



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

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Once again, we beat Memphis

A [study](#) by the trade publication Waste News shows that Nashville recycled 28% of its residential waste in the year ending June 2007, compared to 26% in Memphis; the highest rate was 69% in San Francisco, and the lowest was [2% in Houston](#).

“No road pays for itself in gas taxes and fees”

That’s according to the Texas Department of Transportation, which is thinking about making some highways into [toll roads](#) because gas taxes won’t cover their costs.

“Urban inversion” brings suburbanites back to cities

Chicago and Atlanta are two major [examples](#).

Where would you walk?

The Project for Public Spaces has [some thoughts](#) on what makes a “great street” - and links to several of the world’s best.

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