



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

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## Paper, plastic... or neither

San Jose, California is about to ban [nearly all](#) plastic and paper grocery bags - and encouraging other cities and counties to do the same.

## On the way to too far

A new study by 28 environmental scientists says that our planet has nine "environmental thresholds" that we can't cross without disastrous consequences - and we've [already gone over three of them](#).

## Building great spaces

Thoughts on [iconic buildings](#) - and why they don't always work.

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