

The county did not establish this encampment on our property, and we can only assume that it is a result of a lack of emergency shelters and affordable housing, issues the county regularly works to address with other governments, agencies, and community organizations.

In response to many requests from the City of Burien we have, however, worked to keep the area as safe and sanitary as possible. The fence at the site establishes a boundary to contain the encampment size, allows for uninterrupted access and services at the District Court, and helps to protect the stormwater system nearby. It also helps to provide a barrier from nearby traffic. In response to concerns about sanitation at the site, King County, through its Facilities Management Division, has stabilized the site with weekly trash pickup and hygiene stations (handwashing stations and porta potties).

We also worked with the City of Burien to address the homelessness crisis when we offered (and they accepted) \$1M and 35 pallet shelters in June 2023 to begin supporting those who are living unsheltered in their city. These resources remained unused for over a year and have since been redirected to the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) to assist in resolving this encampment and help move people into shelter or permanent supportive housing, which is underway and has been for several months.

Outreach is designed to build trust, connect people to services, and ensure appropriate matching to housing and shelter. Outreach workers initially visited the site daily. They started a process for folks to receive identification documents. Nurses visited the site to address medical needs. There's also a day center nearby where those at the encampment can come inside, receive food, and talk with a case manager.

Since then, they created a by-name-list to begin moving those who were at the site when their outreach began into shelters and connecting them with services. After that list was created and capacity was met, signage was posted to give notice of the intent to resolve the encampment for any new people arriving.

For more detailed information on their process, the total number of people they've served or will be serving, or the timeline, I would contact KCRHA directly.

Once KCRHA has completed connecting those at the encampment who were added to their by-name list, King County will work through its Facilities Management Division to clean and clear the site of any remaining items and trash and will remove hygiene services. The fence will remain up at this time.

For questions about KCSO or Burien Police Department's engagement in resolving this encampment in partnership with KCRHA, we would direct you to the Sheriff's Office.

It's important to note that before the start of this outreach work by KCHRA, the Burien Police Department's Crime Reduction Unit, and Co-Responding Mental Health Professionals spent time in and around the encampment location working on both addressing criminal behaviors and

connecting those living there to resources, so they have had regular engagement at this site which did not seem to be an issue with the City of Burien at the time.

King County remains committed to working with our local cities and the state to find long-term solutions to affordable housing and homelessness.