



# District 9 Community Engagement:

## Emergency Interim Housing Site Conversation

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# Roadmap for Conversation

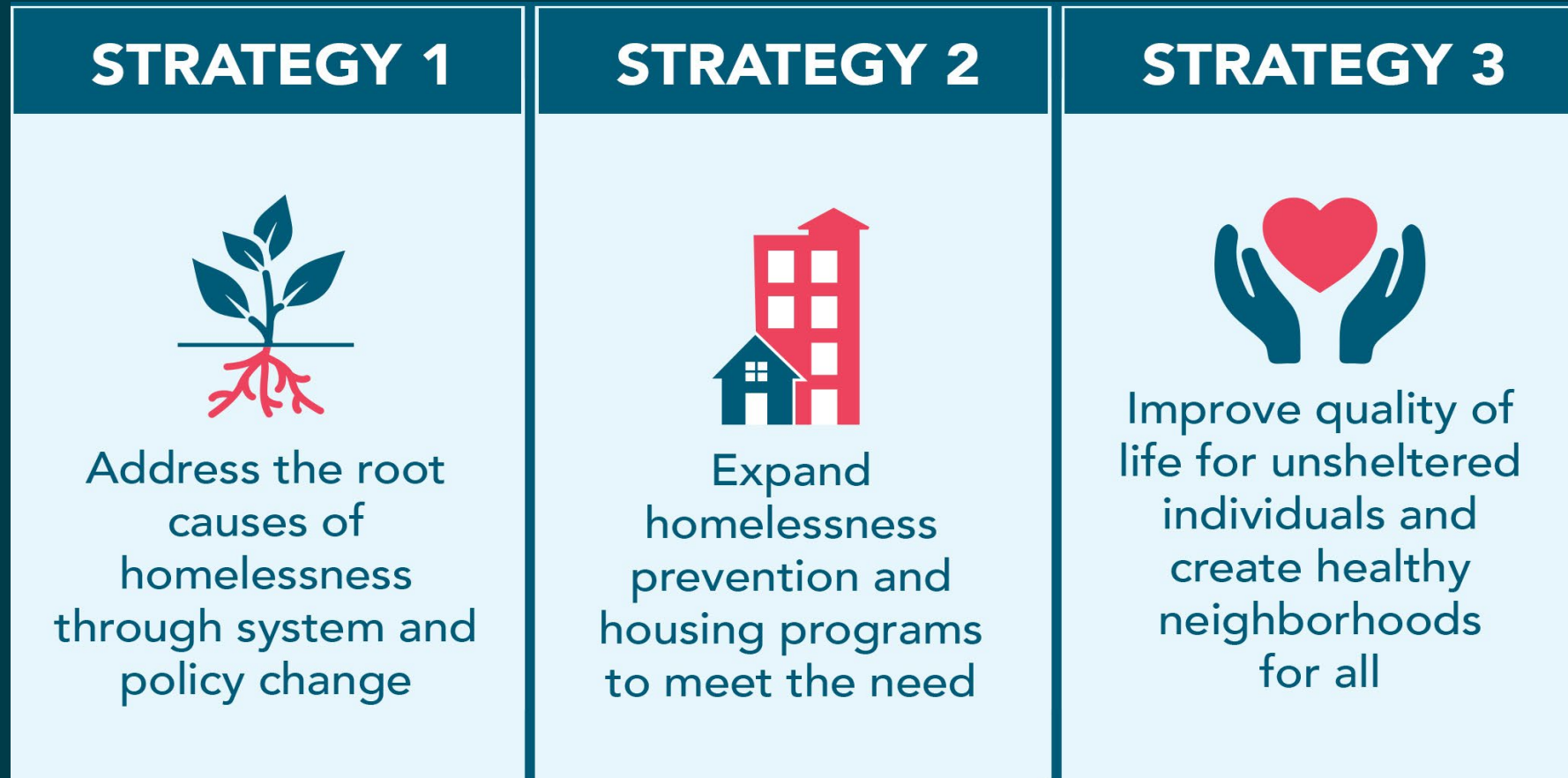
1. Background
2. Citywide Efforts
3. What is Emergency Interim Housing?
4. Discussion of Cherry Avenue Option
5. Q&A/Dialogue

