



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

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Staying warm without a furnace

A heavily insulated “[passive house](#)” in Germany uses only minimal energy and still maintains a comfortable temperature - but you can’t build one just anywhere.

Rail access drives a community’s revival

The [Eckington](#) area of Washington, DC, declined sharply after streetcars stopped running there in the Fifties. Now, two nearby light-rail stations are helping the neighborhood come back to life.

New growth starts with transit

Planners in Sydney, Australia, are counting on a \$13 billion subway network to help them [reinvent the city](#).

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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 information which will help us build a sustainable future and a more livable city.