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Re: Consideration at August 8th, 2024 public hearing-unsheltered encampments

Hello:

I am writing in support of the long term plan to end homelessness in our area as outlined by the Pathways Home project.

Homelessness is a complex issue to say the least. Establishing encampments doesn't make sense. The resources needed for an encampment, as outlined by Caden Perry in [The La Crosse Tribune](#), July 31, 2024 edition is significant and could best be used for long term solutions, such as increased shelter space. Can the indoor facilities listed in the above article be renovated with needed upgrades and licensing into longer term shelter space while stable housing solutions are found? Exploring encampments seems to be a step backward.

As a La Crosse County taxpayer, I welcome resources spent on long term solutions to the unsheltered issue. I have faith in those committed individuals working on Pathways Home project's goal of reaching functional zero homelessness. Through support of Pathways Home, we can enjoy living in a community who cares for those in need.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Heath