

A controversial apartment development in La Crosse has a long way to go before a groundbreaking, but the project appears to be picking up steam. Pointe Weste Investments has, in the last month or so, significantly downsized conceptual plans for a large complex in between State and Vine streets just west of West Avenue. And that willingness to fit closer to city standards for development has won it a couple of positive votes for a re-zoning that's needed for the project to move forward. The latest vote coming last night at the city council committee level. The 120 bedroom complex would have businesses on the ground floor but not nearly enough parking spots, say competing landlords, for the businesses or the targeted student population who will live in the apartments.