# Background – Scope of Need



# Plan Built on 3 Core Strategies

## The Framework



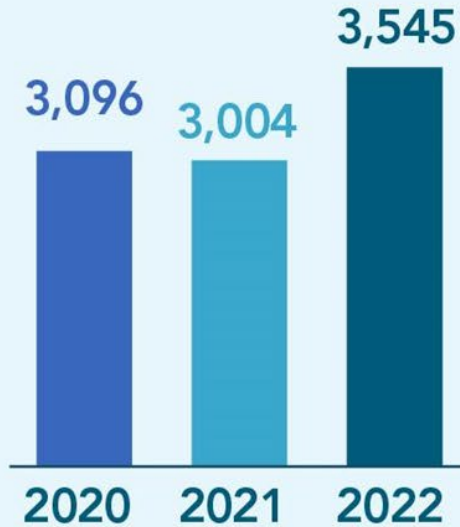


# 9,645

## People Housed

48% to 2025 goal (20,000)

### PEOPLE HOUSED BY YEAR



### KEY SUB-POPULATIONS



**23%**  
Families  
w/ Children



**14%**  
Veterans



**11%**  
Transition-Age  
Youth



**8%**  
Seniors (65+)

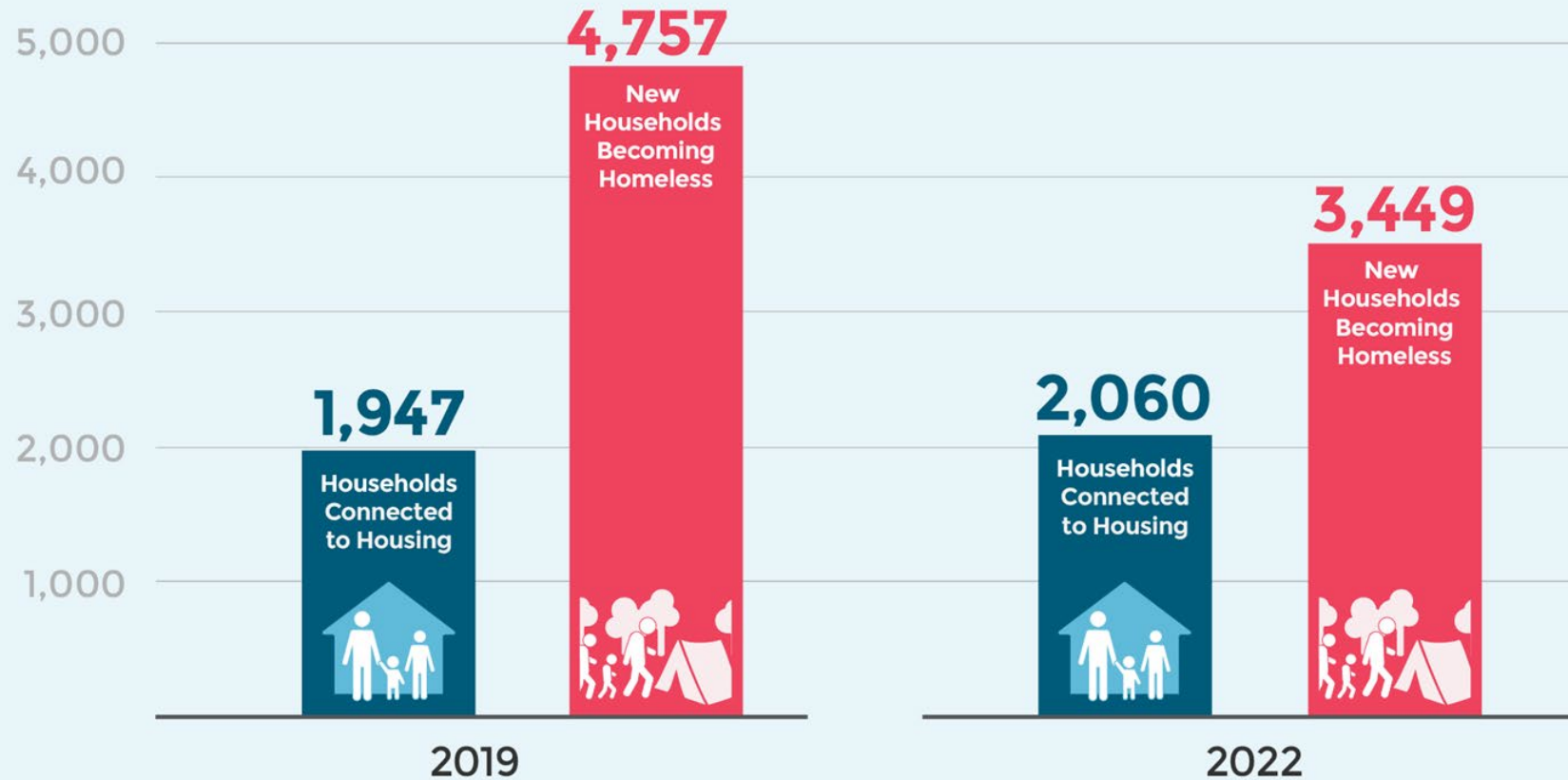
\*Based on number of households housed



**84%**  
have a  
San José  
affiliation

# NARROWING THE GAP TO 'FUNCTIONAL ZERO'

Households Connected to Housing VS New Households Becoming Homeless



For every **1** household housed,  
another **2.5** became homeless

For every **1** household housed,  
another **1.7** became homeless

# Background Success Comparisons

Prevention	Crisis Response	Solutions
<p><u>Example:</u> Regional Homelessness Prevention System</p> <p><b>Success Rate: 96.6% retention (benchmark: 85%)</b></p> <p><b>Scale:</b> 2,466 households</p>	<p><u>Example:</u> Emergency Interim Housing</p> <p><b>Success Rate: 71% exit to housing* (benchmark: 30%)</b></p> <p><b>Scale:</b> 1,350 people</p>	<p><u>Example:</u> Supportive Housing</p> <p><b>Success Rate: 95.9% retention (benchmark 95%)</b></p> <p><b>Scale:</b> Data in process</p>



