



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

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“Vampire power” increases your energy costs

You might be surprised at just how much energy some appliances and electronic devices use [when they're turned off](#) - and at [how much it costs us](#).

“There is no spot of ground,

“however arid, bare, or ugly, that cannot be tamed into such a state as may give an impression of beauty and delight.” That’s garden designer Gertrude Jekyll’s take on decorative planting; meanwhile, there’s increasing interest across the country in more [table-oriented](#) gardening.

Cities the way they used to be

[Historical ecologists](#) look at a city’s natural underpinnings - with an eye to possibly restoring old environments.

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The Metro Nashville-Davidson County Planning Department publishes this weekly digest to inform members of the Planning Commission, Metro Council, Board of Zoning Appeals, and other interested parties about planning and growth issues in other communities which could apply to our city and region, with particular emphasis on appropriate development, smart growth, multimodal transportation, and other information which will help us build a sustainable future and a more livable city.