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Moving past the “suburban diaspora”

What happens to a failing traditional subdivision as its homes empty out - or if they've been left half-built, or never started at all?

A New York Times [article](#) says retrofitting, “deconstruction” and creative transformation could bring life back to the suburbs and draw new residents into creatively planned mixed-use communities.

Or, they could just [move to a mall](#).

Missing the green point of the SmartCode

A Philadelphia planner who helped write the SmartCode says that developers who use it “[are the radical greenies of this decade.](#)”

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