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DEAR CITY OF LA CROSSE OFFICIALS:

I am very disappointed in the outcome of postponing this issue of camping in the marsh for 60 days, given what I've experienced first-hand in just about two weeks. I believe it is a dangerous situation.

I attended the Public Works Committee yesterday and I attempted to speak "without a script" but from my heart as a La Crosse citizen.

As I fear for my health and safety, I will not be able to walk around the marsh trails due to the encampments on city property. However, I will remain hopeful the situation improves before something tragic happens; the situation has all of the makings of a dangerous outcome. I feel we as tax-paying city residents attempted to point these issues out to you, our elected city officials.

Sadly, someone like Chuck Lee of Friends of the Marsh was put on record as saying there was not trash in the Marsh from those living there. There are at least four tents on the paved trail and the garbage is spilling out of all of the garbage cans, etc.

Obviously, Mr. Lee and others have not actually experienced the situation first-hand, which is unfortunate.

Please, I invite all of you to take a walk around this trail and witness all of this first-hand.

I am planning to attend the June board meeting - unless something can be offered by that time.

Kim Hoffman
The Landings resident

On Apr 6, 2024, at 1:22 PM, Kim Hoffman <kimhoffman12@icloud.com> wrote:

Hello La Crosse City Officials,

As a taxpayer and lifelong resident of La Crosse, I urge you to please end camping in our treasured marsh lands.

I may live closer to our homeless brothers and sisters than any other La Crosse citizen, as a resident of The Landings condominiums with a riverside view.

Today was the last day I will attempt to walk on the city's paved trails around our marsh. I was sworn at and verbally threatened by a couple in the middle of a domestic dispute.

This is beyond merely a "public nuisance."

The garbage is overflowing.

Tents are ON the paved trail, as well as in the woods of the marsh.

I plan to attend the Public Works Committee Meeting on Monday, April 8, at 10 a.m., and I will anticipate the measures that are being taken to protect my property rights as a citizen and taxpayer of our community.

My health and safety as well as the preservation of our natural resources are at stake. Time is running out!

Sincerely yours,
Kim E. Hoffman
La Crosse, WI