# Background – A shared approach

## Important to understand

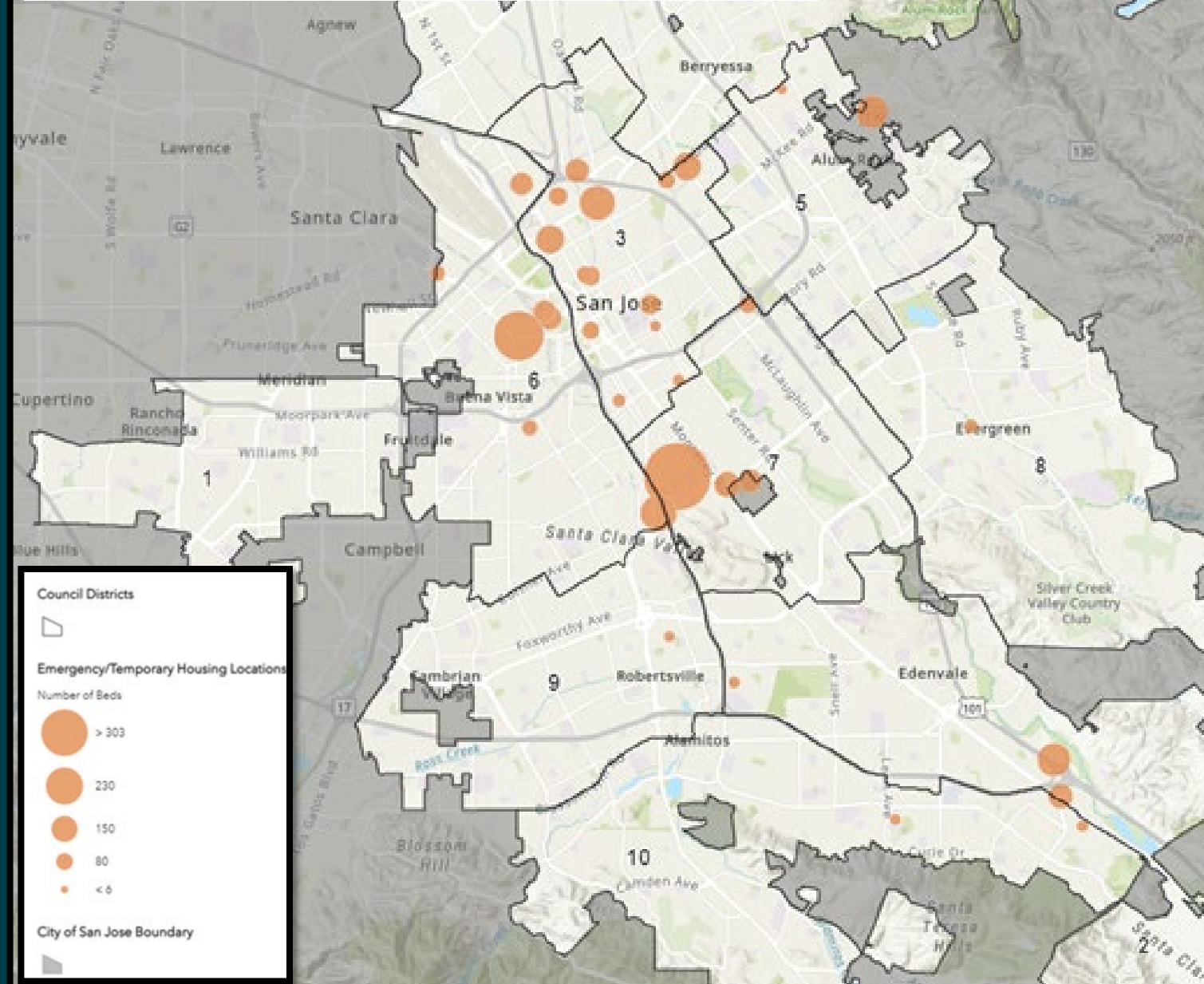
- ▶ Unhoused people live all over the City
- ▶ Shared solutions (temporary and permanent) are needed
- ▶ Current supply is mostly in central City



# A Citywide Approach – Emergency Housing System

- Existing emergency shelter primarily in City Center
- Expansion of EIH increases equitable distribution & access
- Ongoing efforts Citywide

Map of Emergency Shelter, Group Shelter, Transitional Beds (includes EIH/BHC)\*



# City of San José What is our EH program?



# Emergency Housing, a Positive Addition to Communities

- ▶ Clean, quiet, well-maintained
- ▶ Supportive alternative to the street while seeking permanent home
- ▶ A safe place to connect to services



# Emergency Housing Sites = Expanded Shelter Capacity

- ▶ Aligned with Community Plan to End Homelessness
- ▶ 493 beds across six sites so far





# Key Opportunities: A short video



# Emergency Interim Housing: Our process for site identification

- Includes all 10 Districts
- Sufficient size
- Willing property owner
- Benefits/Challenges to Location

