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Subject: Regarding Zoning and Needle Exchange

Sheneika,

I found this article this morning in my search for how to dig into the truth, and it has a *lot* of clusters for information and perspective: <https://sarahshowell.wordpress.com/2017/03/30/zoned-out-needles-and-nimbyism/>

I will restate what I did this morning: the Steady Collective and 12 Baskets started to get attention once the people being served started lingering. Steady only operates 2.5 hours, once a week on Tuesdays.

I do not know what it is like to be unhoused in Asheville right now. I can empathize with those who are finding a place that they are welcome, which must be rare.

The story of Jesus and the woman with the bleeding disorder that's mentioned in the article is a good one for meditation, and I'm going to take it on my morning run. It's interesting to remember the number of women who came to him for help, and I think it's important to think about the historical context, but women are still the caretakers and often the ones willing to reach out. It is not lost on me that having a woman be the person we can reach out to is both a privilege and a great honor, and that we need to fill your cup too.

Peace,
Kim

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