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## **Shimer Square Campus Closed to Public starting Sunday, August 21 at 7 p.m.**

Mt. Carroll, IL- To keep our staff, contractors, and general public safe, Economic Growth Corporation will be closing the entire 14-acre Shimer Square campus at 203 Seminary Street **effective 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 21, 2022** until further notice.

For months now, the properties within Shimer Square have been subject to damage and destruction by a select few people that has resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of damage. GROWTH and its contractors have been targets of physical and verbal abuse that will no longer be tolerated.

It is unfortunate that the activities that have resulted from these individuals has caused GROWTH to change its original intention of keeping the campus open for the public to enjoy, however, allowing everyone on the campus is no longer an option. Violators will be asked to leave the campus and if they choose not to will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Anyone with information related to the vandalism is asked to contact the Mt. Carroll Police Department at (815) 244-5313.

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