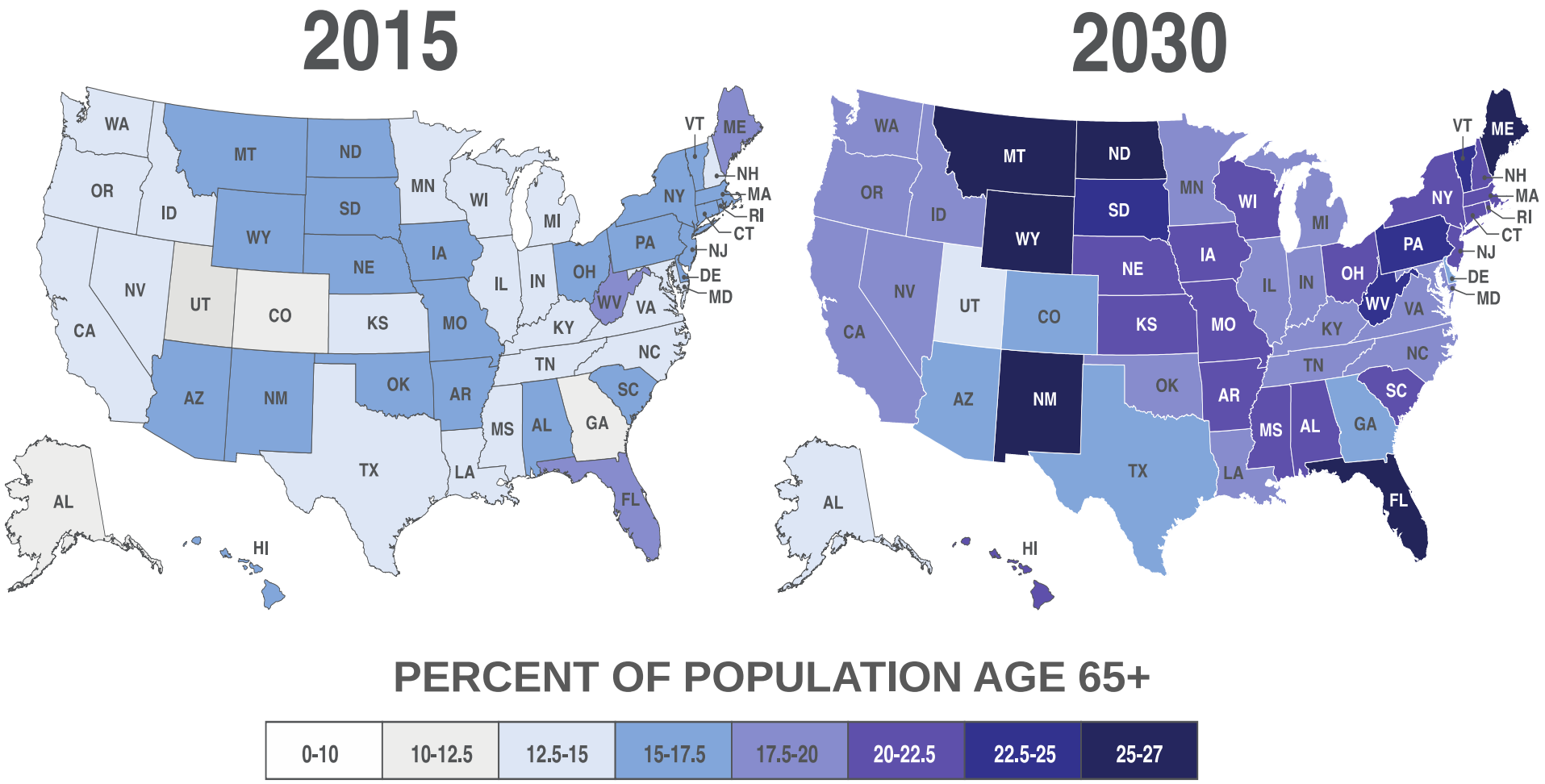
Livable Communities

Great Places for People of All Ages

AARP Real Possibilities in Vermont

America is aging



Source: US Census

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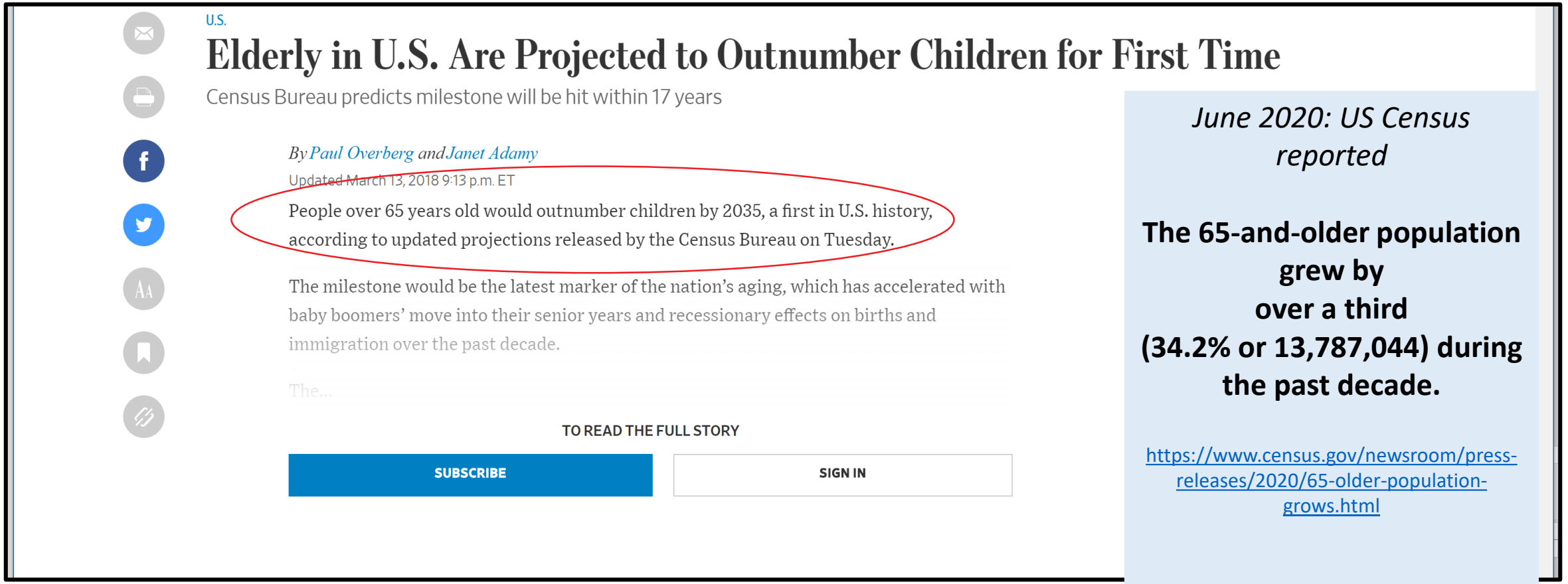

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Elderly in U.S. Are Projected to Outnumber Children for First Time

Census Bureau predicts milestone will be hit within 17 years

By Paul Overberg and Janet Adamy

Updated March 13, 2018 9:13 p.m. ET

People over 65 years old would outnumber children by 2035, a first in U.S. history, according to updated projections released by the Census Bureau on Tuesday.

