

Thurston County Rights of Way Initiative

2023 Snapshot

Governor Inslee's Rights of Way Initiative (ROW) provides funding to help move people living in camps along the state's highways and freeways into safer living situations and permanently clear these encampments.

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6



Encampments Cleared

168



New enhanced shelter units

265



Residents moved into
shelter from encampments

Outreach Work

Outreach Specialists from Olympia Mutual Aid Partners (OlyMAP) and the City of Olympia connect with camp residents and help them transition to shelter housing.

Shelter Partners

Existing shelters in the community collaborated to shelter residents from camps. Interfaith Works holds up to 24 beds for people moving from the camps.

Hotel Programs

SafePlace Olympia and Family Support Center of South Sound have placed 20 households from encampments into their hotel programs.

Maple Court

Maple Court, previously a Days Inn, is a new enhanced shelter with 118 furnished rooms. The facility is managed by the Low Income Housing Institute with onsite staff to help residents access services and move into permanent housing.

129 residents
8 vacancies

as of 12/26/2023



Franz Anderson Tiny Home Village

Franz Anderson Tiny Home Village has 50 units. The village is operated by Olympia Mutual Aid Partners and offers onsite services including case management, mental health and substance use support, and employment navigation.

50 residents
0 vacancies

as of 12/26/2023



2024 Plans

The Thurston County region will continue to collaborate on the Rights of Way Initiative and the Encampment Resolution Program. Partners include Thurston Regional Housing Council, Thurston County, City of Olympia,



City of Lacey, City of Tumwater, Washington State Department of Commerce, Washington State Department of Transportation, Olympia Mutual Aid Partners, Interfaith Works, SafePlace Olympia, Family Support Center of South Sound, the Low Income Housing Institute, and other local non-profit organizations.

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