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### **A Convenient Remedy: Walkable Urban Neighborhoods**

Watch this short movie to begin learning about the difference your choice of neighborhood can make in reducing your contributions to global warming -- and how it can help protect from runaway gas prices.

#### **CNU**



### **LEED-ND deserves our enthusiastic support**

Our modeling indicates that, compared to standard land development, a project earning a LEED-ND gold certification under our pilot program will reduce per capita carbon emissions by 30 percent. The savings come from a combination of efficiencies in transportation, buildings, and infrastructure, each with standards under the program. And that's just one of the environmental payoffs.

#### **NRDC**



### **New Online Tools to Win Park Funding**

The investment of substantial public funding—typically through voter initiatives for a bond or a small dedicated tax—has fueled a nationwide movement to revitalize cities through the creation and restoration of parks, greenways and other outdoor space. Now advocates seeking park and trail funding for their communities have a comprehensive new resource: [The Conservation Campaign Toolkit](#).

#### **Rebuilding Place**



### **Saying No to House Farms**

Conservationists are cheering over recommendations made to Queen Anne's planning staff by the Citizens Advisory Committee, seeking to place strict barriers on more runaway growth in the county. The recommendations are not binding on the Planning Commission – but given the lopsided sentiment, they will be hard to ignore and override.

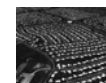
#### **Chestertown Spy**



### **Kent Island project advances**

The Court of Appeals has cleared one obstacle for a developer who wants to build a huge 55-and-older community on the Eastern Shore, but the project is far from shovel-ready.

#### **Maryland Daily Record**



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