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Infill into existing neighborhoods is not desirable, since you have to demolish existing structures, which takes affordable housing away. The older structures being already built, are already "green." The older structures have provided the most affordable housing, since old things usually cost less. The newer structures don't fit into the character of a neighborhood in most cases, with too many new ones having hard and sharp corners in comparison to older structures which have eased edges on the moldings, that are more human friendly. Oregon should do better at preserving what we have, and that has worked to provide human needs, so that we can have more affordability. Demolitions create homelessness. We need more preservation, not more demolitions. Infill and density are also responsible for chaotic parking and driving situations in areas that used to be safer for all those who use the streets.