



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

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A new service from the Metro Planning Department

This is the first issue of a weekly digest which will provide links to selected articles related to sustainable growth. Please contact the Planning Department's public information officer at 862-7192 or craig.owensby@nashville.gov with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Demand Grows for Green Buildings

A study by the District of Columbia Building Industry shows that LEED-certified and Energy Star-labeled buildings command higher rental and sale prices than conventional buildings. The study also found that the supply of those buildings is not keeping up with increasing demand.

Follow [this link](#) to the full story in the Smart Growth Network's "Smart Growth News."

Shorter Commutes Helping Cities

Another "Smart Growth News" [link](#) - "drive till you qualify" has morphed into "can I afford the drive?", and some homes outside Atlanta have lost nearly half their value because of long commutes. It's the fifth story on the page.

The Metropolitan Planning Department publishes this weekly digest to inform members of the Planning Commission, Metropolitan Council, Board of Zoning Appeals, and other interested parties about planning and growth issues in other communities which could apply to the Nashville region. Particular attention is given to sustainable development, smart growth, multi-modal transportation, and other regional and national initiatives which will help us build a sustainable future and a more livable city.