



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

Issue #69
September 15, 2009

“Tree-centric” stormwater drains

A small city in Massachusetts is using [live trees](#) to pull pollutants out of storm water.

What is smart growth?

Essentially, it’s a process of guiding development to create economic opportunities, protect environmental resources, and provide great places to live, work, and visit.

The Smart Growth Network offers a [free, downloadable basic overview](#).

Smash your own trash

A [solar-powered, self-contained trash can](#) compacts its contents - and calls for a truck when it’s full. Result: fewer collections, less driving required.

Questions, comments, or link suggestions: craig.owensby@nashville.gov

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.