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**Livable Communities Resource Guide**

ASLA created a new online [resource guide on livable communities](#). The guide contains lists of organizations, research, concepts and projects related to livable communities, and includes sections on: sustainable land use, place making, green schools, sustainable housing, sustainable employment growth, and health, safety, and security.

**ASLA**



**LEED Certified Design for Habitat House in Cambridge**

In Cambridge, MD, the local Habitat for Humanity branch is working to build the first LEED Certified home of its kind in the state, and plans to build four more. This would also be the very first LEED certified building on the entire Delmarva Peninsula.

**City of Cambridge**



**Smart growth must be more demanding and community-oriented**

We in the smart growth movement need to become much more discriminating in what we support and what we don't. In particular, we must stop applauding density *per se* and start advocating *the right kind of density* - a built landscape that respects and improves upon its neighborhood instead of overpowering it.

**NRDC**



**Neighborhood stores: fighting global warming?**

Academics who study travel behavior say that the presence of neighborhood businesses is a major factor in how much we drive. Dozens of studies have found that people who live near small stores walk more for errands and, when they do drive, their trips are shorter. And that's not all: a more surprising research finding is that small retailers influence how likely people are to take public transit to work.

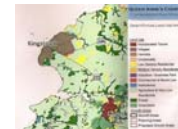
**Grist**



**Queen Anne's Very Scary Plans (Pt. 4)**

For at least two election cycles the voters of Queen Anne's County have booted out the County Commissioners they perceived as being friendliest with developers. The current commission chairman, Gene Ransom, who ran on a pro-conservation moderate growth platform, is the only one of the last batch to be returned to office.

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