

ROCK AND WALWORTH

**COALITION
UPDATE**

PANEL MEMBERS

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FOCUS GROUP INFO

- **Started in Summer of 2018**
- **Group of City of Janesville Officials, Social Service Agencies and Concerned Citizens**
- **Meets monthly to discuss short and long term goals**
- **City Manager of Janesville is meeting with other local City Officials to have other communities create similar groups**

NEW TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

The City of Janesville donated one of the tax foreclosure houses to ECHO in April 2019. ECHO was also granted CDBG funding to remodel the 2 bedroom house. It will be opening soon.

SMALL HOUSE DEVELOPMENT

The City of Janesville is working with Community Action on a planned unit development of smaller homes that are 600 square feet on land the City owns that housed Community Action about 10 years ago.

HOMELESS OUTREACH TEAM

- **Started in December 2018 by the Janesville Police Department**
- **Created brochure of local services to have in squads**
- **Monthly meetings and street outreach with police and social service agencies**

HOMELESS PARKING LOT

- **The City of Janesville opened August 2019 as a small stop gap for the lack of housing and shelter availability with a sunset clause ending 10/31/19.**
- **Created a community wide discussion on homelessness - positive and negative comments**
- **Average of 3.7 cars per night**
- **Update as of 10/28/19 City Council meeting**

OTHER FOCUS AND HITF UPDATES

- **Next 3 years - there will be many new rental housing units built - over 300 new units with 92 units designated as affordable housing**
- **Migrant Housing for Seasonal Employees**
- **Started an annual candle light vigil for homeless awareness**
- **Continuing Annual Prioritization Meeting - great advocacy event!**

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