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Hello, my name is Dean Herlitzke, I live and I own three properties close to Houska Park for the past 36 years. I understand the city wants to open the park back up for camping AGAIN! This is so disappointing to think the city is ready to try this failed experiment again. My neighborhood did not feel safe during the time the unsheltered/homeless were living in the park. The problems spilled over to my neighborhood to the point I didn't feel safe walking my dog anymore. Also, I understand there were around 30 people needing shelter until the city opened up the park for camping and that number exploded to over 130. Why open up that park for camping now that the taxpayers have spent money cleaning up needles and having the topsoil hauled away because it was unsafe. If you want to ruin another neighborhood and park, why don't you go to Pettibone park for your camping plan, you are going to need a larger park in the future as more people move here to take advantage of LaCrosse taxpayers. Sad, used to love this area and now I'm actually contemplating selling and moving out of the city. Dean Herlitzke