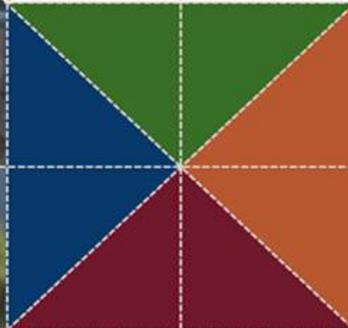
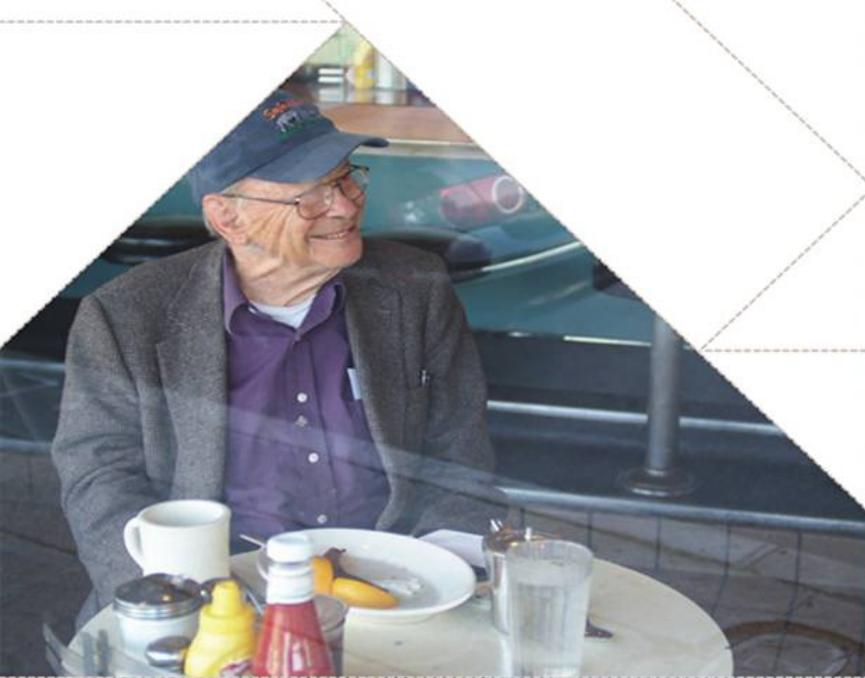


Livable Communities: Creating Environments For Successful Aging



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AARP's Social Impact Agenda

People 50+ will have

**Independence, Choice, &
Control**

in ways that are beneficial and
affordable for them and for
society as a whole.

AARP's Social Impact Agenda

- Economic Security
- Health
- *Livable Communities*
- Global Aging

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What is a Livable Community?

A livable community is one that has

- **affordable and appropriate housing,**
- **supportive community features & services, and**
- **adequate mobility options.**

TOGETHER, these features facilitate personal independence and the engagement of residents in civic and social life.

What most people currently do

- Most older Americans prefer not to move, if they can avoid it!
- In fact, most people become more residentially stable as they age—they “age-in-place”
- This pattern existed in both the 1990 and 2000 US Census and dates back to 1960.
- 90% of people 60+ either stayed in same house or moved within the same county

What do we know?

- 84% of people 50 or older want to remain in their home (AARP Survey)
- 83% would like to be living in same local community 5 years from now (AARP Survey)
- 80% of people 50+ own their own home (US Census)

What do we know?

- While people want to “age in place,” only 16% of households have made modification that would help them do so (aarp survey)
- And only 46 % of communities survey believed their community was ready for the aging population (metlife/n4a survey)

What do we know?

- In 2003, the average U.S. family spent 52% of their household income on housing (33% and transportation (19%) (Bureau of Labor Statistics)
- For over half of America's home owners, at least 50% of their wealth is the equity of their home & their largest expense (US Census)

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