



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

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## You could call it an “ex-box”

Turning traditional malls and big-box stores into public spaces is just one of twenty ideas which made the finals of the Reurbia design competition - along with parking lot farms, wind turbines over interstate highways, and several other [creative approaches to rebuilding suburbia](#).

## Just one room smaller

The average size of a new home in the USA [fell last year](#), for the first time in almost fifteen years - and it could be the beginning of a trend away from “McMansions.”

## Are you driving a “clunker”?

Use this [online guide](#) from the US Department of Transportation to determine whether you qualify for a “cash for clunkers” trade-in.

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