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What will it take to turn "fashionable" smart growth and sustainability into national policy? – Cities are developing "walkability" plans. – All sorts of green stuff going on in Seattle. – Ourousoff, once again, questions what's going on with public housing renewal in New Orleans - "a last chance for sanity" and "the role that architecture plays in society." – Foreign architects in Vietnam creating "an eclectic urban tapestry" - but is it all good? – York, U.K., searches for its best new buildings (poor architects "condemned to draw up plans for identikit money-making schemes." - Holyrood seeks "closure" - the fundamental flaw was its "construction management model." – Asymptote wins big (and tall) in Korea. – Toronto's Terrence Donnelly Centre "raises the bar" for research centers everywhere. – Who isn't consulting on Redford's "The Green" show? (well, we could name a few...)

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[Op-Ed: Planning on Walking? With positive effects on public health, safety, and environmental quality – walkability has become the new buzz word in planning. By Wayne Senville, Planning Commissioners Journal \[links\]](#)- PLANetizen

[Building Green Special Section: Can buildings be free of fossil fuels by 2030?: Green office building...first of its kind without air conditioning in 50 years: Living Future 07 a unique opportunity for architects and engineers to brainstorm green solutions beyond the confines of their disciplines: etc. – Edward Living Future 07: Mazria/Architecture 2030: Weber + Thompson; Paladino and Co.; Mithun; Perkins + Will; Mahlum Architects](#)- Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce

[History vs. Homogeneity in New Orleans Housing Fight: Offering perhaps a last chance to bring some sanity to this process, a congressional subcommittee is scheduled to open hearings here on Feb. 22 about the future of the city's affordable housing. It is an opportunity to rethink HUD's questionable vision and reappraise the role that architecture plays in society. By Nicolai Ourousoff](#)- New York Times

[Streets ahead: Many foreign investors...are sinking their money and tastes into Vietnam's property sector...As a result the nation's cityscapes are expanding, influenced by a mix of different architectural styles...\[will\] such an eclectic urban tapestry will eventually unravel. -- Ho Thieu Tri Architect & Associates; Nguyen Van Tat](#)- VietNamNet Bridge

[Building blocks: What a grind it must for architects to be equipped with all relevant skills and yet condemned to draw up plans for identikit money-making schemes requiring almost no imagination](#).- The Press (York, UK)

[Holyrood seeks 'closure' over its £414 million fiasco: Announcement of £16m saving...Fundamental flaw identified as 'construction management model' -- EMBT/Enric Miralles/Benedetta Tagliabue; RMJM](#)- The Scotsman

[Asymptote wins competition for WBCB Tower: Millennium Tower World Business Center, Busan, Korea...the tallest building in Asia -- Hani Rashid/Lise Anne Couture \[image\]](#)- Architectural Record

[Double Take: Research center innovates with double-skin façade, dual climate zones, and natural ventilation...Terrence Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research -- Behnisch Architekten; architectsAlliance \[images\]](#)- ARCHI-TECH magazine

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