# Siting Emergency Interim Housing

Consideration and discussion of EIH for Cherry Avenue Valley Water-owned site

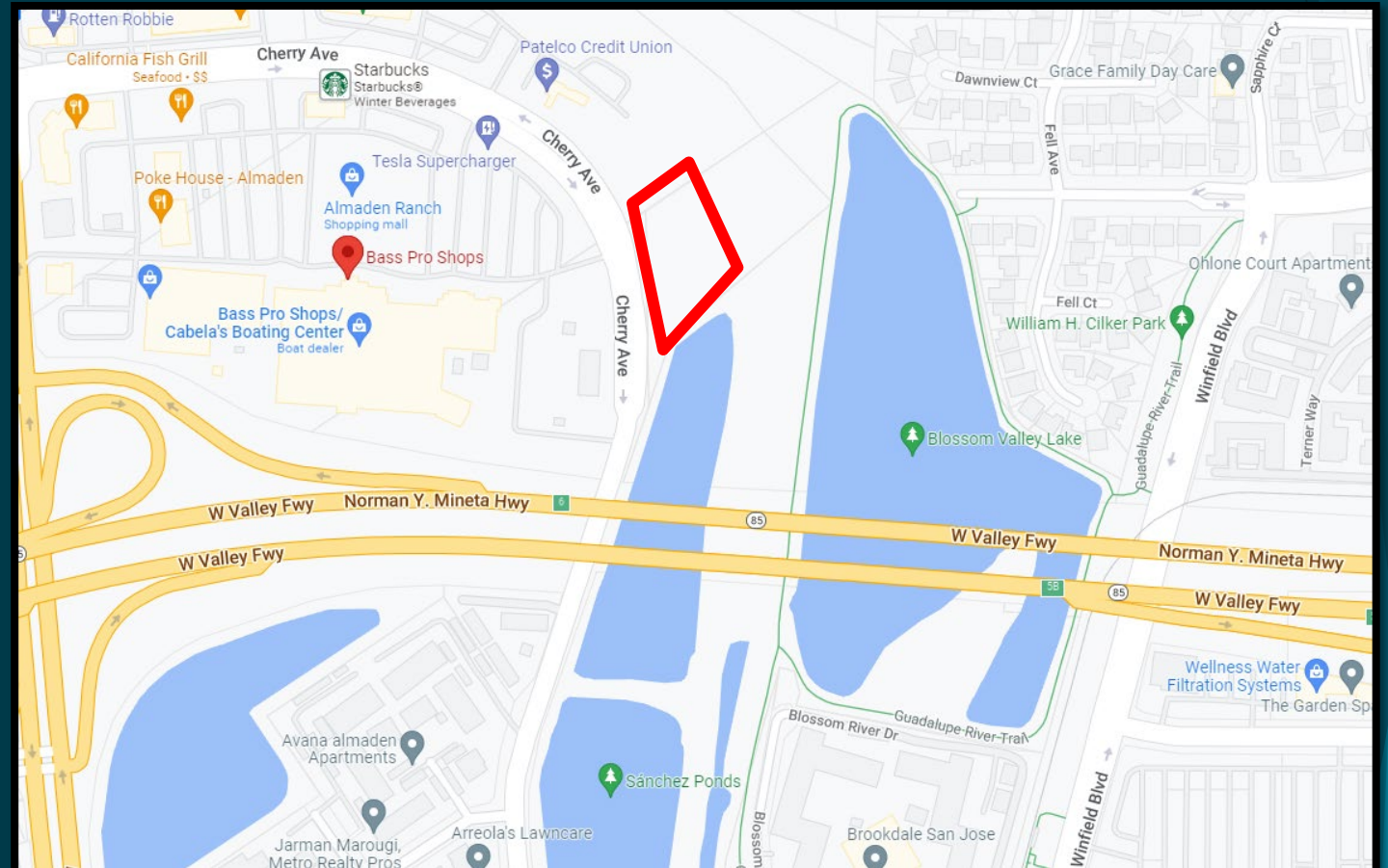
## “Cherry Ave” site

Council District: 9

Location: Near W. Valley Freeway

Developable area: approx. 2+ acres

