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HEY, MISSOULA CITY COUNCIL: DO THIS WITH SOUTHGATE MALL! You gave all that TIF subsidy to Lambros, who then sold the mall to Washington Group for $50 million, and Penney's & Lucky's are moving out. HERE'S A GOOD USE FOR TIF that will make a BIG DENT in the homeless/affordable housing realm...put a Partnership Health Center satellite clinic, employment office, mental health clinic, drug treatment, satellite police station in one wing; affordable apts, voucher apts in rest of it; turn parking lot into food gardens...solarize all of that flat rooftop area...

Seriously, that could work. See, the article linked below.

A few businesses might remain, to provide jobs to residents.

In Portland, the never occupied Wapato jail was just bought by a philanthropist to turn it into drug treatment and homeless shelter.

This is not as nutty as it sounds at first blush. It's perfect for a public/private partnership.

"As more Americans turn to the internet to buy what they need, shopping malls across the country are closing their doors. But one historic mall has found a creative way to repurpose its former retail space: America's first shopping mall, the Westminster Arcade in Providence, Rhode Island, has now been turned into micro lofts, offering people the chance to truly live inside a piece of history."

https://www.countryliving.com/real-estate/a35148/shopping-mall-micro-homes-in-rhode-island/

I'm serious...think of the potential!

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