



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

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Don't even try walking around this town... yet

120,000 people work in Tysons Corner, Virginia, just outside Washington, DC - but only 17,000 live there, and it's aggressively pedestrian-unfriendly.

After nearly four years of study, a [community task force's report](#) says Tysons Corner [should grow up, not out](#).

Downsizing a shrinking city

Youngstown, Ohio, has lost about half its population since the early 70s. Planners there have some [interesting ideas](#) for dealing with the empty space, excess infrastructure, and declining tax base.

Farming without fossil fuel

The sustainability of animal power will be demonstrated this Fourth of July weekend at a [national horse farmers' convention](#) less than four hours' drive from Nashville.

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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.