

**From:** [Mary Anglim](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Demolition of Tiny Houses at Dairy Drive (Item 45 on agenda of 9/2/25)  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 2, 2025 6:30:43 PM

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I urge the Council to postpone the proposed demolition of the Dairy Drive campground site at this time. It's clear that housing is still needed by the population using this site, since the Men's Shelter is not yet ready, and probably will not be adequate to meet all the demand for shelter. The city will not incur more costs due to a postponement, given the funding approach proposed, and the campground can be closed at a later time if the Council chooses.. Undoubtedly improvements to the structures currently in use would be desirable but it seems premature to do away with them when they could still be used for a few more months.

Mary Anglim  
District 6 Aldermanic District  
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**From:** [noreply](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** [All Alders] Don't close Dairy Drive camp!  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 2, 2025 5:30:10 PM

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Recipient: All Alders:

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 – 5:29pm

Vicki Berenson

She/they

145 Jackson St

Madison , Wisconsin. 53704 No, do not contact me. All Alders Don't close Dairy Drive camp! I oppose the closure and demolition of the Dairy Drive campground. We need this to serve unsheltered people experiencing homelessness with the highest vulnerabilities, especially when other options are ending, non-existent or inadequate and the need is growing. The new men's shelter will only accommodate 250 people (the current shelter served as many as 400 per night last winter).

The Dairy Drive Campground initiative demonstrates that successful solutions to homelessness include providing legal and safe places for unhoused people to live and connect with service providers to secure permanent housing. At a time when other jurisdictions are turning to law enforcement and criminalization of homelessness, Madison should continue to facilitate the operation of this campground which is now an important part of the homeless services continuum.

**From:** [Carolynbetz](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Do not close Dairy Dr housing  
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I work with the unhoused every week. Please keep the Dairy Dr tiny housing open into the future. Invest some money into it and make improvements. Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater by demolishing the whole thing. Housing is the basis for improvements for people experiencing homelessness. Be sensible.

Thank you.

Carolyn Betz  
1534 Morrison St.

**From:** [Linda Hall](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Dairy Drive - Item 45  
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Please vote no on Item 45. There needs to be a plan on how to help those who will be displaced.

Linda Hall  
1834 Rutledge Street  
Madison

In the face of tyranny every act of participation in democracy is an act of moral courage.  
(Unknown)

**From:** [Dean Landowski](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Dairy Drive, do not waste my 1.2 mill taxpayers money you already put into it  
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Keep Dairy Drive, do not waste my 1.2 mill taxpayers money you already put into it.

**From:** [emosse@aol.com](mailto:emosse@aol.com)  
**To:** [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** Item #45: Oppose Outside Demolition Contractor for Dairy Drive Campground  
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Dear Common Councilmen/Women,

I, Earnestine Moss, am writing to request that you vote NO on spending funds to hire an outside contractor to demolish the Dairy Drive Campground, where up to 29 people will be displaced and forced to be sleeping outside and unhoused while looking for housing. Please do not spend the proposed \$220,000 on demolishing the campground. Especially since the City spent \$1.2M to set up the campground to assist the unhoused population.

I propose that the City of Madison funds the Dairy Drive Campground at about \$200,000 per year. It was my understanding that affordable housing was to be a priority for the mayor's office. To dismantle the Dairy Drive Campground is certain to contribute to increasing homelessness. Building a men's shelter that will only have a 250- capacity limit, and losing housing units for unhoused people in Madison creates increased police pressure for these people to "move along". I ask, "move along" to where? This move makes no sense, especially during this time of year, when the weather temperatures are beginning to fall, and we'll soon be experiencing more extreme weather and drops in temperatures.

Can you tell me what the City of Madison's plan is to deal with the issues of the unhoused/homeless population and the creation of an environment that requires the ever presence of police patrol? I am sure the City of Madison will spend at least 220,000 a year issuing citations for trespassing, vagrancy, and cycling people in and out of jail, just because they are trying to survive. What is the City's plan to ensure these people are treated fairly and are safe? The City should keep the program running until a practical plan is ready. It makes no sense to end this program where over 70% of the most vulnerable and hardest to house people are thriving, especially when you have not identified safe alternative housing solution.

The City of Madison should be willing to maintain the program until a clear plan is in place.

I urge you to act with compassion, as the consequences could be catastrophic. The likelihood of the City saving money by demolishing the Dairy Drive Campground is highly unlikely, due to the stresses that will be put on other services and costs that the City will incur, resulting from the increase of unhoused people and all the other issue that come with that.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Earnestine Moss  
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**From:** [jeffreycprice@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreycprice@gmail.com)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Dairy Drive Decision 9/2/2025  
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Dear Alders:

Thank you to each of you for deferring the Dairy Drive decision to the next Common Council meeting, as we all consume and digest the information provided tonight by those residents/beneficiaries of the project as well as the insights of those dedicated service providers who so passionately spoke about the successes of the project to date and its ongoing opportunities for success, if allowed to continue.

