

Regional Housing Council

Siting Committee Team

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The Regional Housing Council (RHC) Siting Committee is comprised of staff members from the Cities of Tumwater, Lacey, and Olympia, along with staff from the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services, and Community Planning and Economic Development Departments. The lead of the Siting Committee is Keith Stahley from the City of Olympia.

The Siting Committee is responsible for mapping out and completing a thorough review of potentially available properties in each jurisdiction.

The team works with a commercial broker to determine which properties are available and would be a good fit for projects to include emergency shelter, safe parking, supportive housing, and affordable housing.

Generally speaking, surrounding property owners and residents are concerned and often fearful about the impacts of these types of facilities. Developing a management plan and a communications plan are critical to the success of homeless support facilities, whether they are operated as a shelter or as a permanent supportive housing facility.

Siting is only the first step in a long collaborative process between each jurisdiction, local property owners, and residents, as well as our target population.

For more information about the Regional Housing Council, visit:
<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/bocc/Pages/Regional-Housing-Council.aspx>