



The SKINNY

Inside views and news

November

New building permits			
	City		39
	County		22
Subdivision plats reviewed and recorded			
			12
LOC sureties	\$	5.2M	
Cash sureties	\$	1M	

Construction Progress



Parking lot extension at Kroger

Zoning Code Reform?

Because we are a small planning office in a rapidly growing area our time is often hostage to managing the day to day demands of current development. That is why non-profit “smart growth” organizations like Congress of New Urbanism (CNU) can provide such a great service to smaller cities. They provide the research on best practices of successful, vibrant places. Their work can be a useful resource to improve local zoning codes to make new development better fitted to local conditions.

In 2016, CNU launched the **Project for Code Reform** to streamline the zoning reform process by providing local governments greater access to coding tools that work, and to do it in a way, that meets the needs of smaller government agencies.

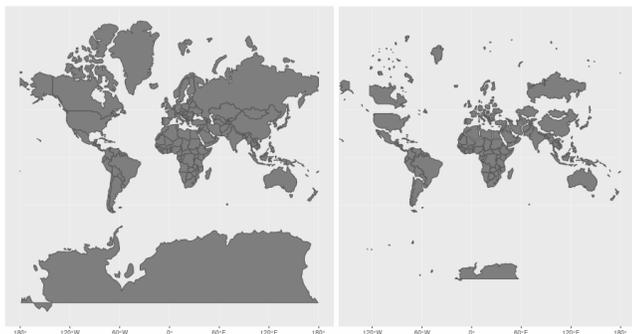
Instead of *guaranteeing* a great place, CNU claims, the Project for Code Reform provides approaches that enable a great place. This is significant difference: guaranteeing a great place CNU says, requires a complex code that takes into account a range of issues, while enabling a great place focuses on the critical land use elements required for vibrant, walkable places. Putting these elements in place, according to the CNU researchers, can involve small but critical changes to the codes—often simplifying or removing requirements.

The recently completed Great Scott Comprehensive Plan emphasizes the importance of maintaining the downtown areas of Georgetown, Sadieville and Stamping Ground as the centers of those communities with strong anchors that provide identity to each city. The Community Form Goals and Objectives, as one example, included the Goal of creating places that enrich our built environment’s form and character. One of the priority action items of the Comprehensive Plan for the Planning Commission was to update the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the implementation of the Goals and Objectives of the Plan.

At the top of the Planning Commission work plan, for the coming year, is a review of the existing Zoning Ordinance and its land use codes, and if necessary, to make changes, to allow for new development and redevelopment that will incrementally improve the quality of our downtown areas.

Read the CNU article at: <https://www.cnu.org/our-projects/project-code-reform>

Mapping Your World



Mercator projection (left) vs the true size of each country (right).

GSCPC wishes you a
happy New Year!

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