

Someday, what was once known as the Mobil Oil site in La Crosse could be the city's grand new development.

But that someday seems quite a ways away. The city council this month will consider hiring a consultant to help deal with environmental clean-up at the former industrial site between Copeland avenue and the Black River. But that might be premature. The DNR tells us that the city will have to come up with a plan for what it wants to do with the site before a plan for environmental clean-up by Exxon-Mobil can be created. Just now the city is beginning the process of planning for use. Basically, the DNR tells us, Exxon-Mobil is on the hook for clean-up. But the company isn't sure how much clean-up it will have to do.