



Homeless Services Update

City of Tacoma | Neighborhood and Community Services

City Council Study Session
March 30, 2021





OVERVIEW



- Updates
 - Hygiene Station Pilot Program
 - Trash and Debris Pilot Programs
 - Draft 5-Year City Homeless Strategy
- Recommendation
 - Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Site



BACKGROUND



- 2/23/21 Study Session Update
 - COVID 19 Impacts
 - Shelter Inventory in Tacoma
 - Homeless Strategy

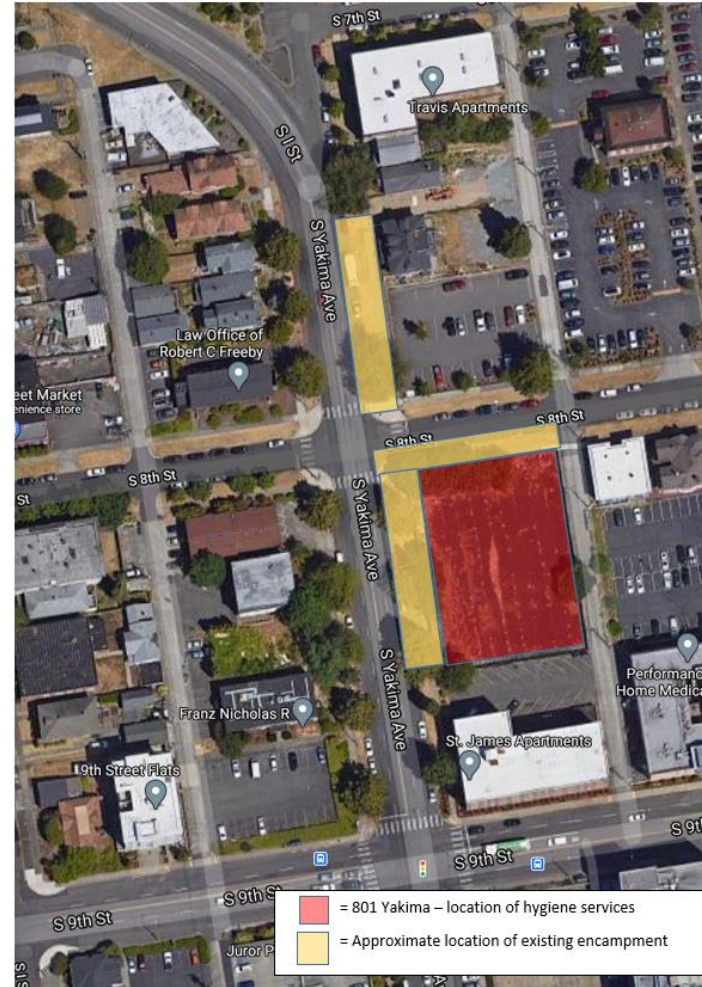


Hygiene Station Pilot Program



Services:

- Restrooms
- Hand washing stations
- Trash removal
- Security 6 PM – 6 AM

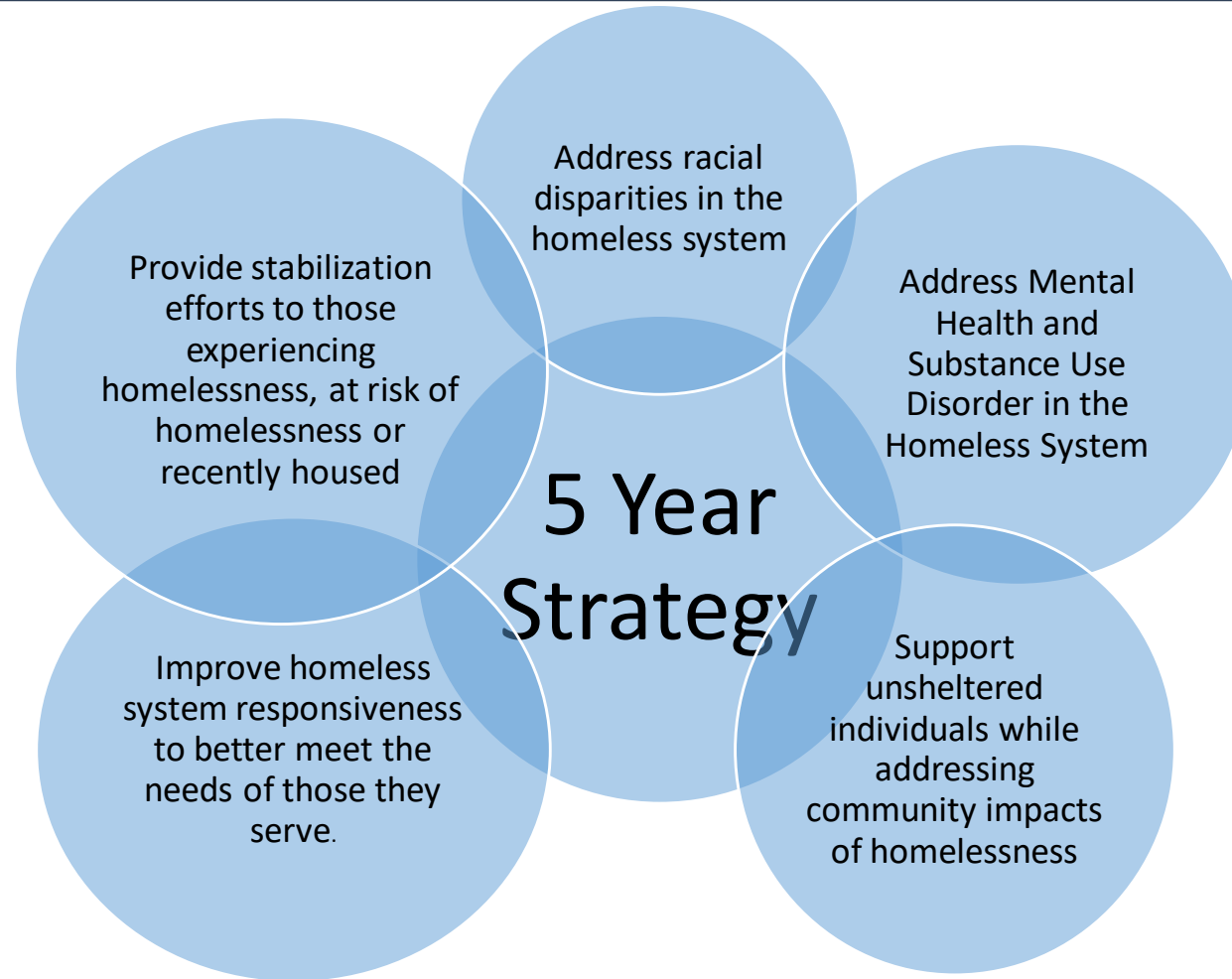




Trash and Debris Pilot Programs

- Bio-hazardous waste removal
 - Pilot March-May
- Litter and debris removal in rights of way
 - Pilot March-June
- HIRE program employing individuals experiencing homelessness for litter and debris removal and landscape beautification skills training
 - Pilot April-December

Draft 5-Year Homeless Strategy



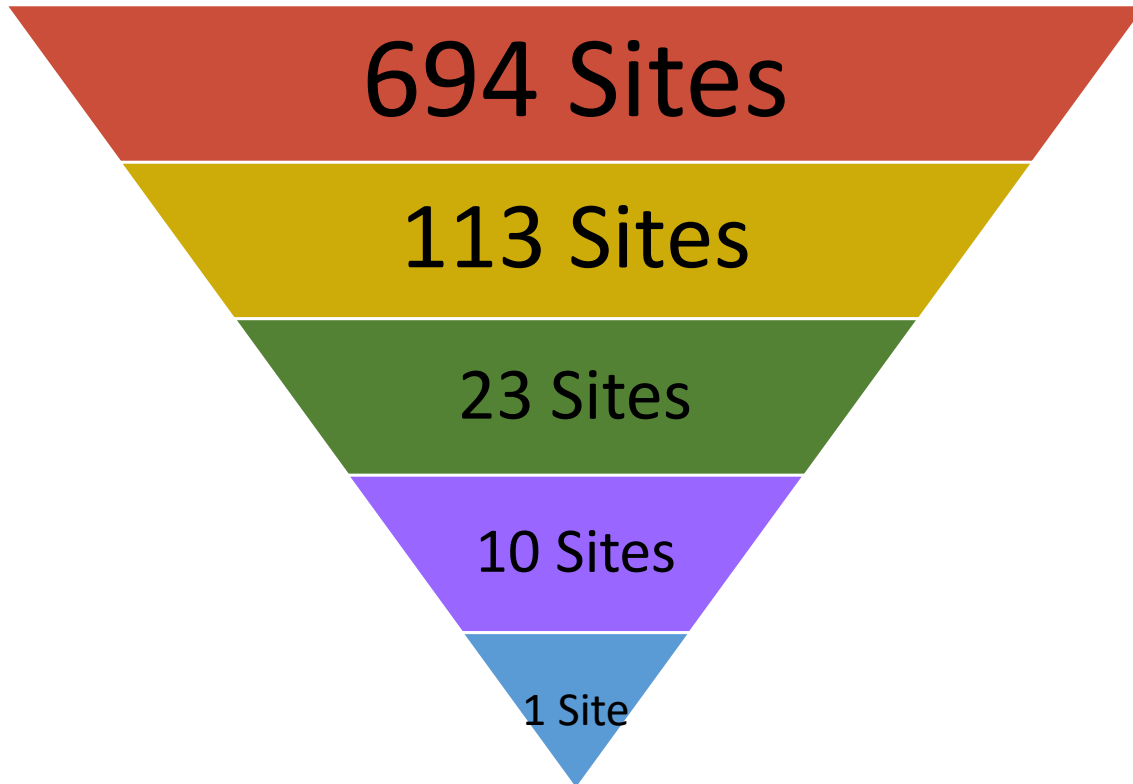
The City's 5-Year Strategy will Identify Effective Actions to Attain Outcomes



Draft 5-Year Homeless Strategy

- Community Engagement – Individuals with lived experience, advocates, providers, and community members through listening session, presentations with Q&A, and surveys.
- Timeline
 - Draft back to Council in April
 - NCS will have the draft substantially completed by September 2021.

Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Location Analysis



All General Government and TPU Properties in
Pierce County

Reviewed for outdoor space, at least 15,000
square feet and decent topography

Reviewed for adjacency to waterways, easy
access to services, adjacency to transportation,
community impact

Reviewed for operational uses/concerns

Understanding Community Impact and Potential Future Use is Required

Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Location Recommendation



Site Features:

- Size: 96,000 square feet
- No current operational uses
- Transit within 5 min walk
- Flexibility for future shelter use

S. 69th and Proctor

The Recommended Location Represents Greatest Opportunity for Success



Next Steps



Temporary Mitigation/Stabilization Site

- Clarify Council support for recommendation
- Site preparation and service planning
- Community engagement
- Encampment outreach

5 Year Strategy

- Continue engagement
- Survey to individuals with lived experience



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- Next Council update April
- Discussion and Questions



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