Owner: Santa Clara Valley Water





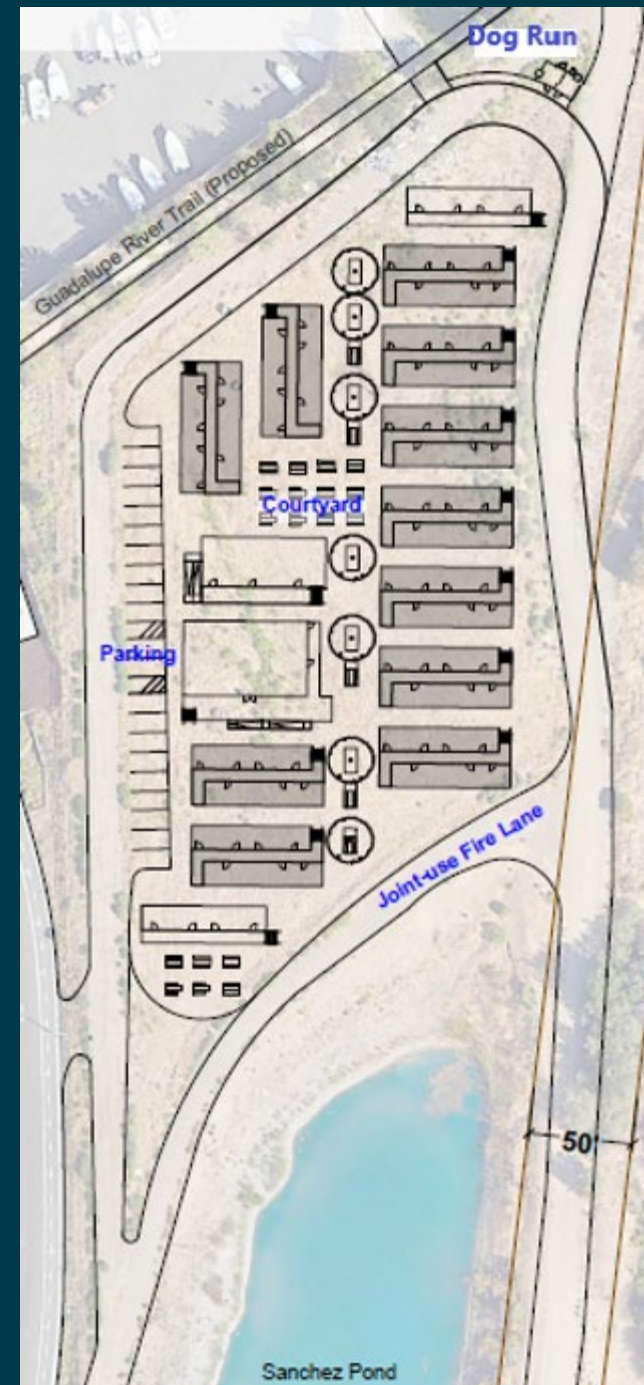
# What are we considering?

- ▶ Approximately 100 individual units
- ▶ Full suite of services and connections
- ▶ Security and health support
- ▶ Water Resources Protection Zone



