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Good news on housing

Homeless Solutions has done great work trying to provide low-cost housing for those who need it. It began as the Morris Shelter and originally housed people in the Presbyterian Church in Morristown. It now operates its own shelter in Morris Township and also provides so-called transitional housing to help people bridge the gap between a shelter and a permanent home.

It now proposes to build 10 affordable units in Washington Township near the border with Mount Olive, from which opposition has come. That's not surprising. There is a stigma attached to "low income" housing, a point symbolized by the comments of one opponent who worried about the type of resident the proposed complex would draw.

The Washington Township Planning Board gave the plan preliminary approval last week; final approval is expected in August. That's good. Our hunch is that when the project is built, the new residents will be little different from the people now living nearby.
