



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

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Could the auto industry shift to making railcars?

Michigan's governor [thinks it'd work](#). Meanwhile, a factory [far from the Rust Belt](#) is starting to build something we haven't seen in many years - a made-in-USA streetcar.

Design your own shelter

Keep it small and simple, [drop it into Google Earth](#), and maybe win a prize.

No, they're not biodegradable

An enormous and widely distributed source of [surprisingly toxic litter](#).

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