The milestone would be the latest marker of the nation's aging, which has accelerated with baby boomers' move into their senior years and recessionary effects on births and immigration over the past decade.

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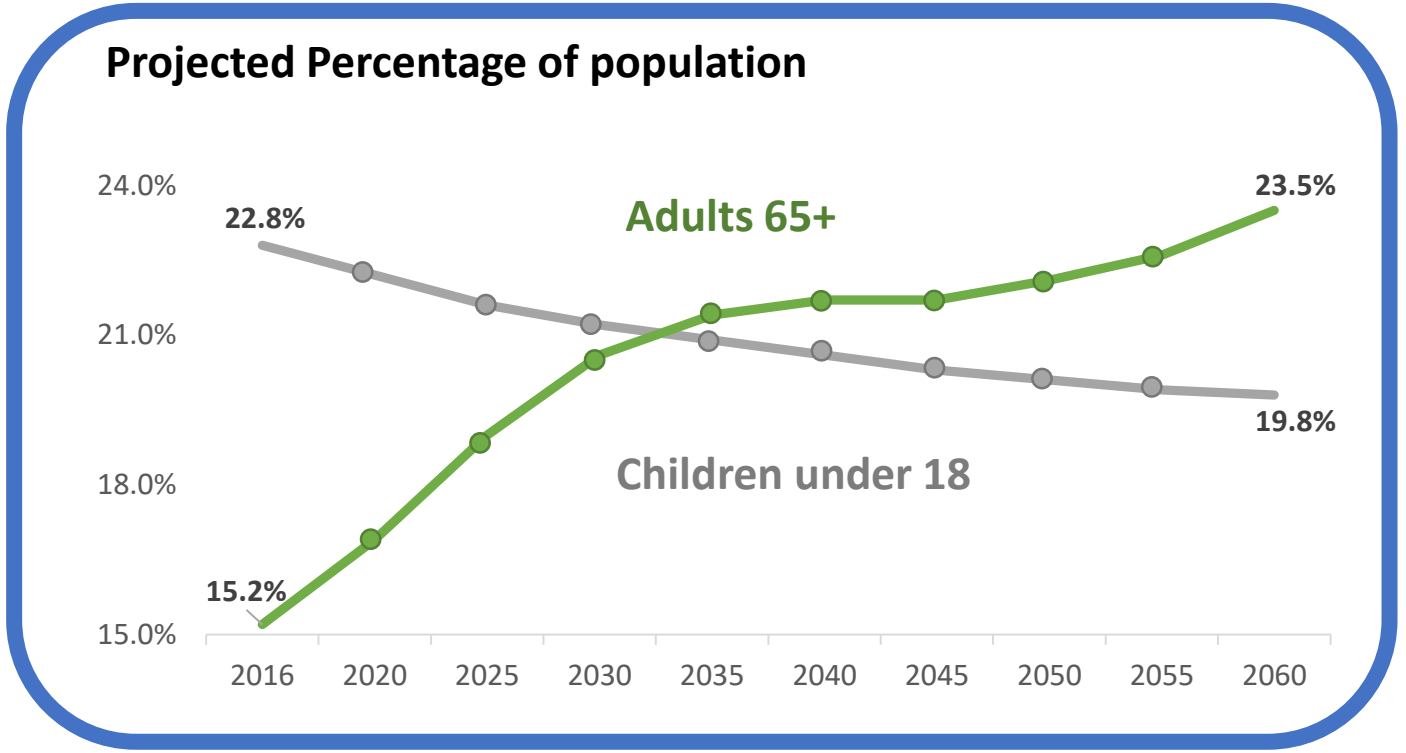
June 2020: US Census reported

The 65-and-older population grew by over a third (34.2% or 13,787,044) during the past decade.

https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2020/65-older-population-grows.html



Median age will increase from 38 today to 43 in 2060.

