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I can only speak to the Pearl District, as that is where I live, but I have to question what "open land" is being referred to if not the parks here. This neighborhood is a huge draw for tourism, which this certainly would hurt. But more so, families live here with the understanding that they can use parks with their children. Used needles, mentally unstable and at times violent people, and unchecked detritus and filth cannot be allowed to become a hallmark of any neighborhood, but the explanation of "all neighborhoods needs to suffer equally" rings hollow to me. No neighborhoods should suffer the depredations of poor planning, poor execution, and poor availability to mental healthcare and addiction management. These services and facilities should not be near neighborhoods. You don't get clean living next to your dealer. House them away from the rest of society until they are ready to rejoin it.

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