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I have lived in the unincorporated urban portion of Clackamas County since 1987.

Since the State is focused on increasing housing and hopefully affordable housing, why don't you devote some energy and funds in redeveloping the five (5) miles of McLoughlin Blvd in unincorporated urban Clackamas County between Milwaukie and Gladstone.

Not only would you take advantage of an area that is fairly well served by transit - and could be significantly improved by the extension of light rail to Oregon City if not Clackamas Community College - the land here is significantly underutilized by one story commercial development that harkens back to the post WW2 period.

Case in point, the parcel on the northeast corner of SE McLoughlin Blvd and SE Vineyard (6+ acres) is an empty (?) one story building and an expansive parking lot with the only activity emanating from the Taco Bell on the adjacent parcel.

This five miles stretch of commercial UNDERUTILIZED land that could yield a significant amount of affordable housing.

By creating mixed use - with commercial on the first level and housing above - you could enliven and rejuvenate the many mom & pop restaurants, etc., that occupy this commercial area, that could serve the additional residents. Redevelopment might also eliminate at least the crappy used car lots that denigrate our area.