

REGIONAL HOUSING GROUP

### Southern Oregon Coast Regional Housing

- In 2018, both Coos and Curry Counties had objective analysis performed of the current housing market dynamics, resulting in a Housing Analysis and Action Plan for both Counties.
- The studies indicate more housing is needed in general, particularly for low income residents and working families; which becomes an economic development issue.

#### **Housing Study Outcomes**

- Formal and informal housing groups have formed in both Counties around certain concepts and projects.
- Local entities (governments, businesses and non-profits) started focusing on housing as a priority.
- Individual organizations sought resources to strengthen their own capacity to engage in meaningful housing work, at the project and systems level.



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- NeighborWorks Umpqua received a capacity building grant from Meyer Memorial Trust to allow greater focus on affordable housing development in the region.
- Support for the project went from a 2-year grant to a 3-year grant through Meyer Memorial Trust, with additional support from Wild Rivers Coast Alliance and The Judith Ann Mogan Foundation.







### Southern Oregon Coast Regional Housing Steering Committee Members

In order to effectively address housing efforts at a regional systems level, a core group of stakeholders have been working since late 2019 to lay the framework for a collaborative approach that can engage and align multiple organizations and jurisdictions.

- Melissa Cribbins
  - Coos County Commissioner
- Court Boice
  - Curry County Commissioner
- Rodger Craddock
  - City Manager, City of Coos Bay
- Marie Simonds
  - Executive Director, Wild River Coast Alliance
- Sam Engel
  - Director of Social Determinants of Health,
     AllCare Health
- Judy Duffy
  - Chief Executive Director, Tribal One

- Tamie Kaufman
  - Mayor, City of Gold Beach
- Robb Crocker
  - Partner, Opportas, LLC
- Meredith Howell
  - Resource Development Officer,
     NeighborWorks Umpqua
- Stephanie Hadley
  - Regional Housing Coordinator
- Mike Lehman
  - Former Regional Housing Coordinator
- Robert More
  - Retired Committee Member, Coquille Indian Housing Authority Board of Commissioners



- Over the next few years Robb Crocker & Jill Nelson of Opportas, LLC will build and rehab approximately **45-50 high quality, multi-family apartments and cottages.** All in the downtown core of Reedsport, Oregon.
- Projects were born out of an **urgent**, **unmet need for housing that professionals and median income earners would find acceptable to live in**, as well as appreciate the beauty, livability, high quality job prospects, and proximity to the fast growing communities that Reedsport provides.
- The need was first noticed by Robb Crocker through his **involvement as a Board Member** of the South Coast Development Council, Coos County Housing Action Team and Southern Oregon Coast Regional Housing Steering Committee.