# What are we considering?

- ▶ Sample layout of units
- ▶ Details to be refined

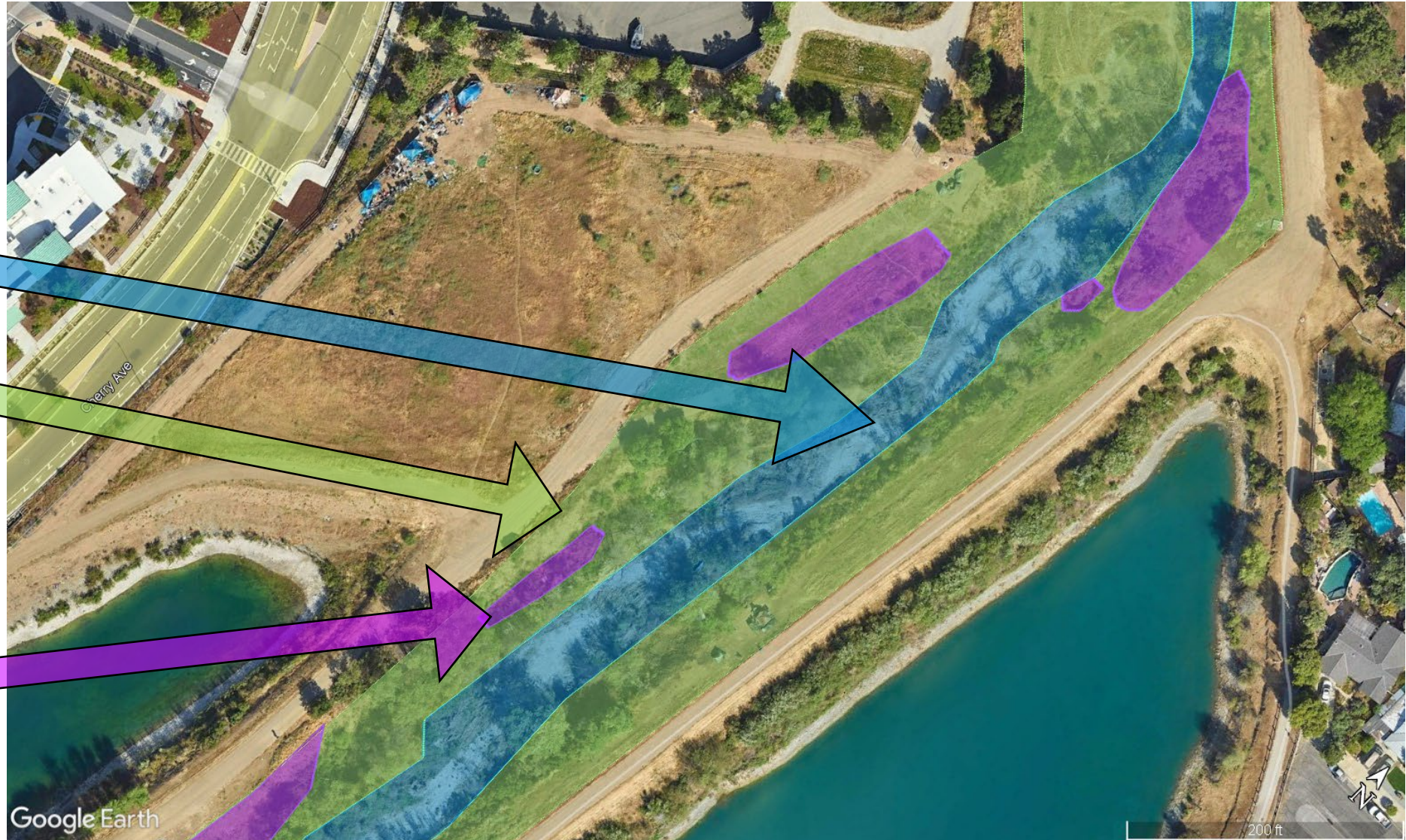




# Water Resources Protection Zone

## Guadalupe River (Blossom Hill Blvd to Branham Lane)

- Federally protected Water of the U.S.
- State protected Water of the State
- Valley Water permit-required mitigation





# Ecological Benefits the Need Protection

- Federal Flow Conveyance Requirements
- Maintenance of Regulated Water Quality Parameters
- Fish Habitat for Steelhead and Salmon
- Bird Habitat for Protected Migratory Birds and Raptors
- Active Mitigation for Multiple Regulatory Agencies



# Groundwater Recharge Benefits

- Critical water supply infrastructure
  - Percolation ponds
  - Groundwater recharge
  - Bird habitat





