



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

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What we can learn from squatters

One billion people worldwide [live in the slums](#) of the developing world - and with that poverty comes innovation.

Houses built with recycled plastic

Eighteen metric tons of plastic become enough "[Thermo Poly Rock](#)" to frame a single-family home.

The rush to renewables

Several states are requiring utility companies to produce [more green energy](#).

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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.