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Dear council members and Mayor Reynolds,

Two stories in today's LA Crosse Tribune seem to be related. In one, the city plans to jack up rent for people living in mobile homes and in the other, Western TC wants to demolish a home for a parking lot.

In case you missed it, this* NYT article points out that those who are only able to afford mobile homes are being pushed out of home ownership by exponentially rising lot rental costs due to investors buying up the parks and jacking up the lot rents. Does the city really want to be in that company? Can the city give one more year of incremental rise while negotiations conclude?

I wonder about the value of this land compared to the value of land currently taken up for car storage at Western TC? Is "green space/parking lot" valued the same? I don't know the intricacies of PILOT calculations, but at some point, the cost of continuing to value cars above all things, especially as it affects city equity and climate goals, needs to be updated. It seems that decisions on demolishing housing for "green space" should come under the city's 2019 carbon zero resolution. What ARE the carbon costs of this decision?

Thank you to council members who are fighting the demolition. I hope it fails. I hope most future demolition requests fail.

So far, our city has made a good show of joining the all-important fight to avoid climate collapse, but we need to take bolder action to back up that commitment.

Demolishing buildings is bad for the climate. You are essentially wasting all the carbon already emitted to manufacture and transport all the materials in the building. From a climate viewpoint, It should only be done if the building is not refurbishable. <https://carbonleadershipforum.org/care-estimator/>

Demolition also strains our waste management system and landfill.

Demolishing housing that people can actually afford is a crime, it seems to me, especially when it's done to provide more housing for cars. We have to STOP prioritizing cars. Here is a good place to start. Stop allowing more car parking. Require reduced parking needs plans, instead. Increase the cost of making new parking lots.

We have to look at things, systems, priorities, values differently.

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* This is a behind the paywall link: https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/27/us/mobile-home-park-ownership-costs.html?unlocked_article_code=AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAACEIPuomT1JKd6J17Vw1cRCfTTMQmqxCdwPlxftm3iWka3DODmwdiPkORI2H8UbJaO9jYN4-miySXtwEN6ApSeZpzu5HekdqUBWz5JuYnZBPawMEIbWOZEJkIZTcQeJ_tjbcwmiyLOo4zubjs06NOmT1Xgal1mkmJlkxvZpIIVG1iydbz_3PRuMI2oUuzu5hUs4hPUoIZCaPvPHuDB98KY_GOkmasI9qLrkfDTLDntec6KYCdhFQDj_FS3B_4WU-7bBMKY9dffa_f1N7Jp2IOfhGAXdoLYypG5Q7W4HT8r1uurXOohWko9GkV-qbuDmMR69YqquUiep0lw&smid=url-share

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