Source: US Census Bureau (March, 2018). Older People Projected to Outnumber Children for First time in US History. Retrieved from: https://bit.ly/2p8zoQY

A 10-year American child today has a

50%

chance of living to 100+.

Millennials and baby boomers want walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods.

80%

Well maintained, safe and accessible streets

82%

Conveniently-located grocery stores

83%

Safe Parks

87%

Well-maintained health care facilities

Age doesn't define us

Source: 2018 AARP Home and Community Preferences Survey: A National Survey of Adults Age 18+

Survey after survey finds that **today's older adults want to stay in their community**

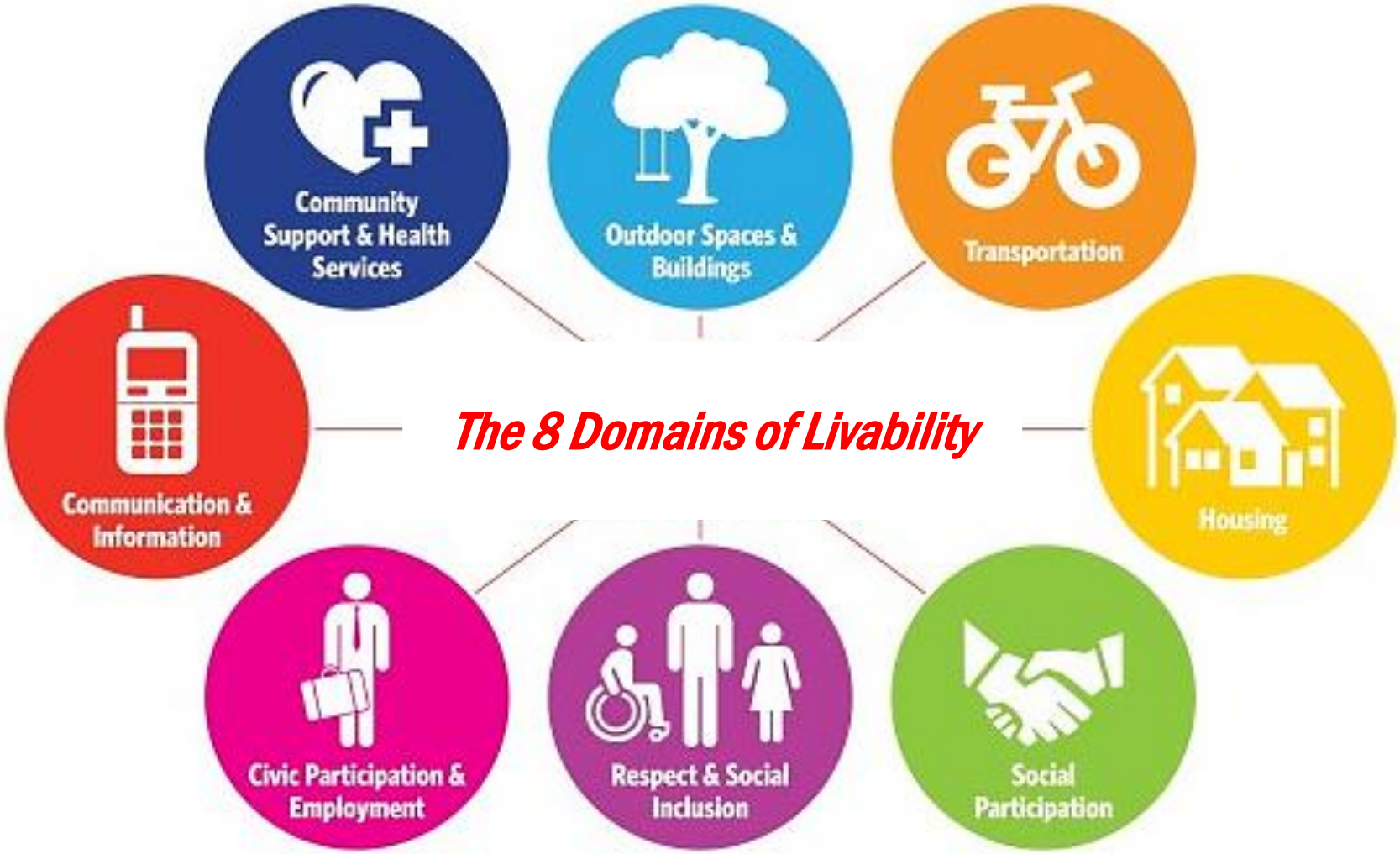
80%

of adults ages 45+ agree or strongly agree with the statement: "What I'd really like to do is stay in my current community for as long as possible."

