



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

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## Calculate your ecological footprint

Answer a few questions online and [learn how much land it takes](#) to support your personal lifestyle.

## How high-speed rail could spread across the USA

Advocates say it'll take a [significant public investment](#) - which would pay off in job creation and increased economic competitiveness.

## Why small diesels are hard to find

High-mileage diesel-engined cars are common in Europe, but relatively rare here - two of the [main reasons for that](#) being regulation and price.

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