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To the Town of Lyons Board of Trustees:

I am writing with an update regarding LEAF's quest for an adequate, long-term facility.

It is our understanding that a new solution may become available to us in the form of the brown shed (current Sheriff facility, public works equipment storage, and Town records facility). Our team is interested in exploring this possibility in partnership with Town leadership.

We and our architect, Paul Legan, have spent time considering the space. From our perspective, here are the primary benefits we see:

- The building is a "blank slate" that can be repurposed to meet current and future needs for LEAF's service in the greater community
- Renovating an existing building will be less expensive and less complicated than erecting a new building
- Upgrading the building to meet the human services needs of the community will add significant value to the "civic campus" as it currently exists
- The project can proceed more quickly than a new build

There are certainly many factors to consider, especially the feasibility of the Sheriff Department and public works facilities transitions. I wish to convey that, as the brown shed is a "blank slate," our minds remain "wide open" with regards to collaborative and cooperative possibilities. Our primary goal is to meet human services needs now and in the future, in ways that best serve our community and partners. If this existing facility may be the solution that makes the most sense for the community and other parties and partners, it is our hope that the Board of Trustees will explore it with us.

I have included a high-level illustration that provides just one example of the ways LEAF might repurpose this building. Should the Board of Trustees choose to consider this opportunity further, the LEAF teams look forward to refining the many beneficial ways we could use this space in service to this community.

With gratitude,
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