For the past 50 years, communities have developed around cars and other motor vehicles as our principal form of transportation

Source: AARP Home and Community Preferences of the 45+ Population, 2014

What makes a community a great place to live?



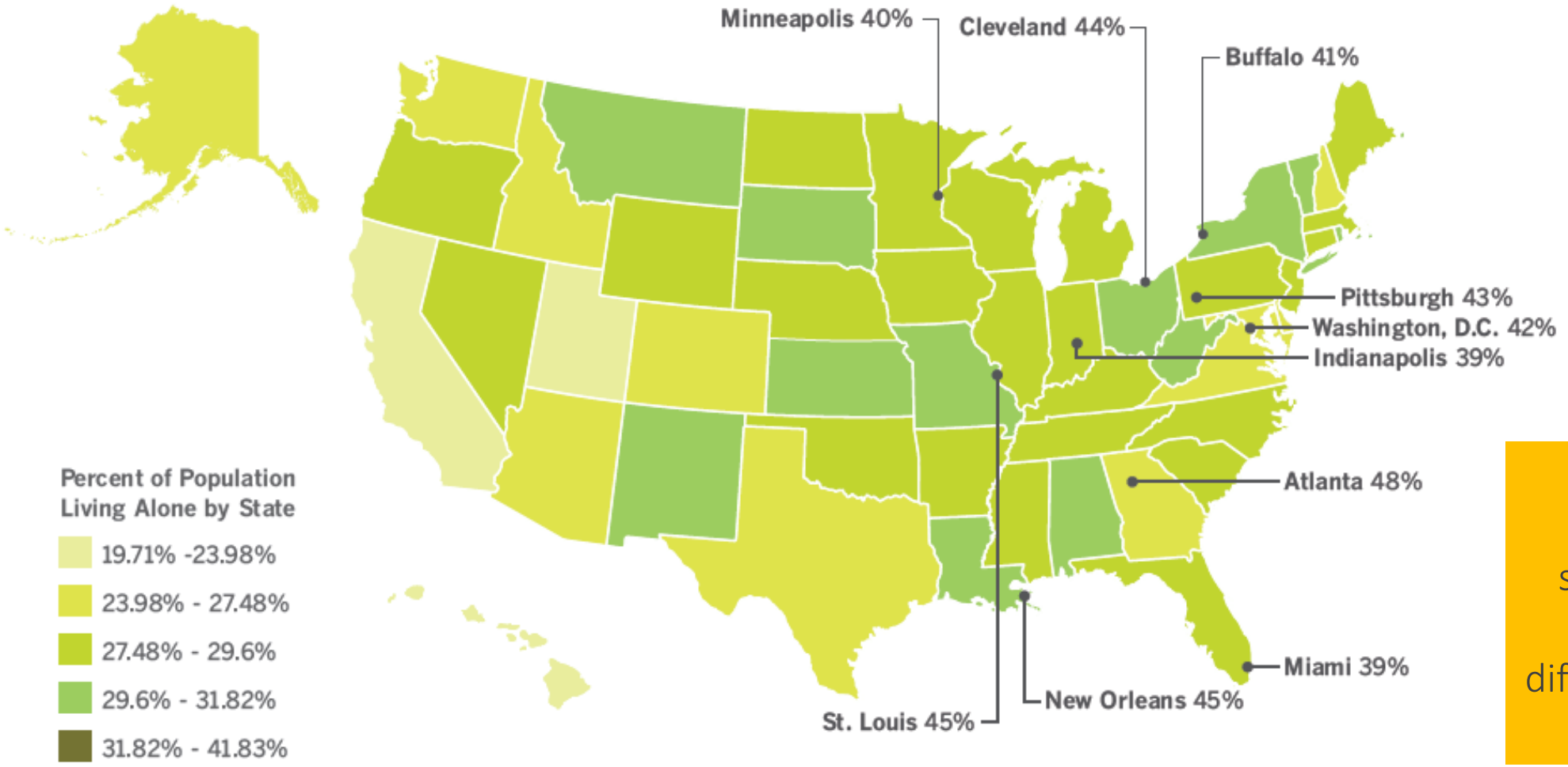
Are communities ready?

American homes have traditionally been designed and built for able-bodied 35 year olds.

For the past 50 years, communities have developed around motor vehicles as the principal form of transportation.

Housing

Single Person Households



Ask Yourself:
Chances are, you've searched for housing while single. Was it difficult to find a suitable place to live?

Living Arrangements for 18 to 34-Year-Olds

32.1%

Living in parent(s)' home

Family ***Fluidity***

31.6%

Married or cohabitating in own household

22%

Other living arrangement

14%

Living alone, single parents or other head of household

Ask Yourself:

Would your home easily accommodate a weekly or frequent change in the number and needs of residents?

What Americans want in housing as they age

<75%: More than 3/4 of people age 50+ want to **remain in their home or community.**

>50%: Fewer than half believe they will **stay in their homes**

<60%: Over 60 percent of all adults own their own homes

33%: One-third report **major modifications are needed** to accommodate aging.

50%: Half of adults already share or would be willing to **share a home as they age**,

7%: Only about 7% of survey respondents have an ADU.

