



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

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## Why streetcars are a good idea

They seem to be in Charlotte, anyway, where the largest local newspaper [makes a good argument](#).

## Shrinking to survive

Flint, Michigan, is losing population faster than any other large US city, and nearly one-third of the parcels inside its city limits have been abandoned.

A [new approach to reclaiming blighted areas](#) is currently in play there, but it's facing some significant obstacles.

## Greening the food desert

Some Los Angeles high school students are making [healthy food](#) more accessible in their neighborhoods.

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