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As a community, we need to address the dire needs of the houseless. We need to apply resources - human and otherwise - to assist in real ways. And we need to respect the need of everyone for green and natural spaces. And we need to respect the species that we co-exist with and their habitat. It is critical not to open every green space, particularly riparian areas, to human encampments. There are ways to solve this problem together without sacrificing decades of work and thousands of human hours to protect and restore our creeks and rivers. Please find other places to help the houseless. Thank you.

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