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### **The real cost of sprawl**

[A smart-growth strategist and former mayor says](#) that shiny new suburbs incur more costs than many of us realize.

### **How small can they get?**

Tiny houses and other micro-dwellings are one of our recurring themes; here's how they're going over in [two of our major cities](#).

### **A net-zero bus terminal**

[This bus station and office building in Massachusetts](#) generates all of its own power onsite.

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