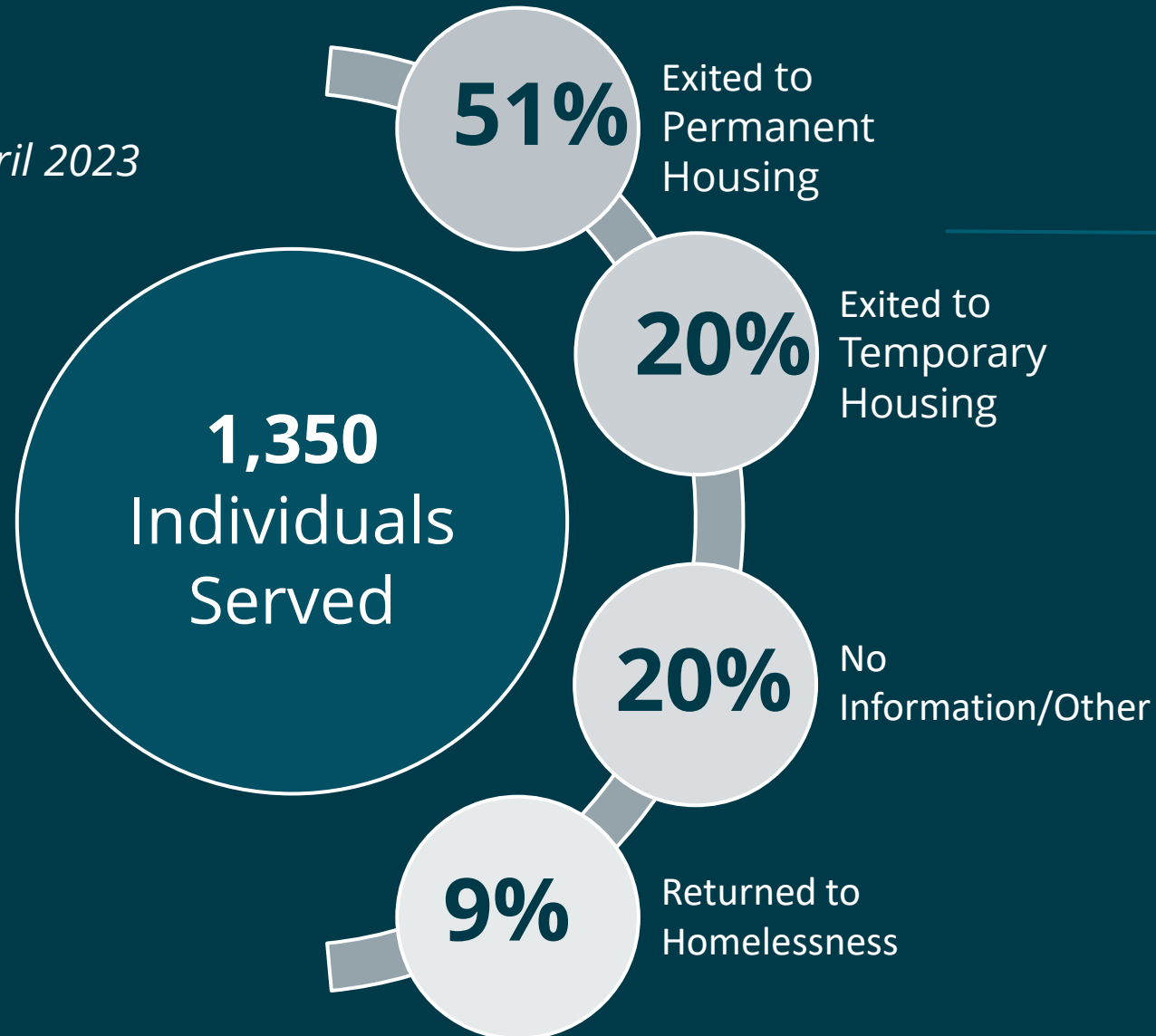
# Impacts to environment

- Declining ecological condition
  - Fire
  - Excavations
  - Plant and tree removal
  - Trash and debris
- Declining water quality
  - Biowaste
  - Hazardous pollutants
  - Trash and debris



# Success of Emergency Interim Housing

*Timeframe:  
January 2020 – April 2023*



*71% of residents  
remain housed after  
exiting a site*



# Where are we in the process?

## ▶ Key Upcoming Steps

- ▶ Ongoing due diligence
- ▶ Seeking input from community – housed and unhoused neighbors
- ▶ Seeking to go to City Council later in May (possibly 6/06/23)



# Discussion/Q&A