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Subject: Office to Residential Conversion Obstacles - an article

Good morning!

Hope you are enjoying a great weekend and won't be reading this until Monday. This article from Politico lays out clearly one of the many problems that Interface will be tasked with addressing in the new Comprehensive Plan Update.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2023/04/15/office-to-housing-conversions-new-york-00092191>

Although this focuses on New York, it is the same problem being faced here in Ann Arbor. A recent meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee featured four well known local realtors and they were talking about exactly the same things that this article brings forward.

Food for thought.

Best wishes and be well,

Julie Ritter

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That is fundamentally the only courage which is demanded of us: to be brave in the face of the strangest, most singular and most inexplicable things that can befall us. - Rilke