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Hello Mayor Reynolds and council person Janssen, I read about the recent ideas concerning the homeless camping out in the marsh lands. The marsh is meant for wildlife and those who enjoy observing them, not those who choose to lead "wild" lives to the detriment of that environment. I fully support the idea put forth by council person Janssen that those camping out in the marsh should be evicted and offered the alternative of "camping" out in a parking area next to the police HQ where basic sanitary services such as pit toilets could be had. Many of these homeless have refused our help in the past to integrate them back into society but to ignore them hoping that they will move on is wishful thinking. Such thinking will ensure that this problem will only get worse. If they refuse our help then they must move away from La crosse. We are taxpayers who use our city trails and marsh lands responsibly and want other to do the same, Jon Cowan La crosse, WI