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LEED Platinum, no people

What appears to be a standard suburban house in Maryland is actually the National Institute of Standards and Technology's [test site for green housing technology](#) - a structure which creates just about as much energy as it uses.

The "next logical step" for cyclists

A proposal for [an elevated highway](#), separated from motor traffic.

Plastic under the bulrushes

[Floating islands made of plastic trash](#) contribute to cleaner water in an African lake.

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