



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

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Solving the city

A physicist who's studied urban growth and change says he's found the "[hidden laws](#)" which define and apply to every city, everywhere on the planet.

It's not just a bridge, it's a "spatial mediator"

And it's built on the supports of the highway bridge it's replacing. That's in Providence, Rhode Island, where the new [Providence River Pedestrian Bridge](#) is due for completion in 2013.

Questioning the public process

One of the original New Urbanists says an [excess of localism](#) is making planning more difficult.

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