



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

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## **Adding a green, urban edge to a historic city**

An 1800-acre combined city/county park is the first step in what Charleston, South Carolina's mayor calls "the finest example in America of wise community planning and placemaking." The ["Long Savannah"](#) development goes before Charleston's city council next week.

## **The ten-minute rule**

Why do you live where you do? Can you walk to all of your reasons for living there in ten minutes or less? Architect Leon Krier says that's one attribute of a real community - and he's [designing one from the ground up.](#)

## **"The fear here is that we've crossed a Rubicon..."**

That's a Triple-A spokesman, talking about fuel prices. Two Washington Post articles, one [news](#) and the other [opinion](#), discuss some of the effects of \$4 gasoline, from pizza delivery to the value of our homes.

## **The new ruins of Detroit**

Detroit was the Silicon Valley of the 1910s and 20s, a world center of new technology where backyard projects could grow into huge fortunes.

With cheap gasoline only a fading memory, though, the Motor City today has sunk into what one financial writer calls a ["second great depression."](#)

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