

EASTSIDE MEN'S SHELTER AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

A partnership between City of Bellevue, King County, Public Health – Seattle & King County, Congregations for the Homeless and Imagine Housing.

Frequently Asked Questions – Site Location

1. What is going on?

The City of Bellevue and King County are working in partnership with Congregations for the Homeless and Imagine Housing to site a permanent men's shelter and supportive housing on the King County property located at 14350 SE Eastgate Way, Bellevue, WA, 98007. The site is located in a non-residential area of Eastgate in Bellevue, just north of I-90, on King County property shared with Public Health — Seattle & King County, adjacent to King County Metro Park and Ride.

A Joint Letter of Agreement authorizes the City and King County to take all reasonable steps, within a 6 month period (beginning August 2016), to negotiate an agreement for the use of the property by the City and/or its partners for the purposes of developing and operating a men's shelter, homeless housing and potentially supportive and public health services.

2. What is King County's role in this partnership? What is the role of the City of Bellevue?

The Eastside Men's Shelter and Supportive Housing would be located on property owned by King County. The City, along with the development partners will lead the efforts to undertake community outreach to the immediate and broader community.

3. What else is included? Who else is involved?

With the objective of helping men transition out of homelessness, the partnership will include a permanent men's shelter with additional supportive housing units, a drop-in day center, public health services and office space for social service providers. Public Health — Seattle & King

There will be multiple ways to stay engaged and participate:

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County, will provide public health services for the men through the Eastgate Public Health Center. Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) will be the primary operator of the shelter. Imagine Housing will be the developer and operator of the supportive housing.

4. Bellevue has a temporary shelter each winter – isn't that sufficient? Why is a permanent Eastside Men's Shelter necessary?

The Eastside Winter Shelter does not have a permanent location and has needed to change location over the years. In 2015-16, the Eastside Winter Shelter was located on property owned by Sound Transit. This building is scheduled for demolition. Temporary shelters are often located in less preferred locations that may have limited transit, in or near residential neighborhoods, and with facilities that are not optimally set up for shelter operations. A permanent men's homeless shelter on the Eastside can be located to best serve those in need, ensure ease of access, coordinate social services and minimize the impacts the shelter has on the surrounding community.

5. Why here?

Every location has challenges. However, the partnership with King County and the City of Bellevue provides a unique opportunity to align services, meet community needs and minimize the impacts to the surrounding community. Several factors were taken into consideration to find an optimal location for the Eastside Men's Shelter, including:

- Avoid single family residential areas.
- Location near transit center and/or accessible bus lines.

- Proximity to human services and medical care.
- Adequate street lighting and sidewalks.

6. When will the shelter be operational and who will operate it?

The goal is to have the Eastside Men's Shelter operational by winter 2019. The shelter will be open to single homeless men age 18 and older and house up to 100 men per night, who will be supervised at all times. Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) will manage the shelter and day center. CFH has been successfully operating men's homeless programs on the Eastside since 1993 and builds relationships with the community as well as with everyone who comes into the shelter. CFH has a high success rate of helping men transition out of homelessness.

7. How can I get involved?

We want to hear from you. Now is the time to share your thoughts, concerns and ideas on the Eastside Men's Shelter and Supportive Housing. In the coming months, we will be meeting with surrounding businesses, neighbors, and interested parties to identify concerns and potential solutions to inform the best possible outcomes for the neighborhood and the Eastside.

For more information, please go to <http://bellevuewa.gov/eastside-mens-shelter.htm> where you can sign up for alerts, updates on the project, find resources, submit comments and learn about upcoming community meetings.