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A New Parking Garage

There is a plan to build a new parking garage downtown. To build it, the city will have to cut down seven large elm trees that are over fifty years old. Some people in town are protesting the decision to build the parking garage at this location. They do not want these trees to be cut down.

On the other hand, people argue that this is the only location that will work. It is the only piece of land large enough for a parking garage and close to downtown. The city needs more parking spaces. As it is, people who work or do business downtown sometimes have to park in nearby neighborhoods and walk.

One option would be to build the parking garage at this location and plant a new tree for every tree cut down. If seven trees were cut down, but seven new trees planted, the city could have a new parking garage without reducing the total number of trees downtown.

