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Inhabitat's Week In Green: solar-powered stadium, bipod flying cars and biofueled flights

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FEATURE



Groundbreaking green architecture projects popped up around the world this week as Herzog & de Meuron unveiled plans for a [solar-powered stadium](#) in Bordeaux and a Korean department store prepared to install a massive [iPod-inspired green roof](#). We also showcased several feats of futuristic architecture -- a [skyscraper zoo](#) with a built-in ferris wheel and a [shape-shifting solar bridge](#) that purifies the air. As summer hit its peak and the weather heated up we also brought took a look at [six awesome parks](#) made from rehabilitated urban structures.

In other news, pedal-powered transportation geared up for the future as we showcased a chain-less hybrid bike with an [out-of-this-world design](#) and a [molded bamboo bike](#) that is grown from the ground up. We also saw greener transportation take to the skies as Finnair launched the [world's longest biofueled commercial flight](#), Scaled Composites launched its [bipod flying car](#), and the US Air Force announced plans to replace 50 percent of its domestic fuels with [biofuels](#) by 2016. Eco transportation charted the ocean blue as well as researchers at Boston University unveiled plans for a [fleet of ships](#) that generate energy from the motion of the ocean.

As temperatures soared across the US this week we brought you [five eco gadgets to beat the summer heat](#), and we also learned that solar panels have a [cooling effect on buildings](#). We also got set to hit the beach by checking out the world's first [compostable swimsuit](#), and we spotted a futuristic pair of [smart sunglasses](#) that use LCD technology to block out glare. Finally, we covered a set of incredible LEGO creations -- from a [life-size Wall-E robot](#) made from Lego Mindstorms to a [computer built from plastic bricks](#) and a series of [amazing Lego animals](#) that invaded the Bronx Zoo.

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