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Dear City Council Members:

I urge you to seriously consider an ordinance regulating Camping in our Marsh!

The people who are camping along the Veterans Trail and in the precious Marsh lands continue to present unpredictable behaviors such as drug use, verbal outbursts and fire starting, and these behaviors make us afraid to walk the trail! I am not the only woman who had been accustomed to walking this trail and now we are fearful for our safety. We surrendered our trail!!!!

I guess we don't understand why this should be delayed? I look out the window of my condo here at The Landings on Copeland Avenue and see more tents set up daily along Veterans trail and on the marsh. Yesterday morning a person was standing in the marsh relieving himself in clear view of anyone looking onto the marsh. We also regularly witness people "shooting up" drugs. Would most people on the City Council want to look out onto their backyard and see this?

See photo below, there are STRUCTURES being built in the precious march land, completely illegal and of course they are disrupting the wildlife!

We fully support the City Council in your efforts to pass the ordinance making camping on our marshlands and along Veterans trail illegal. Please protect our vulnerable and unique Marsh! Please pass the ordinance requiring moving tents every 12 hours so the GARBAGE can be removed (at tax payers expense of course). Please review all other city owned parcels and make those areas available for camping.

I look forward to hearing about your progress in this matter. See photo below.



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