



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

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## “A city built by oil-filled hubris”

120-degree heat, streets jammed with fast-moving SUVs, 1.4 million people with no natural source of fresh water, and a fourteen-lane highway through the middle of it all - the Toronto Star says Dubai is a [model of non-sustainability](#).

## One more approach to rebuilding suburbia

A few Californians are trying [cul-de-sac communes](#).

## How much power does your computer use?

Or your TV, or your refrigerator, or any other electrical device in your home? This [plug-in meter](#) will tell you.

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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.