



Transformative Climate Communities Ontario Together Project Updates

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VISTA VERDE APARTMENTS

- National CORE



National CORE construction crew
working on site at Vista Verde.

Photo Credit: National CORE

Building A

- Footings and slab have been poured.
- First floor framing is complete and 2nd floor framing has begun.

Building B

- All framing has been completed.
- Roofing has been installed and inspected.
- Densglass and insulation is currently underway.
- Stairs and all sheet metal work has been completed.

Offsite Improvements

- All offsite improvements have been completed and National CORE has received numerous compliments from surrounding neighbors.



VISTA VERDE APARTMENTS

National Community Renaissance California

LOW-CARBON TRANSIT OPERATIONS PROGRAM

- *Omnitrans*



Omnitrans buses serving residents of the Inland Empire.

Photo Credit: InlandEmpire.us

Transit Pass Program

Omnitrans is currently collaborating with City staff to execute a transit pass distribution agreement. This agreement will provide pre-determined City facilities as well as homeless network provider, Mercy House Living Centers, with the ability to distribute monthly transit passes to Ontario residents. Staff is looking to have this program implemented at the time when Route 83 services expand.

Route 83 Expansion

Omnitrans has purchased two brand new RNG buses through TCC funding and are preparing them for service. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Omnitrans has suspended their May 2020 schedule service change, which includes the increased frequency on Route 83. The next anticipated schedule service change is in September of 2020 and will include the Route 83 expansion.

Transit Related Amenities

- All new construction and improvements of existing bus shelters is set to begin late this year. Omnitrans and City staff are working closely with design consultants to prepare the plans.

ONTARIO SHINES: Multi-Family

- GRID Alternatives



Rooftop solar p.v. panels installed by
GRID Alternatives staff and trainees.
Photo credit: GRID Alternatives

Vista Verde

- Designs for the rooftop solar electric system are completed and plans will be submitted to the City permitting department within the next week. Once permits are received, GRID will schedule an installation date.

Assisi House

- Designs for the rooftop solar electric system are completed and will be submitted to the City permitting department within the next two weeks. GRID and the City are currently reviewing and preparing for execution of the construction contract

Others

- GRID is currently in technical assistance phase for the additional multi-family properties, Francis Apartments and Guadalupe Apartments.

ONTARIO SHINES: SINGLE-FAMILY

- GRID Alternatives



GRID Alternatives crew at first Ontario installation.

Photo credit: City of Ontario

Installations

- GRID successfully completed their first residential installation on March 27, 2020.

Current Projects

- 21 prescreen qualified projects. GRID's Outreach Coordinator Team is working with homeowners to complete their orientation and submit their applications.
- 7 approved projects that are in the construction inspection and design phase.
- 1 project in the approved construction phase with signed contracts. Installation date is currently pending.

COVID-19 Updates

- Due to COVID-19, GRID has been facing new challenges only being able to communicate through phone and email. GRID has however, been working very closely with our Community Engagement lead, The Social Impact Artists, to continue their outreach efforts and attract potential homeowners.
- Additionally, due to COVID-19, GRID has had to temporarily suspend their TCC paid internship program, reduce staff hours, and adjust their production goals for 2020 by 28%. These changes will not affect GRID's ability to meet their TCC obligations.

ONTARIO CARBON FARM

- Huerta del Valle



HdV President, Maria Alonso, and Ontario resident at the Huerta del Valle Community Garden.

Photo Credit: Huerta del Valle

Project Readiness

- In March of 2020, Huerta del Valle (HdV) successfully achieved all of its project readiness requirements and were recently granted an official Notice to Proceed from the Strategic Growth Council.

Site Preparation

- HdV is working closely with their partner, Sierra Vista, to begin on-site improvements and site preparation.
- This includes installation of roads, bringing electricity to the site, and improvements to the on-site water well.
- HdV is also working towards the purchase of a mulch grinder that will be used for daily operations of the Carbon Farm.

Farmer Training Program

- HdV has been working closely with the Community Engagement team to continue promoting their ongoing farmer training course. This will allow members of the community to be well equipped and prepared for future jobs that HdV is hoping to have available in 2021.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

- *The Social Impact Artists*



Community Engagement Team at the Ontario Neighborhood Fair.

Photo Credit: William Vasta

Community Engagement Highlights

- In January and February, the Ontario Together Community Engagement Plan (CEP) Team engaged 468 community members through outreach, community forums, telephone calls, text messages, and social media posts.
- From March 16 – April 13, the CEP team has conducted outreach to 593 people, focusing on housing updates for Emporia Place, GRID Alternatives, Green House Gas reduction education, and the farmer training program by Huerta del Valle.

COVID-19 Updates

- Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, beginning March 16, 2020, the CEP team has been conducting weekly meetings, outreach and engagement through text messages, phone calls, and social media posts.
- The CEP teams first virtual House Meeting highlighting the Ontario SHINE program by GRID Alternatives is scheduled for April 22, 2020 at 5:00 pm.
- All community forums and physical outreach will resume and be rescheduled once the State of California lifts the mandatory quarantine and social distancing regulations.

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