As Ms. Konkle pointed out, absent plans for future services to this affected population, closing this site would seem to be short sighted.



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**From:** [Edna Rhodes](#)  
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I write in opposition to the closure and demolition of the Dairy Drive campground, a program serving unsheltered people experiencing homelessness with the highest vulnerabilities, 70% of whom were experiencing chronic homelessness when they entered the program. The need for programs to serve people experiencing unsheltered homelessness is significant and likely growing due to the end of other COVID relief housing assistance programs, the loss of dozens of housing units available to the people experiencing homelessness, and reduced shelter capacity in the new men's shelter which will only accommodate 250 people (the current shelter served as many as 400 per night last winter). Both HUD, funding the Dairy Drive program annually with \$200,000, and Dane County, funding at \$226,000 in 2024 and \$174,500 in 2025, have recognized the value of this program. Since opening mid-November of 2021, the campground has served 97 single adults experiencing unsheltered conditions and 77.94% have left to positive destinations, far exceeding goals of 60% for outreach programs.

Madison is so much better. Closing this campground would be a further blow to the vulnerable of our community.

**From:** [Patrick Robbins](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#); [Mayor](#)  
**Subject:** Dairy Drive Campground  
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Hello to Madison's elected leaders!

Please don't vote to demolish the Dairy Drive Campground. It makes no sense to spend more than \$220,000 to reverse progress in helping bring an end to houselessness and all the troubles it brings to the people going through it and the wider community they belong to. Keep the investment in the campground secure since it succeeds in getting over 70% of the most vulnerable and hardest-to-house people into housing.

Dairy Drive Campground funding requires only about \$1 per Madisonian per year to preserve this oasis within the desert of affordable housing we're facing and the economies of shelter being severely warped by private equity, Air B&Bs, etc. The other Madison options for shelter for unhoused folks and the chances they give to build and rebuild are still too few. The current regime in charge of the federal government is making things much, much worse, not only in destroying safety nets but in creating an atmosphere of increasing fear, contempt, and physical threat. We have to be one of those cities that stand up against the slings and arrows, the batons and tear gas, of misfortune. We must serve as moral examples to the rest. I hope you, our elected leaders, will work diligently and expeditiously with unhoused people and the rest of the community to develop a comprehensive plan to address the needs of the diverse people who find themselves in this situation, perhaps the one that most taxes every bit of one's mental, emotional, physical, and financial resources.

(Incidentally, I think going back to branding Madison as a dot-gov would help remind us all of the purposes of cities and their governments. Running government like a business only seems to lead to a crueler world with more inequality and deeper, wider inequity.)

Thank you so much!

Patrick B. Robbins  
Madison 53705

**From:** [Jake Rodgers](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Agenda Item 45  
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Dear Alders,

I am writing today to ask that you oppose Agenda Item 45 tonight during your meeting and do not look to demolish and close the Dairy Drive Campground. This is the last 'legal' space that folks who are unhoused have to stay. The need for this space of living is the direct result of the policing and forced closure of several encampments across Madison over the last couple of years. Madison has the resources to support our unhoused neighbors, but we actively choose not to. Stop criminalizing houselessness and do not vote to demolish the Dairy Drive Campground.

We all need to do better, including all of you.

Jake Rodgers  
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Madison, Wisconsin  
53704

**From:** [Marsha Rummel](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** 89274 Dairy Dr Temporary Campground - oppose demo  
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Dear Alders-

I support keeping, not demo'ing Dairy Drive campground, through next spring at least. You have received dozens and dozens of thoughtful emails and I share the general sentiment of not destroying housing without a plan for where people are going to sleep safely. The housing there may not last forever but it certainly has more useful life. Please don't throw away this valuable space using what's left of valuable ARRPA funds.

The expectation is that the new men's shelter will be under capacity as soon as it opens based on current usage so let's keep the current temporary shelter on Zeier Rd and the temporary campground on Dairy Dr ready to use for as long as possible.

I appreciate Alder Mayer's initiative to find solutions and urge your support.

Thanks for your service-

Marsha Rummel  
1029 Spaight St.

**From:** [Leola Wettstein](#)  
**To:** [All Alders](#)  
**Subject:** Dairy drive shelters  
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Sent from my iPhone. Please do not shut down these shelters for the homeless on Dairy Drive. They are successful & it doesn't make a lot of sense to destroy the buildings.