Satisfaction

- 4 very satisfied (44.4%)
- 4 satisfied (44.4%)
- 1 dissatisfied (11.1%)

### • Village Satisfaction

- 2 very satisfied (22.2%)
- 5 satisfied (55.6%)
- 2 neither satisfied or dissatisfied (22.2%)

### • Neighborhood Satisfaction

- 3 very satisfied (33.3%)
- 6 satisfied (66.7%)

# Key Findings

All participants reported *low or very low food security*

When asked *how much their emotional health interfered with daily activities in the last month*, the average response was moderately (2.78 out of 5)

When asked *how much their physical health interfered with daily activities in the last month*, the average response was quite a bit (3.78 out of 5)

All participants *saw a health care provider* in the last month



## Pods & facilities

“Being able to be here, to have my own existence...I can just go in my pod, shut the door.”

“Going to get laundry done, trying to drag it up that hill has been a real bad issue for a lot of the people here.”

## Village life

**“You can talk to them [the other villagers] civilized and have a conversation of why something might have hurt somebody’s feelings – things like that.”**

**“We should all be raising our hands, yes or no...voting. I believe if you encompass the people that you are managing, and you let them be a part of this organization, then you’re gonna have better morale.”**



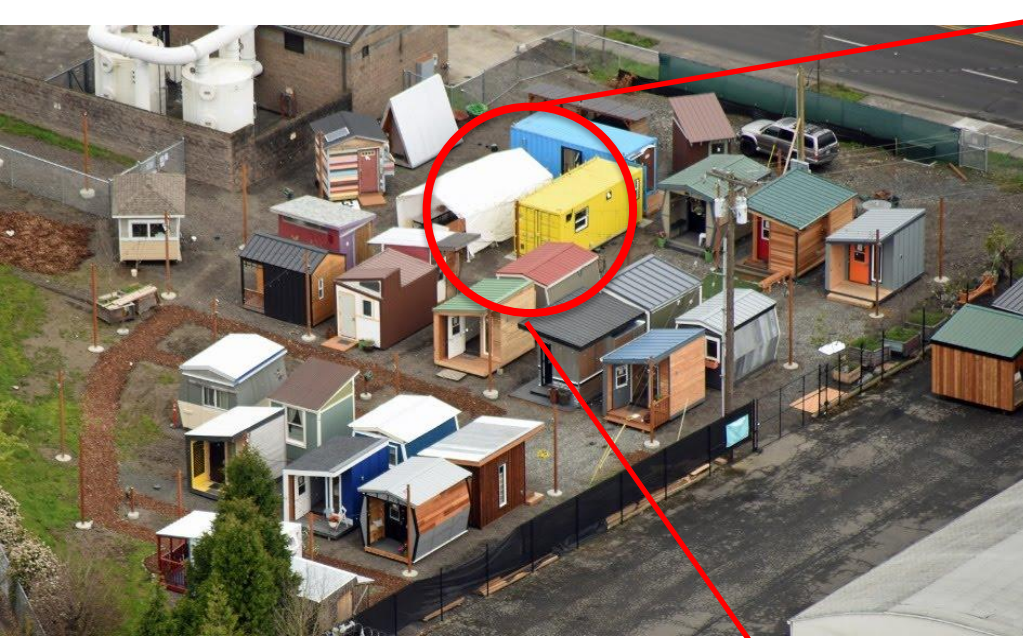
## Situated in community

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood. In the foreground, there are several large, industrial-style buildings with flat roofs. A road with a few cars and a truck runs through the middle ground. The background is filled with a dense residential area with many houses and trees, extending towards a hazy horizon.

“My first interaction with a person in the neighborhood was ‘oh that’s great, welcome to the neighborhood and I hope things go well there.’ And that he’d heard good things about the village itself. And I was pretty much blown away.”

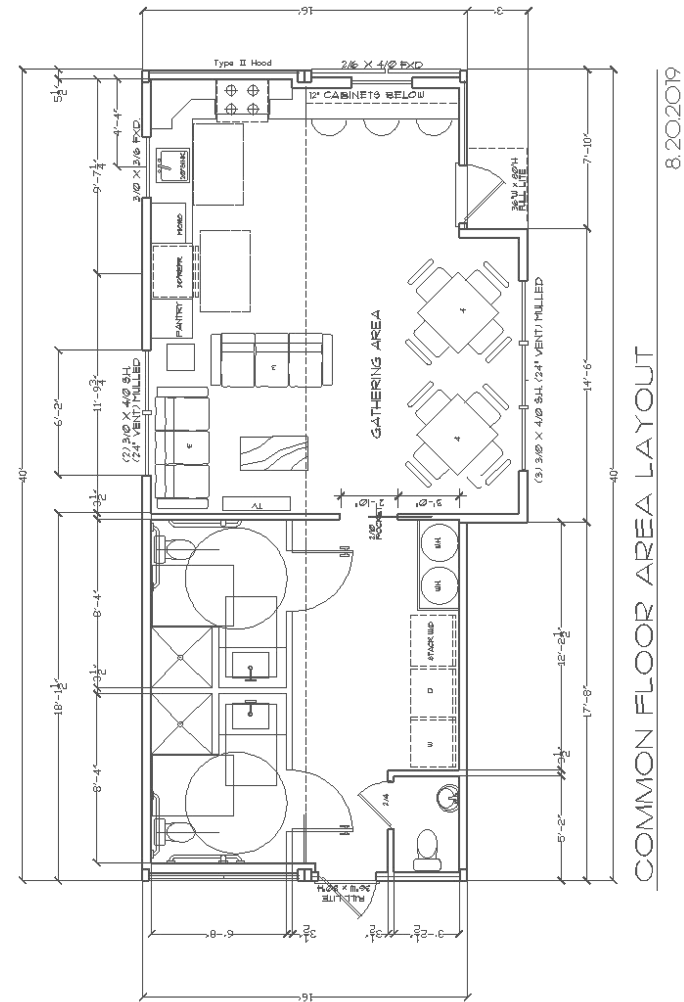
“[It’s hard] to be able to actually have a life outside of these gates, no way to get anywhere.”





The existing kitchen will remain and will be supplemented by the new **common building** which will:

- have full utilities
- provide + 685 sft
- have ADA accessible services
- be used for gathering meeting



COMMON FLOOR AREA LAYOUT

8.20.2019

