

Planning Sustainably, Growing Inclusively, & Connecting Communities

A Smart Growth Approach to Planning

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We advocate for a Richmond Region that plans sustainably, grows inclusively, and connects communities, in accordance with the ten principles of Smart Growth.

What is Smart Growth?

Any guesses?

10 Smart Growth Principles

1. Mixed land uses.



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2. Take advantage of compact building design.



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3. Create a range of housing opportunities and choices.



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4. Create walkable neighborhoods.



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5. Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place.



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6. Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and critical environmental areas



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7. Strengthen and direct development towards existing communities



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8. Provide a variety of transportation choices



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9. Make development decisions predictable, fair, and cost effective



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10. Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration in development decisions

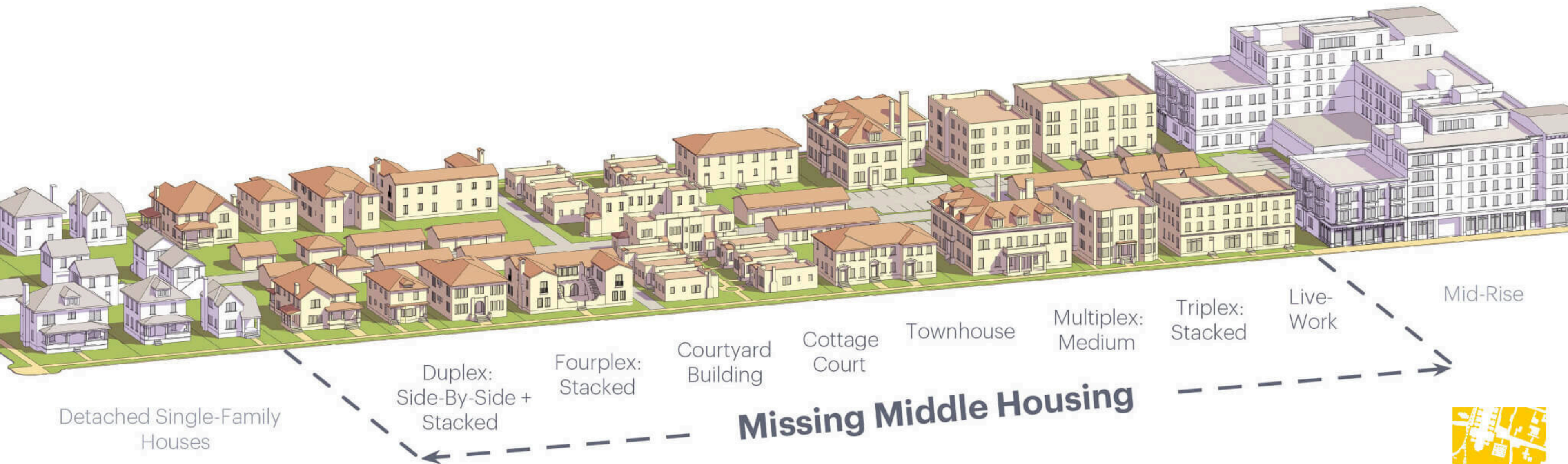


**What do you think of the ten
principles?**

**How does it (not) apply to your
state or locality?**

Smart Growth & Land Use

- Missing Middle Housing
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Zoning Codes
- Single-Stair Reform

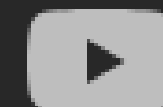


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Transportation is a Geometry Problem

