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March 5, 2022

To: La Crosse City Council Members

From: Carolyn Mahlum-Jenkins

Item # 22-0181 AN ORDINANCE to amend Subsection 115-110 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse transferring certain property from the Multiple Dwelling District - Heavy Industrial District allowing for the same zoning across the whole parcel for future improvement and use at 2500 County Road SS.

Dear Council Members,

I believe that J & A and the entire city council need to take a step back and do some critical thinking. Is rezoning floodplain and flood fringe property a smart idea without proper communication with FEMA and DNR. The City of La Crosse has had floodplain compliance issues regarding regulations. Using floodplain/flood fringe land seems an irresponsible move. Most cities and town are looking for ways to expand and nurture floodplain so erratic weather conditions don't cause undue

flooding damage to the community. As a taxpayer I do not want to pay taxes for reasons that could be avoided by sound planning and consulting with appropriate federal and state agencies for best practices.

I'm also extremely concerned about storing equipment and vehicles that will be dripping contaminants into the ground and eventually surface and ground water. Just drive by the Harter's recycling area on Hauser Rd. and Larson St. area. There is garbage all over the place and fluids seeping on the ground, blowing garbage down the road and if you roll down your window in the spring, summer or fall you will pick up on a gross stench. I'm glad that I do not live in that area and don't really think that residents who own property on County SS should have to worry about Harter's lack of social responsibility and environmental disregard. Look at Western Technical School's property in that same area along with a few other businesses closely situated to Harter's business, no comparison. Residents were told that there would be no further development of the wetland/floodplain area below them.

Do some research and connect with city departments, federal & state agencies with the expertise to guide you through this process of rezoning and jeopardizing future floodplain financial assistance. No Federal agency is going to allot money to Mississippi River communities "filling in" floodplain/flood fringe land. You are shooting yourself in the foot.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Mahlum-Jenkins (resident of the City of La Crosse)

The forest was shrinking but the trees kept voting for the axe. For the axe was clever & convinced the trees that because his handle was wood he was one of them.