



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

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“Reverse vending machines” take your empties back

They’ll accept [glass, aluminum, and three kinds of plastic](#) - and give you [credit](#) in return.

Is refitting dead malls practical?

We’ve shared several articles about finding new uses for empty malls and big-box stores; some of those ideas, though, [could be long shots](#) in the real world.

Going with the flow

Design for living in a flood zone: [a small house](#), anchored to a post, which floats when the water gets high.

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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.