Cars



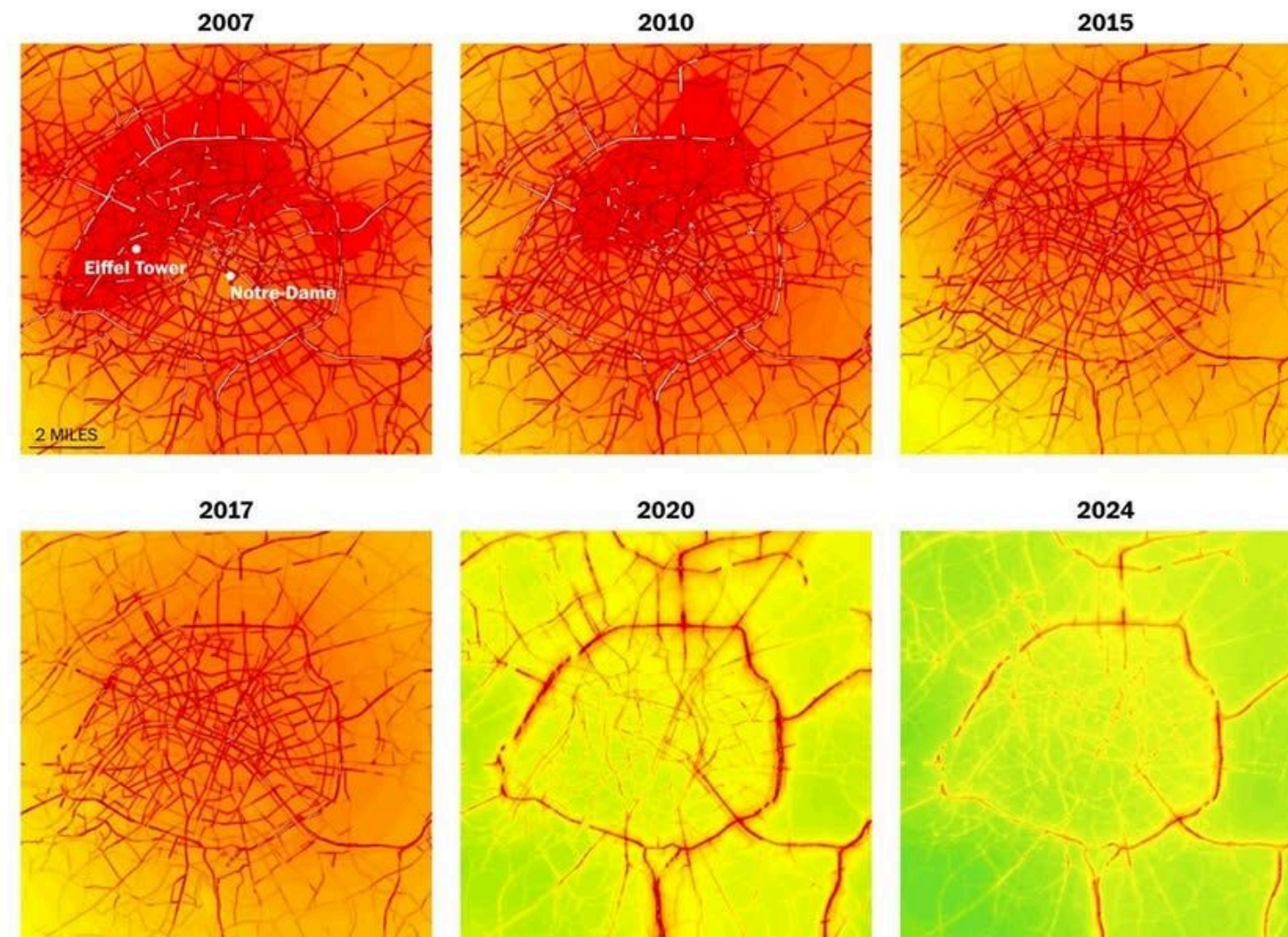
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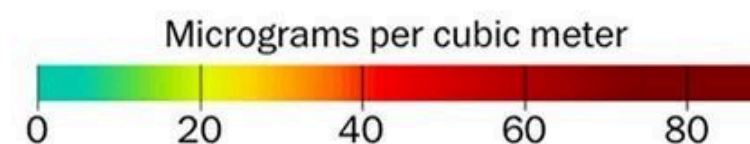
Bus



Paris said au revoir to cars. Air pollution maps reveal a dramatic change.