Sora Crossing
5-Plex Rennovation
575 Greenwood Avenue



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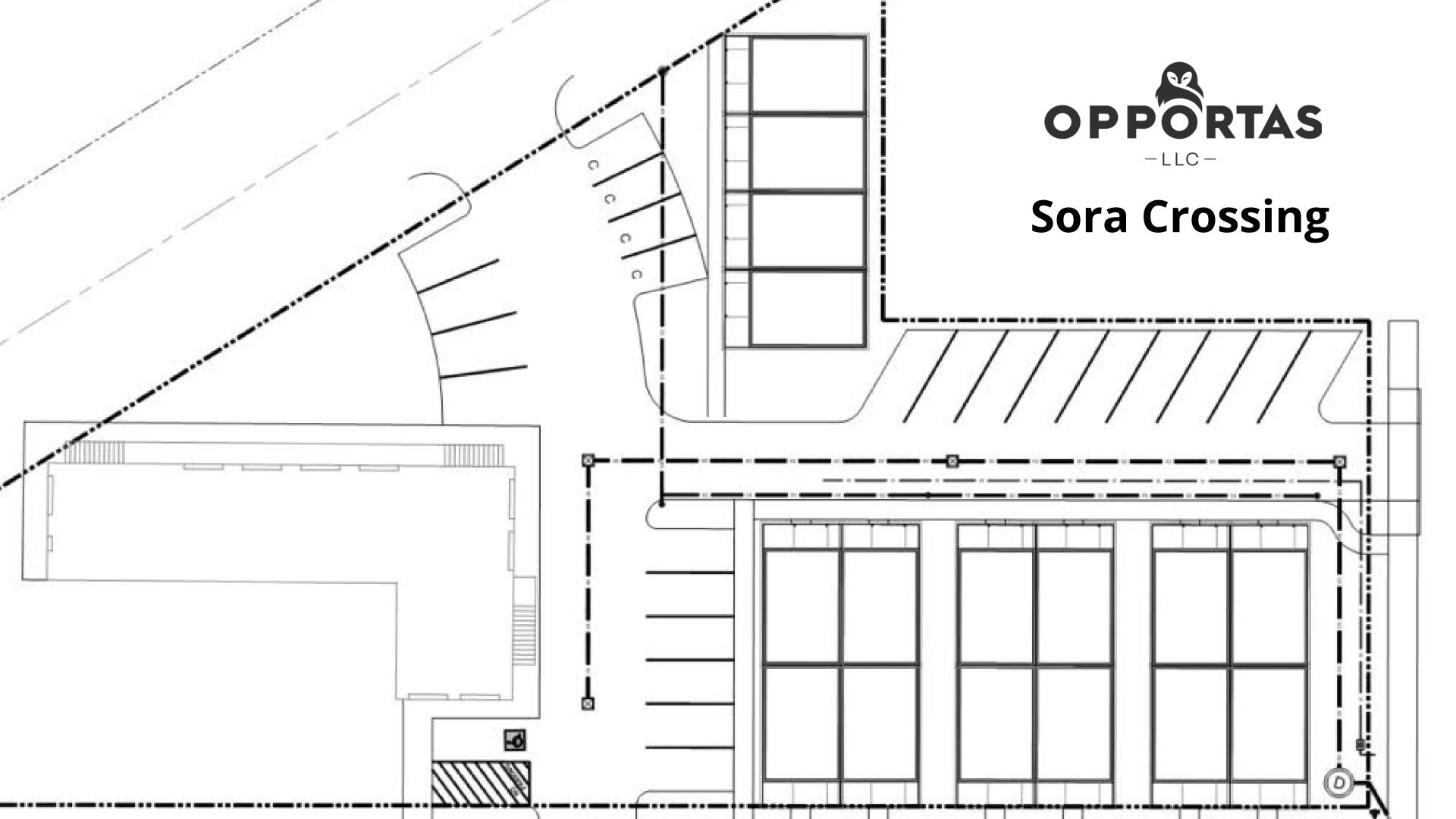
















**Sora Crossing** 

**Eagles Lodge**Corner of 5th & Fir Avenue



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### **Eagles Lodge**Corner of 5th & Fir Avenue

