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"A Suburb All Grown Up and Paved Over," by David Plotz (Op-Ed, June 19), maintains that Fairfax County, Va., "is the very model of the benefits of immigration."

The benefits he describes: up to six cars parked on paved-over yards; climbing poverty rates; "sprawled suburbs," packed houses of "sisters, husbands and cousins," and a lost rural character. If those are the benefits of immigration, what are the disadvantages?

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