“Suburban Sustainability” is No Oxymoron

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Three important questions

- What does “sustainability” mean?
- What significance does it have for the profession of community and regional planning?
- How can we create and maintain suburban communities that are sustainable?
What is sustainability?
Why is sustainability important to planners?
SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN
Better 
smarter
CITIES
We have seen a brighter future, and it is urban
INSIDE
How Cities Boost Creativity
The Power of Cyber-Connected Crowds
New Heights for Skyscrapers
10 Years after 9/11

GREEN METROPOLIS
What the City Can Teach the Country About True Sustainability
DAVID OWEN
DVRPC Greenhouse Gas Allocation Inventory:
Emissions by Municipality Per Capita (2005)

All emissions in MtCO₂E
- < 9.5
- 9.5 - 11
- 11 - 12
- 12 - 13.5
- 13.5 - 16.5
- > 16.5

DRAFT: Not for Distribution
Percent of Total Population Living in Metropolitan Areas and in Their Central Cities and Suburbs: 1910 to 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census of population, 1910 to 2000.

How can we create and maintain sustainable suburban communities?
Solutions for Suburban Communities

- Building construction and community design
- Energy saving practices and policies
- Innovative transportation systems
- Housing for diverse needs and populations
- Infrastructure design and management
Temple University’s Department of Community and Regional Planning

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- Concentrations and Certificate Programs
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