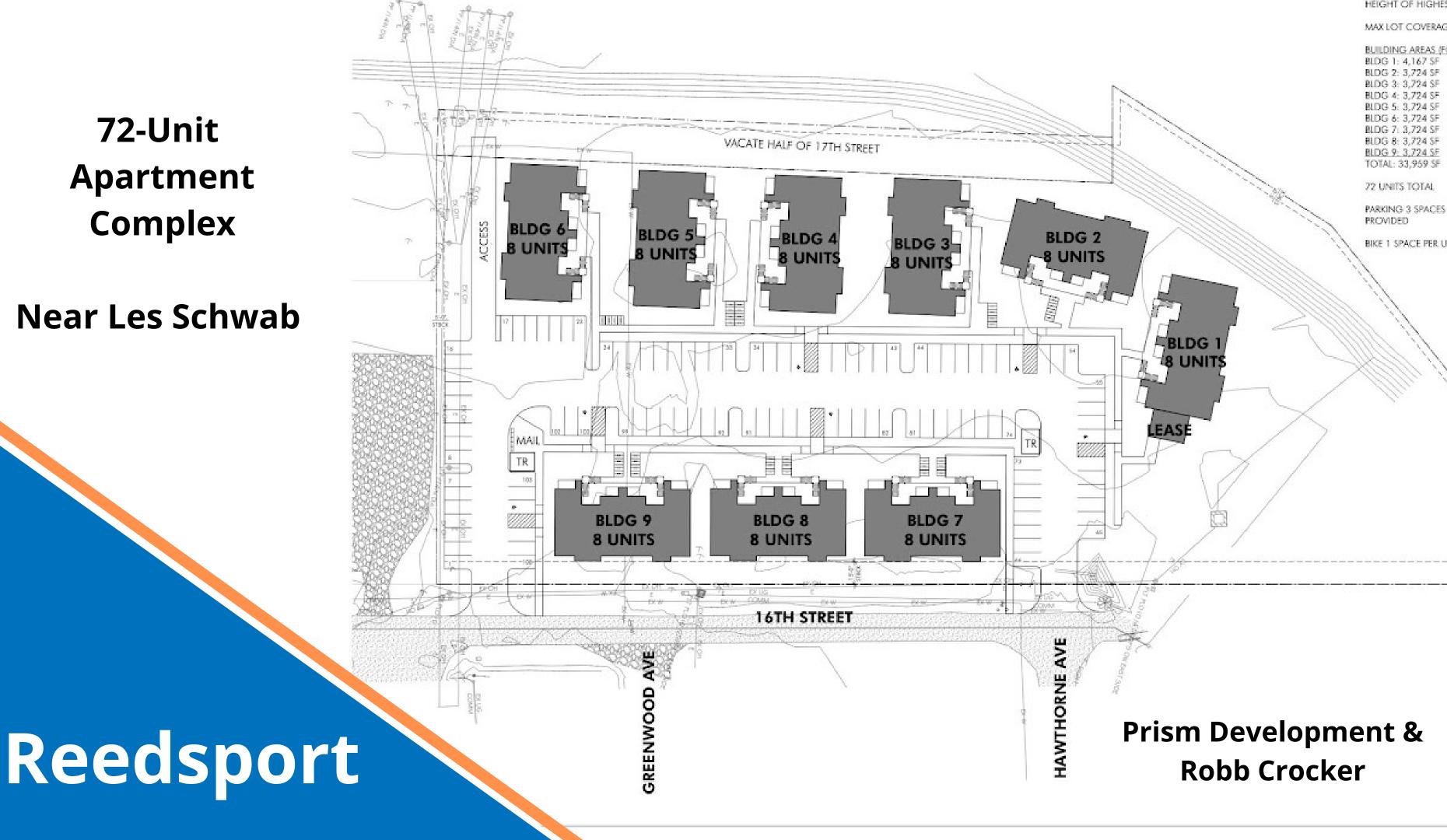






72-Unit **Apartment Complex** 

**Near Les Schwab** 



# Barriers to Housing Study

Communities in Coos and Curry Counties have long had challenges with housing production.

Potential for new job growth and investment in the counties may make the housing problems even more acute. The counties, cities and DLCD are working together to develop a regional housing plan, starting with an evaluation of barriers to housing production and access to housing that is affordable. This study is being conducted by ECONortwest.

The project will involve identifying strategies for cities and the counties to support future housing development.







## Coos County & Curry County

# Multi-Unit Property Tax Exemption (MUPTE)

- The Multi-Unit Program Tax Exemption (MUPTE) program is a stateenabled housing incentive program that allows cities across Oregon to exempt property taxes on residential improvements of approved multi-unit properties for up to ten years.
- Although the State of Oregon enables this program, each municipality has the opportunity to shape the program to meet its own goals by controlling program requirements, criteria and program cap.
- The MUPTE initiative is an opportunity to increase the rental supply in Coos Bay.
- City of Salem, City of Cottage Grove, City of Florence, and the City of Eugene have enacted Multi-Unit Program Tax Exemption programs.
- Cottage Grove has realized 120 units on the books due to the MUPTE program in the first year, and have additional units in the planning and permitting process now.

### Coos Bay

















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