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Urban “grand inversion”: what’s old could be new again

[Some thoughts](#) on population shift back to downtowns - and the role cities and suburbs might play in the near future.

Fewer riders, more problems

In 1969, 48% of American students walked or rode their bikes to school. That number is far lower now - which reflects [both health-related and cultural issues](#).

Vines on the walls, fish in the garage

A drug-rehab counselor in Detroit wants to [combine](#) urban farming, vocational training for addicts, and restoration of abandoned buildings.

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