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### The “ripple effect” of sustainable cities

When cities innovate, [suburbs may follow](#).

### A change in purpose

Some unfinished subdivisions in the Washington, DC area are [finding a new use](#) as relatively low-priced farmland.

### Motion to power

[A pilot project by Philadelphia’s transit authority](#) captures wasted energy from slowing commuter trains and feeds it back into the system’s power grid.

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