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Subject: Serious concerns with the environmental impact of the Heritage House project

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To Erin Morris, Planning Manager for the City of Napa,

I have serious concerns with the proposed 33 units of the Heritage House that are to be used for the chronically homeless as part of the "No Place Like Home Project".

Heritage House is not in a commercial area with easy access to bus stops and groceries. It is in a residential area. The building is completely surrounded by homes or apartments. There are a large number of senior citizens. There are also many small children living next to Heritage House (in Shelter Creek and Silverado Apartments). Vintage High School is only 0.6 miles, walking distance, from Heritage House. Many high schoolers walk from Vintage to Valle Verde, where they live. These chronically homeless people will have constant contact with local seniors, small children and probably most frequently, the students from Vintage High.

A significant percentage of people in this program will revert to homelessness. Where will they go? Heritage House abuts Salvador creek.

Most of the land along the west side of the creek is public land. There are several places where one could camp out along the creek. They would most likely camp out in those places. There have been several homeless camp sites in these areas. The most recent one, right under the bridge next to the Heritage House property, was cleared out on 8/14/19. These sites are also hang outs for Vintage High students. There will be incidents.

Also, there are no activities or places for them to go to within easy walking distance (1/2 mile or less). The closest grocery store is more than 1/2 mile away. They will most likely hang out along the creek, along the walkways or along Trancas avenue. The bus stop and grocery store is outside of the guidelines for the program. Those guidelines are for making it less likely that these people will revert to homelessness.

Heritage House's location will make it more likely they will revert and they will have a significant negative impact on the existing residential community.

It should be noted that the Salvador Creek restoration project is working. There are small fish in the creek for the first time in years.

Whenever there is a significant accumulation of rainfall, thousands of frogs appear. I have seen 2 river otters, a beaver family, an egret, a falcon, 2 very large turkey vultures, 3 different species of snakes, etc, along or in the creek, all in the past year. Having people 'hang'

out along the creek and pollute it will do serious harm to the project.

If the Heritage house project was the plan all along, there really is no point to the creek restoration project.

Sincerely,

Chris Morrison