



Pulaski County Community Village FAQ - Updated December 19, 2022

- What is this project?
 - Pulaski County seeks to provide a community for chronically homeless in Pulaski County. This neighborhood will be modeled after the successful Community First! Village in Travis County, Texas—operating since 2015 – with a goal to meet each individual’s most fundamental needs. The project will be a permanent home for these residents with a focus on their mental, physical, emotional and workforce development needs. Micro cottages, small environmentally friendly homes, will be created to house the residents. The project, located on Pulaski County land, will also contain a health clinic, land for farming, community kitchen, entrepreneur hub and other necessities to ensure growth and stability.
 - This project is an exciting new concept in providing permanent, supportive, affordable, and sustainable housing to the chronically homeless based in a loving and hospitable environment with amenities to improve the quality of life. The concept that a homeless person can best focus on the cause of his or her homelessness if his or her basic human needs are being met including a sense of being placed – a connection, loyalty, affection, identity, ownership, a location, a home, a community. We know that when people have adequate housing and have access to nutritious foods that the cost to our society, both economically and emotionally, is reduced including less need for emergency medical care and diminished use of our criminal justice system.
- Who will operate the project?
 - A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization will take the initiative in creating this model for Central Arkansas. The non-profit will work with existing organizations, such as Central Arkansas Team Care for the Homeless (CATCH), the Arkansas Homeless Coalition, The Van, Our House, Jericho Way and many other local expert service providers to ensure coordination and collaboration. There will also be a tremendous community collaboration to ensure the project achieves its vision. The non-profit will empower community individuals, organizations, schools, and businesses to create plans to ensure access for new ideas and goals. The non-profit will also be responsible for fundraising, overseeing development and coordinating volunteers and staff.
- What is a rough timeline for this project?
 - Rough timeline estimates 1-1.5 years for development of the property.
- Where will this be located?
 - The address is 6900 Green Road in Pulaski County. Zip code is 72103.
- Why was Green Road selected as the location for the community village?
 - The property was selected because of its location, size, and proximity to resources. The property needed to be inside Pulaski County and outside any city limits. It needed to be large enough to complete the first phase of the Village with 100 homes and also be large enough for additional growth. The property also needed to be close to resources such as transportation services. The Green Road property met all these needs. In addition, the property is next to the Southwest Trail,

a bike and pedestrian trail with a short commute to downtown Little Rock, which will be beneficial to Village residences with employment offsite. The Green Road property is also large enough to allow for natural buffers, such as the green belt that will surround the Village.

- How many acres is the village?
 - The property is 150 acres in total. We anticipate the Village to sit on approximately 60 acres.
- How is the village being funded?
 - The creation of the village is being funded by American Rescue Plan funds. At this time, \$5 million has been set aside to create the village.
- How will the housing work?
 - Individuals will fill out an application to live within the Village and once they are approved, they will have an option of housing that is available. Neighbors within the village must have a plan to pay rent and abide by the Village rules and their housing contract. Some residents will be employed on site to aid in the Village operation.
- How many people will live there?
 - We expect to provide housing to 100 neighbors in the first phase and, over time, grow to 400 homes when fully developed.
- Who will live in the community?
 - The neighborhood will be specifically for chronically homeless individuals and their immediate families that have experienced homelessness for over a year. The average age of an individual in the Community First! model is 58 years old.
- How will this development affect traffic?
 - We expect that there will be minimal impact to the traffic in this area of the county. We are working to provide public transit to and from the neighborhood on a regular basis.
- Will the property be secure?
 - The village will be secure. It will be a master-planned community with a green belt surrounding the neighborhood, and it will have a gated entrance with a security desk that will be aware of who enters and exits the village.
 - General guidelines at this time will require each potential resident in the neighborhood to complete the Coordinated Assessment intake, be fingerprinted and submit to a criminal background check processed by the FBI. Then, on a case-by-case basis, qualified personnel will review the applicant for their compatibility with the Village and the community at-large.
- How will the Village work with the police and fire departments?
 - We will work closely with the police and fire departments to ensure safety in the village. We will conduct meetings with each department to ensure safety plans are safe, sustainable and efficient.

- Will this project attract homeless people from other areas in the state?
 - There are multitudes of communities around the country that have been established using this model for development. There has been no evidence of these neighborhoods attracting individuals from outside the geographic areas that they are designed to serve.

- What will this project do to my property value?
 - Other developments around the country have found there to be no impact on surrounding property values where the Village has been developed under these guidelines.

- Will tents and shacks be utilized in the neighborhood?
 - There will be no tents, campsites or tarp sheds in the Village. Neighbors in the village will be housed in either a Micro-home (200-240 square foot) or a Park-home (400-450 square foot) residence depending on their expected rent amount per month.