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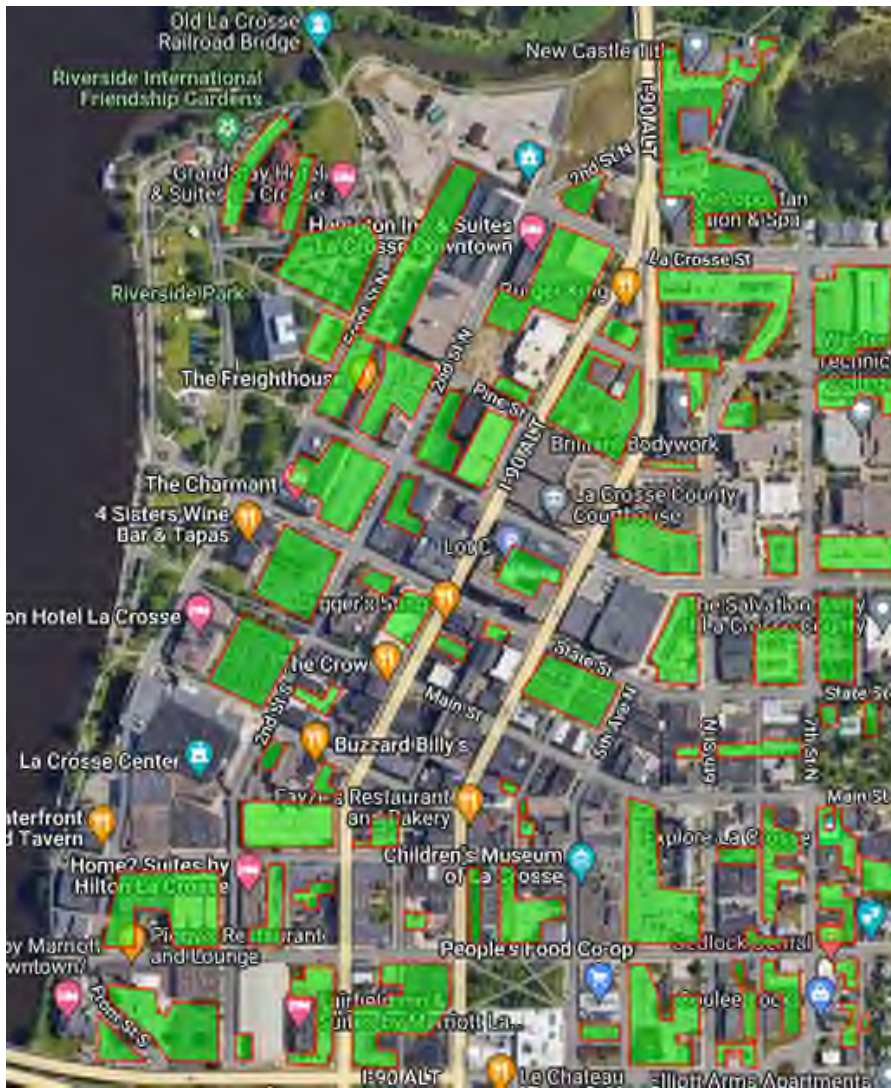
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I wish to object to the current plans for "The Haven" at 10th and Main. The memorial garden is a large greenspace in a part of town that desperately needs it. You may be familiar with the song about paving these kinds of places for parking lots. As the city council and committees are currently reviewing the minimum parking requirements, a delay until after those minimums are revoked is highly warranted.

The destruction of critical urban space for parking lots is a major problem in La Crosse, as well as most other American cities. Below is a map of all parking-dedicated areas of downtown- about 1/4 of the acreage. This is an incredible waste of space, reducing the amount of taxable property value, lowering population density, and reducing the quality of life of all City residents.



Instead, we need our high-density housing to be actually high-density, not using half of the lot for car storage and destroying critical greenspace.

It's especially egregious to have a parking lot of this size for housing which is very close to downtown and to multiple bus routes. This should be a showcase for the absolute lowest level of car dependence possible in this city, not yet another example of short-term car-oriented inertia.

In addition to the proximity to downtown and bus routes, something that should be considered is inviting (or creating) a short-term car-rental system, such as Zipcar or something similar, so car-free residents still have access to a vehicle when necessary but don't need to own one themselves.

Kevin Hundt