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While the homeless problem is huge and difficult to solve, using public parks for temporary camps is at best a bad stop-gap solution. These are spaces that are refuges for all of Portland's citizens, often in sensitive environmental areas, and using them for homeless camps would undoubtedly damage them and make them unavailable for the general population. I strongly urge the city to not use these precious spaces as another "kick the can down the road" "solution" to this problem.

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