



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

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The closing of the “greenfield frontier”

Our western frontier closed in the late 19th century, when we ran out of room to keep expanding westward. Now, we may be reaching the end of our economically viable [greenfield space](#) for new construction.

Watershed protection in West Nashville

The [Richland Creek Watershed Alliance](#) is one of several local groups which work to protect specific streams. Richland Creek runs from lower Green Hills through the White Bridge area and into the Cumberland at Cockrill Bend.

Repurposing the “temples of consumption”

The Washington Post assembled a team of experts to come up with some ideas on [reusing empty big-box stores](#). “Build a SPAM museum” was already taken, though.

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