



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

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Farming in the factories' shadow

A century ago, 80% of the Detroit area was farmland. Today, nature is reclaiming huge stretches of abandoned industrial land - and [new farms are springing up](#) to help feed the city.

More new uses for old car lots

A closed car dealership in West Nashville will become a police station and DNA lab; [in other cities](#), they're being converted to schools, restaurants, even yoga studios.

Faster than a speeding bullet train

Trains on [a new Chinese line](#) will top out at 245 miles per hour, fastest in the world - and the whole system, including 664 miles of track, was built in just four years.

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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.