



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

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“Now that the sprawl machine has slowed...”

Many of the Illinois suburbs outside Chicago are classic examples of sprawl, and a [Chicago Tribune column](#) asks: why can't development there be more sustainable when the economy improves and construction picks up again?

UPS is buying hybrid delivery trucks

[Just a few for now](#), and they don't use batteries - they're “[hydraulic hybrids](#),” which store energy in compressed hydraulic fluid.

Getting cars out of the city center

It's working in Copenhagen, where [a downtown redesign](#) has greatly increased walking and biking, even in the Scandinavian winter.

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The Metropolitan Planning Department publishes this weekly digest to inform members of the Planning Commission, Metropolitan Council, Board of Zoning Appeals, and other interested parties about planning and growth issues in other communities which could apply to the Nashville region. Particular attention is given to sustainable development, smart growth, multi-modal transportation, and other information which will help us build a sustainable future and a more livable city.