33%: **One-third would be interested in building one**

In 2018, AARP conducted a national survey on
Home and Community Preferences
www.aarp.org/Research

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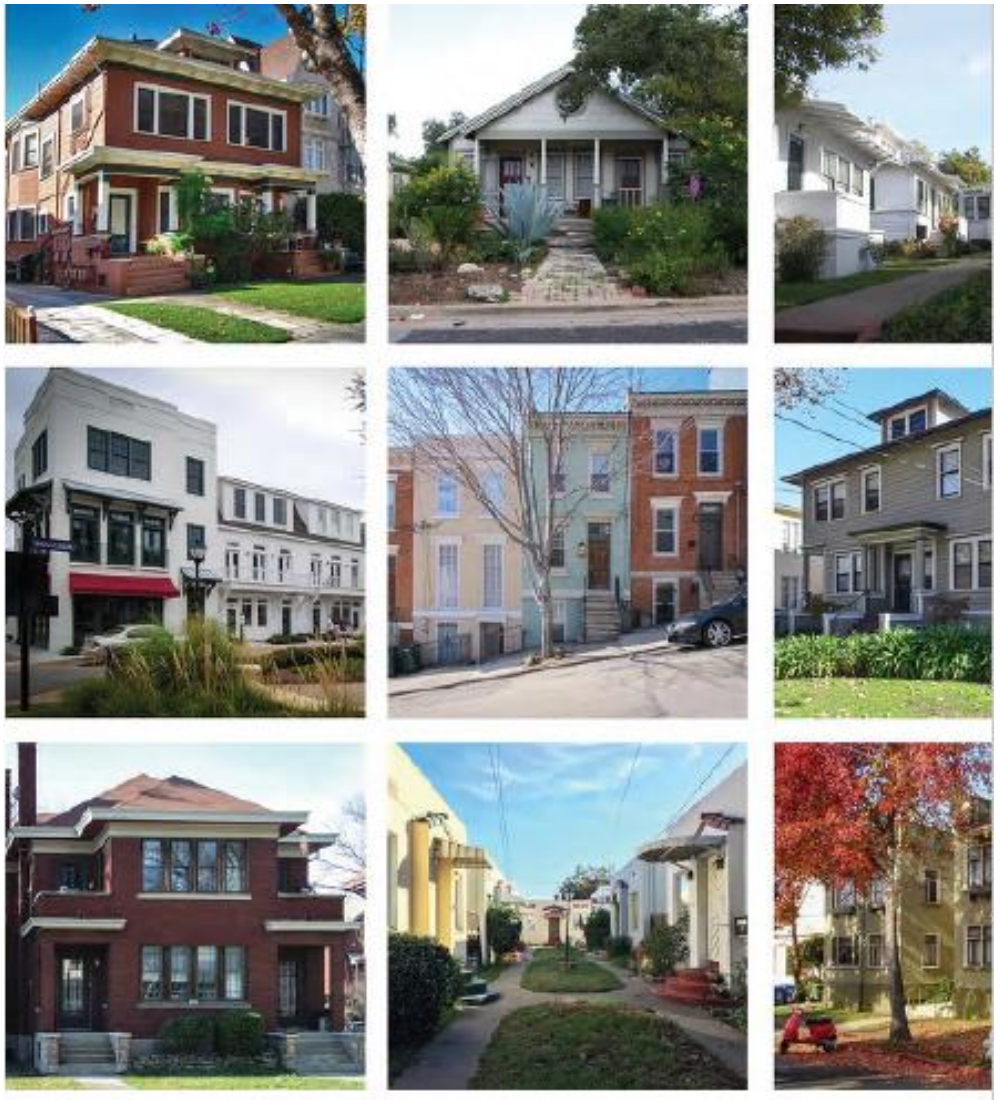
Opportunity -- Missing Middle Housing

Duplex - Stacked & Side-Side
Bungalow Court
Accessory Dwelling Units
Fourplex
Townhouses
Multiplex
Courtyard Apartments

Missing Middle Characteristics

- ✓Walkability
- ✓Compatibility with Single Family Homes
- ✓Provide Small, Well-Designed Units
- ✓Provide Fewer Off-Street Parking Spaces
- ✓Create a Strong Sense of Community



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Opportunity – Designing for Sharing

