# Vision for the Future







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# Meeting the Challenge for a New Senior Community Center

### Bartlett Hall Opened for Seniors in 1977 and No Longer Meets the Increasing Needs of Local Seniors

- > Too Small to Accommodate Current Events and Activities
  - 166 Maximum Seating Capacity Is Insufficient
  - Inadequate Parking for Seniors and Guests
- Lack of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Options
- > Too Costly to Maintain or Modernize For Current Needs



# Meeting the Challenge for a New Senior Community Center

#### New Senior Community Center Will Benefit Mendocino County and other Community Partners

- Ukiah Senior Center and Rural Communities Housing Development Working to Co-Locate New Community Center and Low-Income Senior Housing
- New Community Center Expands Opportunities for Collaboration with Mendocino County and Provides New Resource Center for County Events
- Larger Community Center Accommodates Events and Activities for Other Nonprofit Organizations Who Use Ukiah Senior Center's Facilities
  - North Coast Opportunities
  - Veterans Groups
  - Local Service Clubs and Community Organizations
- River Oak Charter School Seeks to Expand Using Old Ukiah Senior Center Community Hall and Thrift Store Facilities and existing parking

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#### **Progress Moves Forward for New Senior Community Center**

Rural Communities Housing Development's New Project on Brush Street under Construction



Opportunity for New Senior Community Center to Co-Locate on 1.7 acres at the east end of the RCHDC Parcel



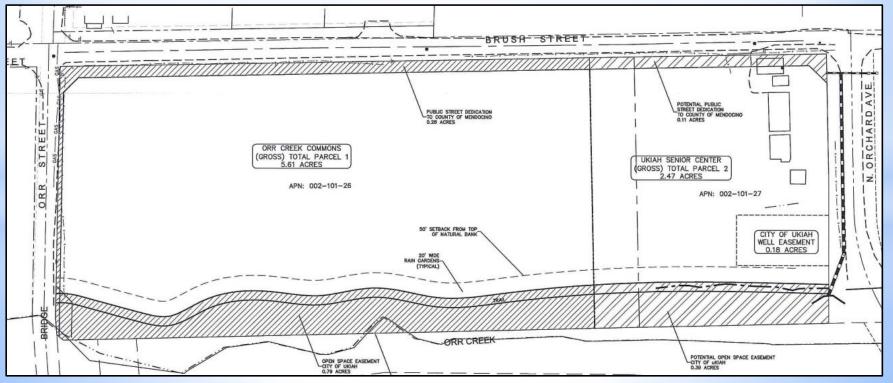
Phase I - Orr Creek Commons

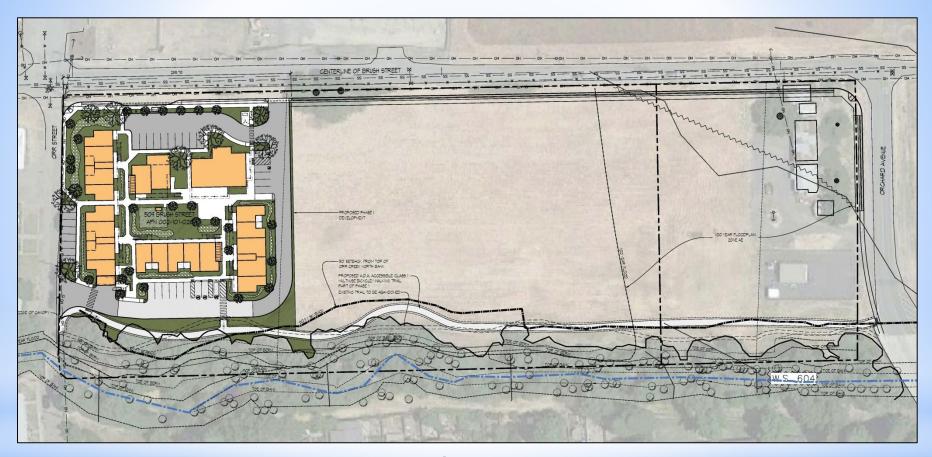


Corner of Orchard Avenue & Brush Street



- Within Mendocino County's Jurisdiction
- > 1.7 Acres at Orchard Ave. & Brush St.
- Bordered by Orr Creek on the south
- Adjacent to RCHDC low-income housing
- 8-Acre Site Owned by RCHDC





#### **Orr Creek Commons**

80-Unit Low-Income Housing Project
Shown above: Phase I Footprint – 40 Units
Rural Communities Housing Development Corp.

