



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

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## The importance of thinking regionally

[Several examples](#) of metropolitan areas where municipalities are cooperating to attract investment and grow their economies.

## “How slums can save the planet”

Author and environmentalist Stewart Brand says it’s about “steady and gradual improvement” [by a community’s residents](#).

## A wheel without spokes or hub

It’s part of a [most unusual bicycle](#).

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