Group Living

Co-Living

Housing for Grandparenting

Cohousing

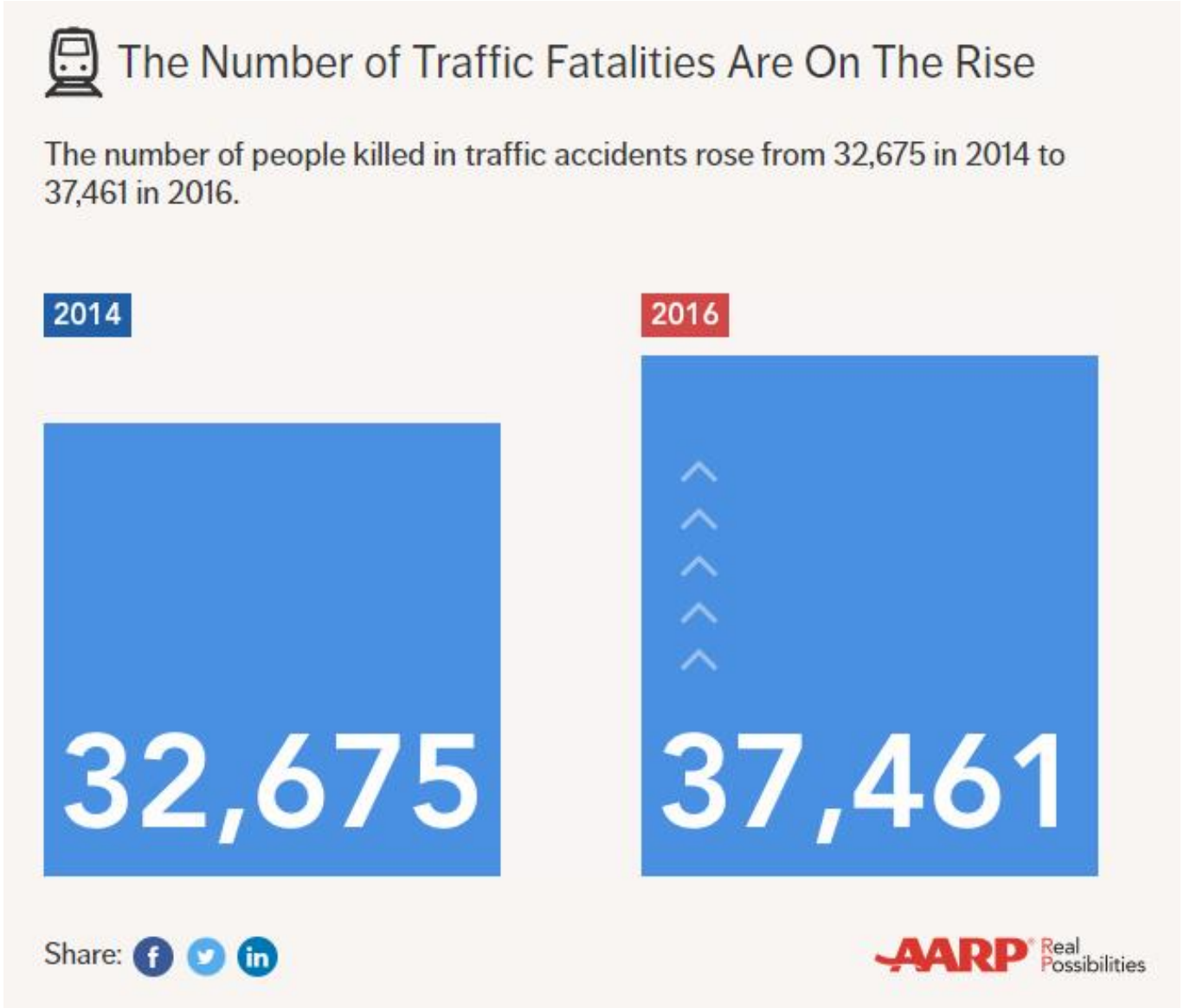
Homesharing

Opportunity – Universal Design
Creating a Home for All Ages

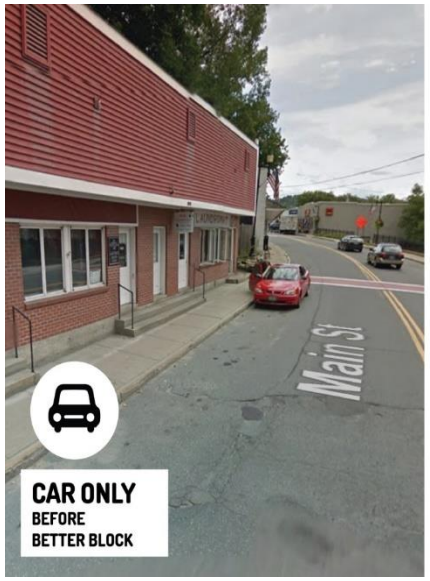
- Entrance
- Doorways & Hallways
- Kitchen: varied heights & appliances
- Flooring
- Outlets & Switches
- Bath Safety
- Lighting
- Hardware

Transportation

Getting Around - Mobility



Provide **Safe** Ways to Get Around



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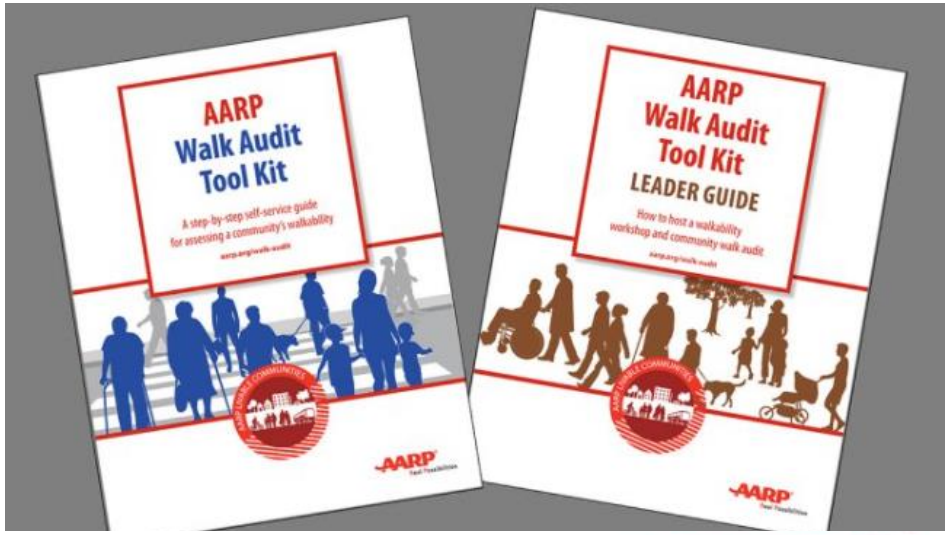
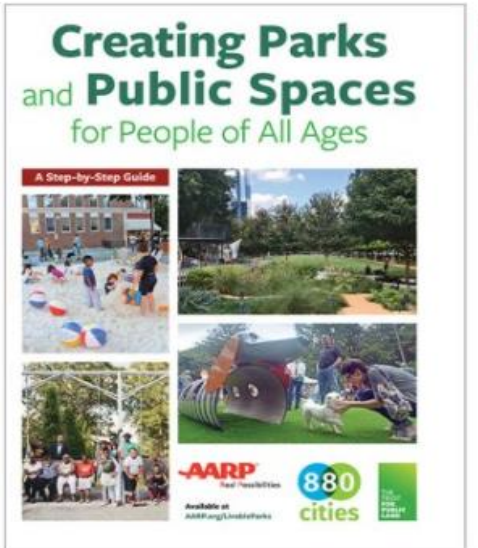
Mobility for All