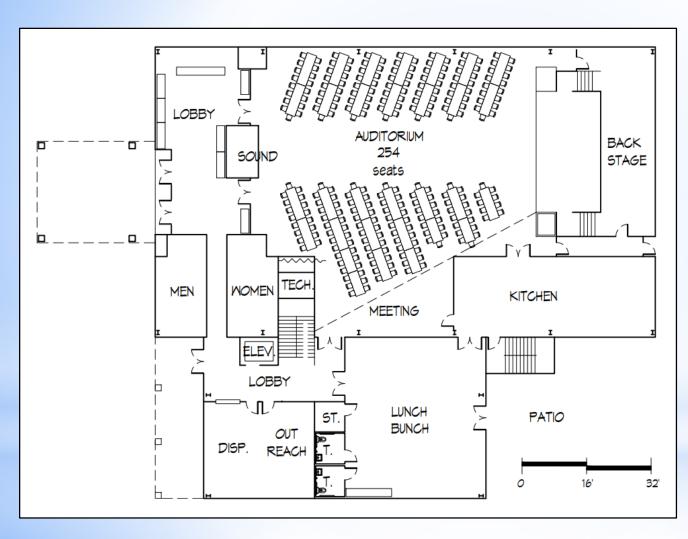


#### **Site Considerations:**

- Existing City of Ukiah Well Site
- RCHDC Use Permit Requirements
- Minimum Parking Requirements
- Traffic Flow for USC Bus Access
- 1.7 Acres of Developable Space
  - Community Center
  - USC Administration Offices

Feasibility Study completed in 2016 confirmed suitability for new senior community center at this site.

City of Ukiah Well Site on Orchard Ave



### Community Center Design Considerations

- Increase Seating
   Capacity to 254
- Add Lobby Area with Covered Drop-off
- Improve Access to Lunch Bunch,
   Outreach and Transportation
- Increase Parking

**New Senior Community Center – First Floor** 

- Larger Facility Expands Services to More Seniors
- Increases Proximity for Senior Housing Residents to Senior Programs, Meals, Activities and Services



Annual Thanksgiving Day Meal at Ukiah Senior Center

Each year, many seniors and their family members are prevented from attending Thanksgiving and other large events due to seating limitations.

New Community Center Will Benefit Other Nonprofit Partner Organizations and County Event Use Needs



Veterans' Christmas Dinner Held at Ukiah Senior Center

Ukiah Senior Center collaborates with many area nonprofits for shared use of its Bartlett Hall facility and commercial kitchen.

#### **Revenue Projections**

#### **Ukiah Senior Center Thrift Store**

By expanding retail space from 1,100 sq.ft. to 5,000 sq.ft., USC will become self-sustaining through increased annual sales revenue. Additional sales tax revenues will also benefit Mendocino County.





New Community Center Venue and Commercial Kitchen

The New Community Resource Center will expand event opportunities for area seniors and multiple nonprofit community partners, while providing rental income for future sustainability.

## Energy Efficient Construction and Renewable Solar Energy

Cost Effective Design and Construction Enhances Sustainability

- New Community Center Incorporates Energy Efficient Construction for Lower Maintenance and Utility Costs
- Architectural Design Incorporates Solar Panels on Community Center and Thrift Store Buildings for Energy Independence





Modern Design and Construction Improves Sustainability by Lowering Annual Operating Costs

### **Funding Sources**

#### **Current Property Value**

Ukiah Senior Center's Bartlett Hall & Thrift Store at 495 & 497 Leslie Street: Possible Sale to River Oak Charter School. Assessor's 2020 Value \$579,183.

#### Capital Campaign Support

Pledged Support from Community Benefactors for Designated Contributions to Fund the new Senior Community Center.





495 and 497 Leslie Street



#### **Commercial Construction Loan**

Savings Bank of Mendocino County Offers Support for Contingent Commercial Construction Loan Financing.

#### **Public Funding Opportunities**

State and Federal grants and loans are sought through support from and a collaboration with Mendocino County.



### **Next Steps**

- Ukiah Senior Center seeks support from Mendocino County and government partners to prioritize and pursue Community Development Block Grant funds and other available state and federal grants or loan opportunities
- Ukiah Senior Center will initiate a Capital Building Fund Campaign for community benefactors' support
- Ukiah Senior will pursue purchase of Brush Street parcel from Rural Communities Housing Development Corp.
- Ukiah Senior Center will pursue sale of existing Leslie St. property to River Oak Charter School for its expansion
- Ukiah Senior Center will pursue commercial construction loan financing opportunities through the Savings Bank

The Ukiah Senior Center is grateful for ongoing support from our community that enables local seniors to maintain their self-reliance and independence allowing them to remain in their homes.





With continued support from local, state and federal partners, we hope to expand services for seniors and the community through a new, modern Adult Community Resource Center that will provide a legacy of service for decades to come.

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