



A weekly selection of issues and activities relevant to local planning in Nashville and Davidson County

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## More sustainable transportation: the German approach

One gallon of gasoline costs twice as much in Germany as it does here - but the average American spends more on personal transportation.

A [report](#) from the Brookings Institution compares our two countries' transportation policies, and makes some suggestions.

## How much is left?

An online [chart](#) from newscientist.com shows how quickly silver, lead, tin, and other basic materials will run out at current consumption levels - and how the USA is using them up faster than the rest of the world.

## Hundreds of little helpers

Metro Beautification's [worm composting page](#) provides illustrated directions for making compost in a limited space - even indoors.

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The Metro Nashville-Davidson County Planning Department publishes this weekly digest to inform members of the Planning Commission, Metro Council, Board of Zoning Appeals, and other interested parties about planning and growth issues in other communities which could apply to our city and region, with particular emphasis on appropriate development, smart growth, multimodal transportation, and other information which will help us build a sustainable future and a more livable city.