Creating Livable Communities through Complete Streets

- ✓Intersections & Street Crossings
- ✓Reducing Speed
- ✓Bike Strategies
- ✓Public Transit

Walk Audit
Public Spaces & Parks Guide





Placemaking

Placemaking Is....

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Public Art

Demonstration Projects

Pop-Up Galleries

Farmers Markets

Pocket Parks

Community Centers

Walking and Biking Trails

Downtown and Village Events

Parklets

Place

Community Driven

Community

Builds Social Capital

Making

Activates Public Spaces

Placemaking strengthens the connection between

people and the places they share.

Image courtesy of Richard Amore, DHCD

Create Places People Love

From Low-Cost to High Impact

Reclaim Local Spaces to Support Public Life

Builds Social Capital

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RECLAIMED
Rest and Recharge Station

Community Engagement

Join the Conversation

Meaningful Calls to Action

AARP Resources

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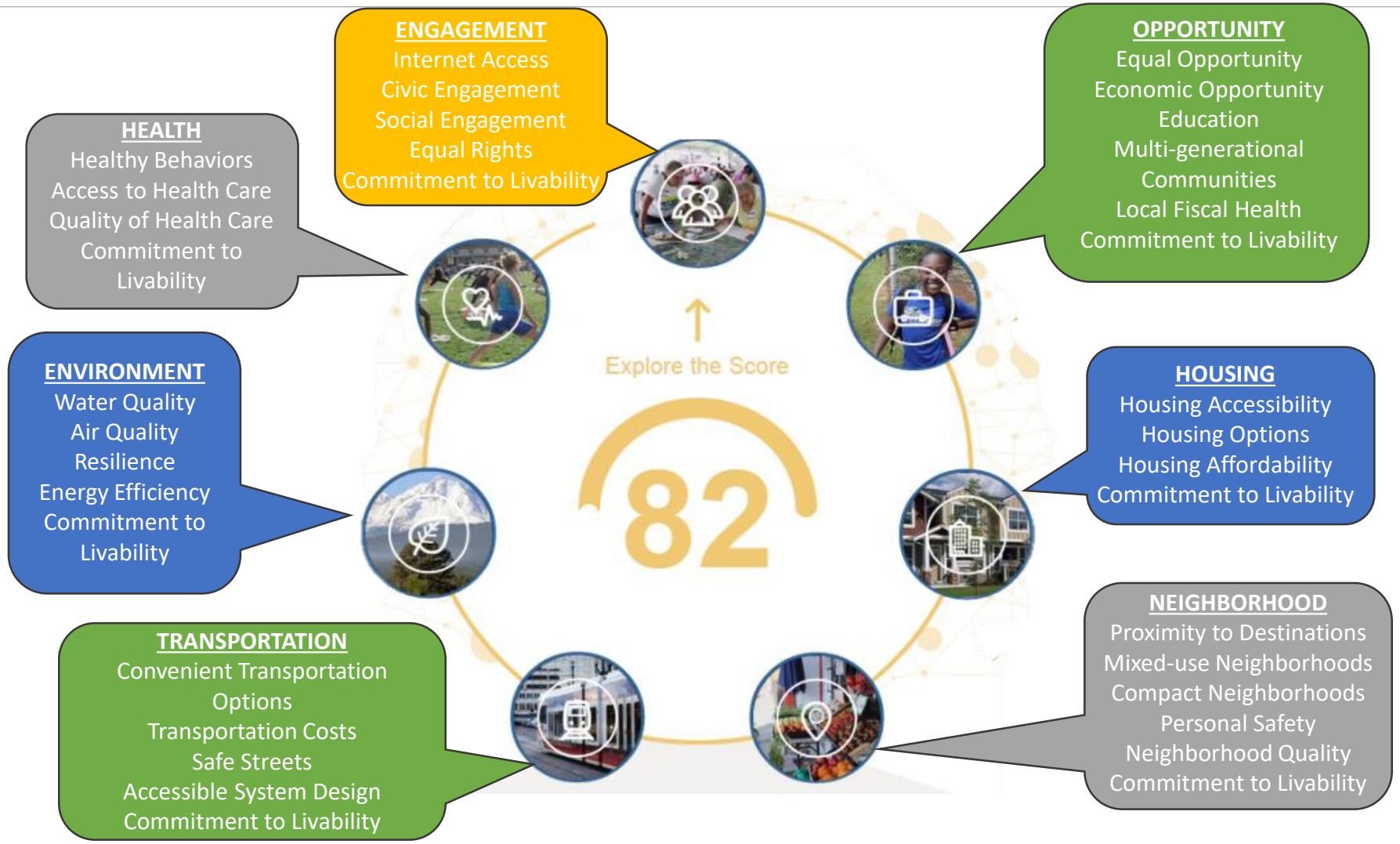