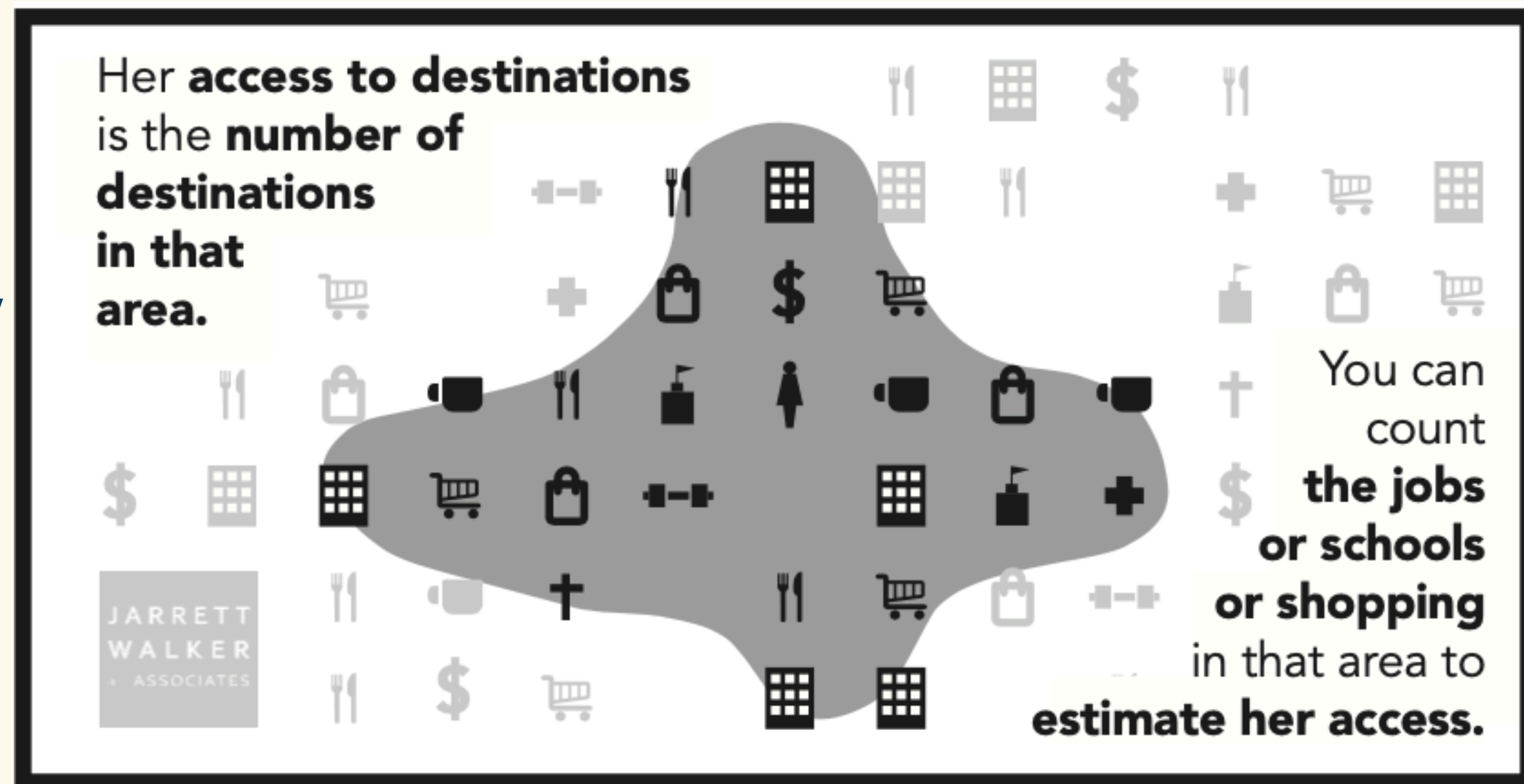
Average nitrogen dioxide concentration in Paris



Washington Post,
April 14, 2025

Smart Growth & Transportation

- Thinking beyond the car as the **only** method of transportation
 - Not everybody can drive, wants to drive, or can afford to drive
 - Cars have an important place for rural areas
- Induced Demand
- Mobility is a conduit to freedom & opportunity



Thank you!

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