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I cannot believe the City of La Crosse is even entertaining the thought of turning Houska Park into a camping area again. It did not work the first time and will fail again. As a slip holder at Municipal Harbor we seen first hand the negative impact it had to the area. To look at the park from the river as a resident or visitor to the area was totally disgusting. Is this how we want to convey to our river visitors what we represent as a community? It embarrasses me.

We at the harbor are a neighborhood just like any other part of the City of La Crosse. By turning the park into a campground you take away MANY of our daily activities that we enjoy. No more walking our dogs in the area, worrying about our families being confronted, having to go up to the parking lot when guests or family arrives because we and they are afraid. Really? Finding syringes next my vehicle as I'm loading the grandkids into the vehicle. Listening to the sirens at first from our local Police Department almost daily. When I say at first I mean after awhile they would shut the sirens down before they got close to not draw attention. We figured that one out. I personally called 911 twice because of a person unconscious on the side of the road. This will change the whole family atmosphere that we create and respect at the harbor. I could go on and on. Please do not let this happen. If you do it will be another \$100000 or more to clean it up again in a few short months at winter approaches. Totally foolish.

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