Nesika Illahee Case Study Questions

Directions

1. Read the provided or linked copy of the August 26, 2020, Street Roots article, "Once-houseless Native families now have a home in a gentrifying neighborhood."
2. As directed by your teacher, individually or together with classmates, answer the following questions and be prepared to discuss your responses with the whole class.

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1. What does "Nesika Illahee" mean, and what language does it come from?

2. Name three things that make Nesika Illahee unique and different from other affordable and Tribal housing projects:

a)

b)

c)

3. What role did the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and its Tribal housing department play in the project?

4. Which type of housing is Nesika Illahee an example of? Emergency? Supportive? Affordable? Explain your reasoning.

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5. How does the project create a feeling of "home" for Siletz members and other Native Americans?

6. What are some of the benefits of living at Nesika Illahee, according to the residents interviewed in the article?

7. How could Nesika Illahee potentially better support Siletz and other Native Americans struggling with homelessness, mental illness, and addiction compared to other housing options?

8. What lessons can Nesika Illahee offer to planners and designers of other affordable housing projects, whether they serve Native Americans or not?