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Subject: Thank You for your excellent work!
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Dear Gretchen,

Just a note to congratulate you on your excellent work on finding sites for the micro shelter housing villages in Salem.

You have done such careful, thoughtful work getting out the information to the public, and now with the public educational meetings scheduled, the public will have even more opportunity to understand the impact of how getting individuals into protected housing (that is well managed and providing necessary services!) will actually be a very positive change for the whole community. And, for those fortunate enough to live near the shelters, there will be a direct improvement in their environment, not a decline. This will be a revelation to so many who are currently naive about and fearful of so many of the individuals experiencing homelessness.

Thank you for your work.
Thank you for your good heart.

Sincerely,
Joan Stembridge