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Joshua Lee Smith Discusses Downtown Worcester Office-to-Housing Conversions

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Joshua Lee Smith was featured in the *Worcester Guardian* discussing the redevelopment of One and Two Chestnut Place in downtown Worcester. The article explores how public funding and private investment are driving the conversion of underutilized office buildings into residential housing, while also raising important considerations around affordability and long-term community impact.

“I believe communities should really take a wholistic view of housing development. Market rate projects are easier to get financed as compared to affordable rate projects... it is imperative for communities to be open to a wide variety of housing,” said Josh.

Continue reading “[Downtown Worcester conversions bring new housing](#)” on the *The Worcester Guardian* website.