



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

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Second issue of a new service from the Metro Planning Department

On May 28, we started publishing a weekly selection of links to selected articles related to sustainable growth. If you're a new subscriber and need a copy of the first Planning Digest, or if you have a comment or a question, please contact the Planning Department's public information officer at 862-7192 or craig.owensby@nashville.gov.

\$4 a gallon's not the worst of it

Hybrids, electric vehicles, cars which run on used french-fry oil - futurist and New Urbanist visionary James Howard Kunstler says technological improvements aren't enough, we're going to have to rethink the way we live. Read his [Washington Post article](#) about the "Grand Delusion."

"Fighting Global Warming Block by Block"

One expert says that simply looking at the way we develop could reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by as much as 20 percent - and some government agencies across the USA are already working on [stopping sprawl before it starts](#).

Traditional neighborhoods reduce energy use

An [op-ed](#) in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel explains why it's so important to stop designing cities built on cheap oil - and claims that "the smartest thing we can do is design cities and towns to ease both our pain at the pump and the pain we inflict on the planet."

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.