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This is a letter in opposition to removing the designation as "no camping" in parcel 17-50256-10.

I am a resident of the City of La Crosse, have a boat at the Municipal Boat Harbor and regularly use the dog park and trails at Houska Park.

The Houska Park "Campground" experiment a few years ago did not go well. Obviously it was a disaster that not only cost ALOT of money, (for 200 to 300 people) but also created an unsafe environment, both safety and health, for all the individuals residing in the Park. I am hoping that there is not a repeat of that eyesore.

In a campground you need to register for a specific site, show identification, keep the site clean and abide with the rules. None of these things happened when the "Campground" was previously created. If anything like this takes place again there has to be a plan and infrastructure to keep history from repeating itself. There also needs to be a 24/7 manager on scene and security. I don't know how a true "Campground" could be created at Houska Park without these things being in place and enforced.

After a year of bulldozing, cleaning and sanitizing, Houska has again become a beautiful park with activities taking place. It was wonderful to see that softball was again being played. The dog parks and trails are being safely used by the La Crosse area community.

I do appreciate the dedicated work that has been done in trying to deal with these issues and find a suitable solution. However, I do not agree with removing the "no camping" designation for Houska.

Sally Newman