



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

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Alcohol from agricultural waste

The University of North Dakota is [working with a commercial partner](#) on a new process for producing biobutanol, a form of alcohol which could possibly replace gasoline in some applications.

“Skip the bag, save the river”

Washington, DC has [implemented a five-cent tax](#) on non-reusable grocery bags; the money raised will go toward cleaning up the Anacostia River.

The basics of green motoring

[Interesting links and answers to some frequently-asked questions](#) about green vehicles and green driving.

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