



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

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Improving smart growth

The director of Washington, DC's smart growth program says that "smart growth advocates have gotten lazy," and should be [greener and more assertive](#).

Appalachia's "zombie highways"

They're highway projects which [seem impossible to kill](#).

Staying off the housing ladder

University of Pennsylvania historian and sociologist Thomas J. Sugrue [questions](#) the traditional American dream of home ownership.

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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.