

WisOpinion Poll: Should Mount Pleasant be allowed to use eminent domain to acquire land for Foxconn?

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The Village of Mount Pleasant is considering declaring an area slated for Foxconn development as blighted in order to use eminent domain to acquire the land from property owners unwilling to sell.

According to the Racine Journal Times, the village is relying on a state law that defines a blighted area as “an area which is predominantly open, and which because of obsolete planning, diversity of ownership, deterioration of structures or of site improvements or otherwise substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of the community.” An attorney for Mount Pleasant argued at a recent meeting this definition allows the village to use eminent domain to acquire properties, regardless of whether an individual property is blighted.

Read more about the issue here:

http://journaltimes.com/news/local/land-borders-for-foxconn-site-get-preliminary-ok/article_00cd3f13-fdc1-54cf-832b-33632761760b.html

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