

Franciscan Skemp is getting a green light on green.

The La Crosse city council has given preliminary approval to a plan that would have the medical center tearing down six buildings in order to make way for green space, community gardens and a parking lot. That one of the houses is vaguely historic is not a situation that threatens to derail the plans. Nor is the idea of taking 19 thousand dollars of property tax money out of city coffers. Franciscan argues that it's more than making up for that lost tax revenue by turning the property where Chileda once stood into taxable land.