LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ARE GOOD FOR PEOPLE AND BUSINESS

Higher property values, increased economic activity and savings for communities are some of the benefits you’ll learn about in THE LIVABILITY ECONOMY.

A LIVABLE COMMUNITY...

- Features housing choices that are suitable for people of all ages and life stages.
- Reduces automobile dependence and supports a socially vibrant public realm.
- Integrates land uses so people can live closer to or within walking distance of jobs, community activities and the services they need.
- Has transportation options that enable residents to get around even if they don’t drive.

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INCREASE PROPERTY VALUES

Homes closer to parks and open spaces have higher property values than those further away.

- Philadelphia, PA: +33%
- Elizabeth, NJ: +64%
- Oakland, CA: +145%

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES SAVE MONEY

In Central Texas, compact, infill development decreased infrastructure costs by 70% when compared to typical, more sprawling development models, resulting in a $7.5 billion savings.

PEOPLE WANT LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

Boomers and Millennials have similar preferences for walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods.

- Want to be near shops, restaurants and offices: 72% vs. 54%
- Would move into a smaller home for a shorter commute: 62% vs. 49%
- Prefer to live where there’s a mix of homes: 42% vs. 59%
- Want public transportation options: 52% vs. 55%

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INCREASE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

Bicycling has generated more than $400 million in economic activity in Iowa.

Learn more by downloading or reading The Livability Economy: People, Places and Prosperity online at AARP.org/livability-economy.

Learn how livable communities are great places for people of all ages by visiting AARP.org/livable and subscribing to the free AARP Livable Communities Monthly eNewsletter.