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FYI

DEATH TO DEAD ENDS: WILL THE NEW SUBURBIA OMIT CUL-DE-SACS? - ([Fast Company](#)) What could be more American than the suburban cul-de-sac, that leafy and lonely fixture of post-war development? For better or worse, the quiet, meandering dead-end arteries are America's post-war contribution to landscaping history. Now, as planners try to adapt the American dream to the new realities of sustainability, cul-de sacs are under attack. Earlier this year **Virginia became the first state** to encourage walkable neighborhoods by **limiting the use of cul-de-sacs**. Developments that ignore the new rules will be denied snowplowing and other state services. [To read the full article.](#)

Sprawling land development is devouring the American countryside at an alarming rate of **365 acres an hour.**

PICTURING SMART GROWTH - ([Natural Resources Defense Council](#) (NRDC) - **Cities and towns** across the country are **embracing smart growth as a better solution** to meet the needs of their growing populations. [See NRDC's visions](#) for how 70 U.S. communities could apply smart growth principles that accommodate growth and development while saving open space, revitalizing neighborhoods and helping cool the planet.

DESIGN FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION - ([Smart Growth Network](#)) - by Aaron Arbuckle - Much has been published about the decline of public life and how sprawl is ruining the social fabric of our cities. [Jane Jacobs](#), in her book [The Death and Life of Great American Cities](#), was one of the first to really speak out about designing for people and community. In many ways, **the Green movement of today has grown in response to issues of sprawl and the expanding of supporting infrastructure**. By conserving energy, resources, and materials we are in essence thinking beyond ourselves to other people. This in and of itself is at the core of our neighborhood social fabric. [To read the full article.](#)

A FURTHER \$161 MILLION CUT IN PENNSYLVANIA'S 2010 BUDGET - (Capitol Wire) - Administration officials have finalized another \$161 million in cuts from the current budget, following up on a December promise to freeze funds **in response to below-estimate revenues**. The largest discretionary cuts come from the **Department of Public Welfare**, which had its **funding reduced by \$53.7 million**, and the **Department of Education**, which **lost \$27.8 million**. Thirty-three program lines were eliminated, including state funding for zoos, rural cancer outreach, acute care hospitals and health care clinics. [To view a full list of specific cuts.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 17, 2010 – **BREAKING GROUND – Building Livable Communities in Greater Philadelphia** – [The Union League of Philadelphia](#). **One day workshop** sponsored by [The Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission](#) designed for local planning partners, practitioners, developers and decision-makers on **creating livable communities**. For more information, please contact Karen P Cilurso, kpcilurso@dvrpc.org or 215-238-2876

SAVE THIS DATE

Reinventing Older Communities – May 12 – May 14, 2010, Hyatt Regency Philadelphia at Penn's Landing

INTERESTING ARTICLES ■ REPORTS WEBSITES

[The 2009 YorkCounts Indicators Report](#) – A collection of quality-of-life measurements to be used in the community as a tool for planning and assessment.

Education Week's [Quality Counts 2010: Fresh Course, Swift Current](#) - an annual report card grading all 50 states on K-12 educational standards and accountability as well as efforts to improve teacher quality, school climate and resource equity.

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