



LOCATION:
SONOMA COUNTY

SIZE:
60 SHELTERS

POPULATION SERVED:
LOCAL UNHOUSED
NEIGHBORS

OPENING DATE:
JANUARY 27, 2020

FUNDING:
COUNTY GENERAL FUNDS

BUILD TIMELINE:
ASSEMBLED IN 10 DAYS

Homelessness Emergency

The Joe Rodota Trail in Sonoma County is covered in lush greenery, with more than eight miles of nature for the public to enjoy.

A mile of the trail was home to the largest homeless encampment the county has ever seen. More than 200 people were facing homelessness, and it was growing quickly. The trees provided cover and protection from the sun, and served as a quiet place to call home. For people experiencing homelessness, it was their only place to go.

Without adequate shelters available, the county could not properly address the needs of their unhoused neighbors.

Declaring homelessness as a state of emergency years earlier allowed the county to turn a neighborhood lot into a transitional housing village – in just 10 days.

In January 2020, a team of Pallet employees, elected officials, volunteers, and community partners began to set up the site. Days later, the first residents began to move in.

I can't believe that we were able to basically complete an entire tiny community over the course of two weeks. People are really happy to be there.

-LYNDA HOPKINS
SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Features

Our 100 square foot units can comfortably house two people. Each comes with a key and locking door.

Sonoma County Village:

- 60 heated, personal shelters
- Electricity, LED lights
- Pet-friendly spaces
- Toilets and showers
- 24-hour management
- On-site security
- Hourly shuttle service

