

WORKFORCE HOUSING WEBINAR PRESENTERS

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 AT 9 - 11AM

Columbia Basin Student Homes

Our program provides real-world application, exposure, and opportunity to the student population in the Columbia Basin region. We produce one custom, modern, energy efficient student built home during the school year in a two block class time frame. We work with the Northeast Oregon Home Builders Association, local contractors, and suppliers from our local communities.

Curt Berger, Program Coordinator at Hermiston High School

Website. <https://www.columbiabasinstudenthomes.org/>

Tiny Home Communities

Veterans Village development is an innovative housing initiative focused on providing affordable, reputable housing for veterans by way of creating individual cottage style “tiny homes” set within a supportive neighborhood atmosphere. This project model has the ability to be used and modified to fit a variety of housing needs across various demographics. The tiny homes we’ve developed are small footprint, energy efficient 480 sq ft structures with an emphasis on clean, simple, modern design. This project is led by GCT Land Management in close collaboration with Oregon Housing Community Services.

Gust Tsiatsos, owner of GCT Land Management, aims to improve the growth and economic progression of communities here in Eastern Oregon through a broad portfolio of projects.

Creating Permanently Affordable Homeownership With Community Land Trusts

Community Land Trusts are used across the country in both rural and urban settings to create and preserve affordable housing in perpetuity. Proud Ground has provided permanently affordable homeownership opportunities using the CLT model for 20+ years and currently stewards close to 400 homes in our five county service area. The model is flexible and can be used in partnership with many funding mechanisms to create long lasting impact in communities. This will be a brief introduction into what a CLT is and how they preserve affordability including funding sources and implementation considerations.

Katie Ullrich, Homeownership Program Director at Proud Ground On staff with Proud Ground since 2004, Katie has a Masters in Social Work; is a licensed Realtor; and is a HUD certified housing counselor. Katie’s experience includes working one on one with homebuyers, marketing CLT homes for sale, leading innovations and implementation of programs and seeking funding for new housing opportunities. Website: <https://proudground.org/>

Building a Community-level Strategy for Growth

The City of John Day currently offers four of the most aggressive housing incentive programs in the nation. These programs are available for new home construction, major renovations of existing properties, and land development for future housing improvements. The programs are administered by the John Day city council acting as the John Day Urban Renewal Agency Board of Directors. Increasing the availability of quality housing is part of a larger strategy for growth that the city approved in 2017. John Day’s Urban Renewal Agency is now the fifth fastest-growing in the state, with \$3.3 million in new tax value created from the construction of 14 new homes and 7 major renovations in its first three years.

Nick Green, City Manager for the City of John Day

Summit County Workforce Housing

An overview of housing projects, policies and strategies being used in Summit County in Colorado to preserve and/or create housing for the local workforce. The four legs of Summit County’s housing strategy include: 1) New development, 2) Preservation of existing housing stock, 3) Commercial/Hotel conversion to workforce housing and 4) Review and audit of the existing development code and housing code to remove barriers and facilitate workforce housing.

Jason Dietz, Housing Director for Summit County Government

To register for this event, contact Julie Keniry at julie@revcenter.org or visit www.revcenter.org/workforce-housing