

waste reduction

- encourage small-scale neighborhood recycling centers
- reduce construction and demolition debris produced on site to be recycled/reused



stormwater



- prohibit single-use structural stormwater facilities
- consider detention & retention ponds as parks or open space

water reuse & irrigation

- encourage greywater reuse & identify if any barriers for such systems exist in the building code
- encourage/require native plant species whenever feasible to limit water waste



Sustainability

Tell us what you think about our County's Sustainable Practices

**Montgomery County
is doing well**

OR

**Montgomery County
should do better**

	waste reduction	
	stormwater	
	water reuse & irrigation	
	energy	
	buildings & neighborhoods	
	tree canopy & heat island	
	parking	
	food production	
	lighting	

energy



- consider permitting district energy systems in all zones
- permit solar panels in all districts
- ensure regulations are in place to allow for wind turbine installation (height, noise, setback limitations)

buildings & neighborhoods



- focus density in key areas
- encourage walkability through mixed uses
- provide a variety of housing types (such as cottage housing)

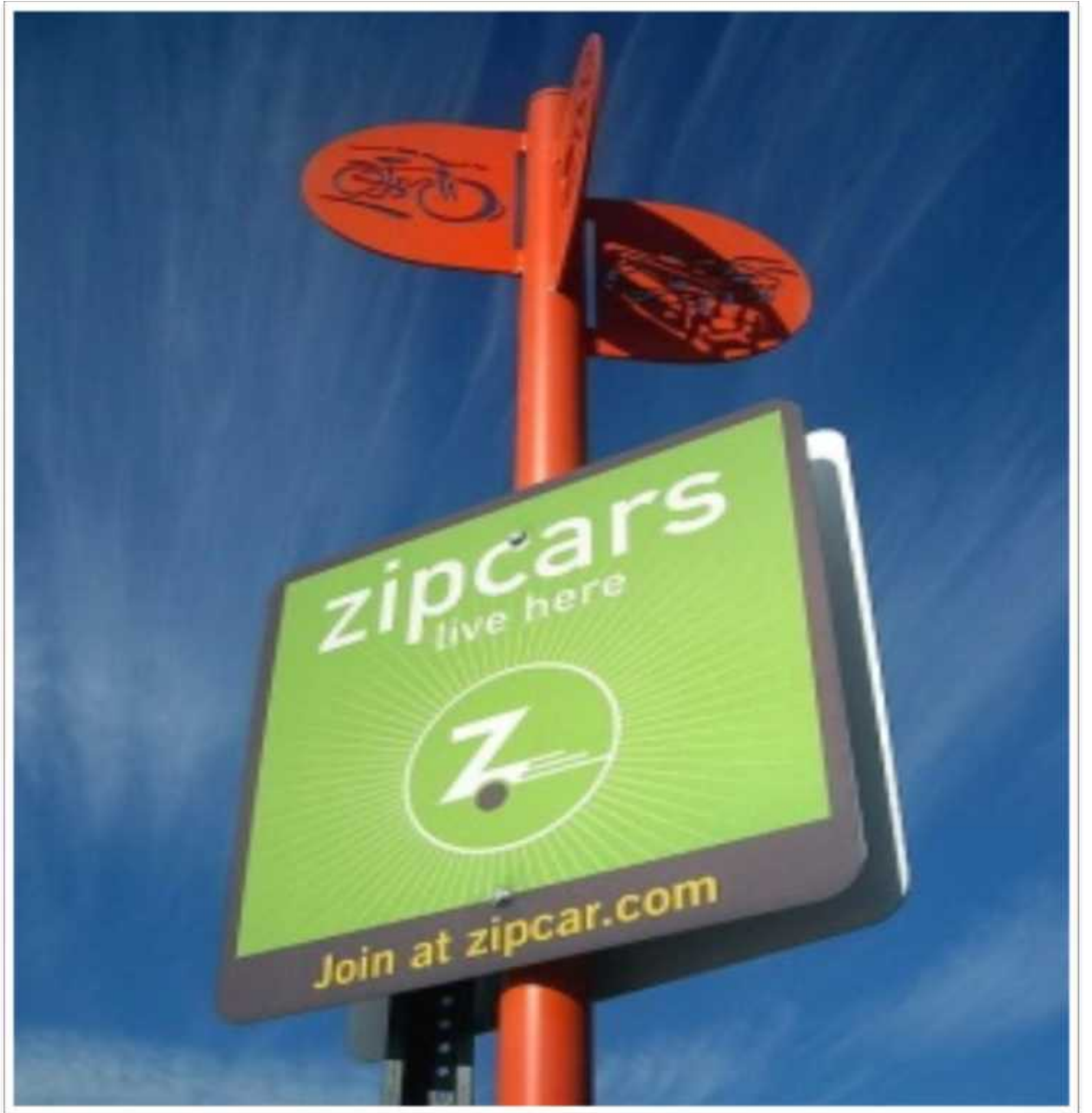
tree canopy & heat island



- designate standard number of street trees per linear feet of frontage (e.g. one street tree per 40 feet)
- increase width of tree planting areas in parking lots
- consider standards for reflective roof & impervious pavement surface

parking

- provide parking credits for sites with car-sharing, cooperative parking, or adjacent parking
- consider maximum allowance rather than minimum
- require bicycle parking for all commercial sites



food production



- encourage raising livestock on smaller lots
- permit community gardens & count toward green area requirements
- permit farmers markets in most residential & commercial areas

lighting

- apply lighting zones based on context area (e.g. highest ambient lighting in urban areas): to help protect mating, migration, & predation behavior, preserve the night sky, & minimize energy waste

