

During the week, it's a county parking lot...and on Saturdays, it's a Farmer's Market.

But the downtown La Crosse block where a Montgomery Ward store used to stand is being wasted, according to county board chair Tara Johnson. Or at least, it's not being used to its full potential. Johnson says the county should consider building on that parking lot, if a new county facility is needed in the future. County leaders are searching for new office space, in case a private developer buys the current Administrative Center.