



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

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Reversing our throwaway culture

Some thoughts on building an economy [based on reuse](#) rather than replacement.

Redefining “smart growth”

Ideas on updating the smart growth movement’s [goals and processes](#).

Driving the Nissan Leaf

An Autoblog Green reviewer [takes one around Williamson County](#), and says (in one of several linked articles) that it’s an “entirely pleasant” trip.

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