

Shipping Container Task Force 02/20/2025 Working Session report

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Background: RFA for placement of two (2) 20-foot containers

- External: 20' long x 8' wide x 8'6" high
- Internal: 17'10" long x 7'6" wide x 7'5" high

Locations considered

1. Above 1st Street away from the road, near the tree – relatively naturally camouflaged (tree, new fence) – would need some additional “shrubs/trees” planted to block view or add “artificial sides/roof” so it doesn’t look like a Shipping Container. Might have difficulty with delivery. Concerns about the slant of the ground. Proximity to Highway 101 increases likelihood we would need security monitoring.
2. Above 1st Street near the road – natural sound barrier, would require more camouflage (trees/shrubs), “artificial sides/roof” so it doesn’t look like a Shipping Container. Might have difficulty with delivery. Concerns about the slant of the ground. Distance from Ramada would require transport of supplies. Proximity to Highway 101 increases likelihood we would need security monitoring.
3. Near Ramada (nearby) – would require camouflage. Relatively easy delivery access. Relatively level. Close to Ramada where “communal cooking” will occur. Close to Ramada where initial medical triage would be located. Need to validate delivery would not impact underground lines (e.g., sewer, water).
4. Second (2nd) Street grass area – would require camouflage. Easy delivery access would not need to go across grass. Electrical would be required to be run a greater distance than at the Ramada. Distance from Ramada would require some transport of supplies.
5. Meadow – Not a good option. Difficult delivery access would need to go across grass/septic which can’t happen. Meadow west end is often wet. Distance from Ramada would require transport of supplies. Proximity to Old Gardiner Road increases likelihood we would need security monitoring.
6. Eastland – not really – Not its intended purpose. Would require “clearing.” Would not be convenient in the event of an emergency. Delivery Truck would not be able to easily access for placement. Not very level. Potentially downstream of water flow. No utilities. Natural camouflage. Too isolated and need to have people stand guard. Distance from Ramada would require transport of supplies.

Other locations discussed:

7. Parking area by storage sheds – already allocated, limited access to utilities. Potentially downstream of water flow. No utilities. Natural camouflage. Might have difficulty with

delivery and could impact access to yard waste compost trailer. Distance from Ramada would require transport of supplies. Proximity to Highway 101 increases likelihood we would need security monitoring.

8. Laundry room parking lot south side near Highway 101. Difficult delivery. Concerns about anything near Highway 101 being easy access to those outside of DBR. Distance from Ramada would require transport of supplies.
Proximity to Highway 101 increases likelihood we would need security monitoring.
9. Off of the Golf Cart path from 2nd street to DBR parking lot - Potentially downstream of water flow. Existing power lines might be in the way. Some natural camouflage. Distance from Ramada would require transport of supplies.

Discussed other storage options considered

- ❖ Leave where it is – not a long-term option as more food will be needed than can be stored in current location
- ❖ Regular storage units – not water or rodent proof
- ❖ Putting on an existing lot – even if leaseholder agreed now there is no guarantee that would always be the case and no lots are available
- ❖ Park buy a lot and put a structure on it – no lots available and would cost more and may not be easily accessible from the Ramada

Parking Lot Topics (For later discussions)

- Storage of food within the containers (off the floor/on shelves), not in boxes
- Additional resource needs (e.g., food/medical/ventilation system, shelving, other)
- Positioning of the doors for easy access
- Consider Solar energy for lighting
- Need to consider heating/cooling
- Discuss specifics on contents
 - What is the specific life of the products, and do we need to “rotate stock?”
 - What care is taken to preserve the contents

General consensus:

Best option is South end of Ramada directly south of the Pet Memorial area prior to the tree line. Running parallel to the south end of the Ramada and perpendicular to West Street. Shipping containers to be placed short end (8 foot) together with the openings on opposite end of the Shipping Container.

Ramada (South end)

✓ Pros:

- ✓ proximity to communal cooking and medical triage
- ✓ level
- ✓ creates a wind barrier
- ✓ relatively easy access
- ✓ utility access (assuming water and electricity is working) if not can cook without electricity and nearby alternative water option (artesian well with manual pump)

Cons:

- needs camouflage – all locations would require some form of camouflage. Could be camouflaged with mural(s) to create a “backdrop” for activities at the Ramada
- some concern about storage containers being “out in the open and park esthetics”
- would require running electrical for ventilation, however since electrical exists at Ramada would be a short distance
- need to confirm delivery and placement would not impact underground utilities (e.g., sewer lines, water lines)



Neighbors camouflage of Storage Containers

(North Side of Old Gardiner Road, near Gardiner Beach Road)



Storage Containers with mural camouflage



Storage container being covered with siding