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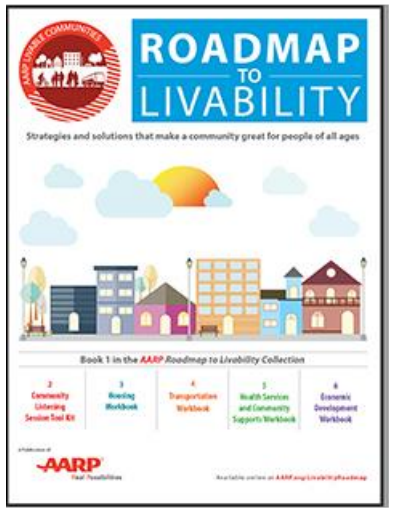
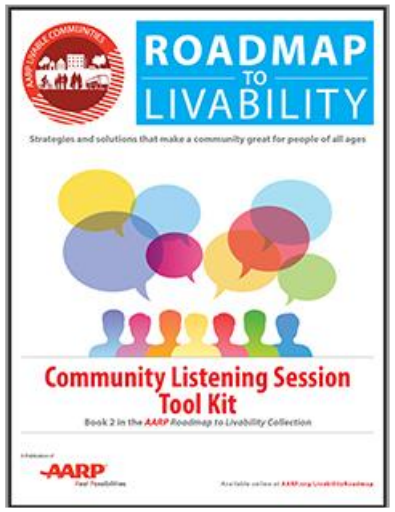
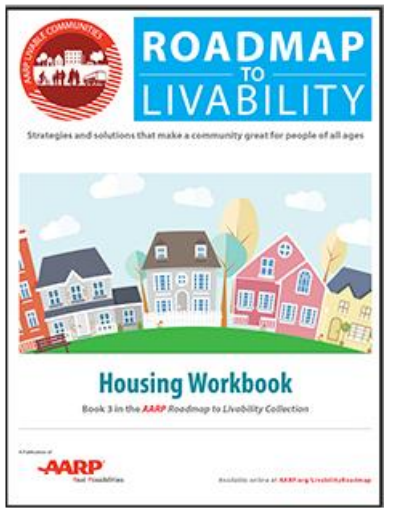
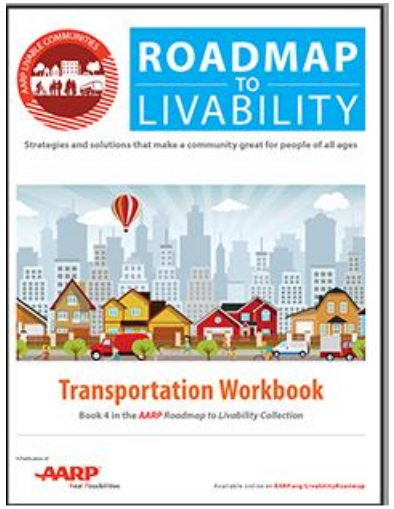
https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/

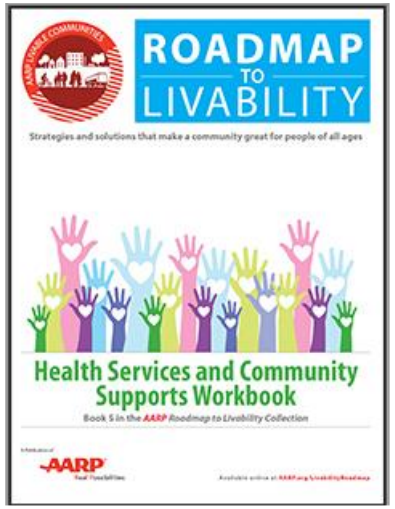
Roadmap to Livability series

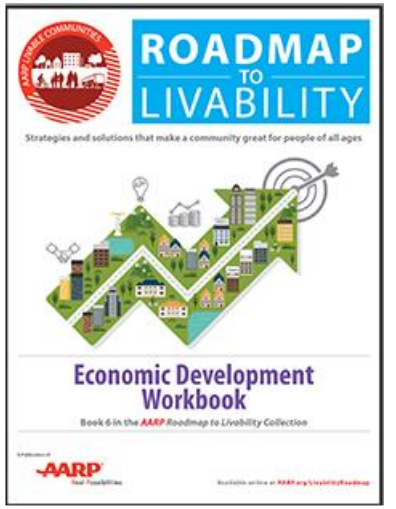












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Community Challenge Grants

AARP COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Grants to make communities livable for people of all ages

aarp.org/CommunityChallenge

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Placemaking Grants

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