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08-1316: A Comparative Study of Baby Boomers’ Travel Behavior and Residential Preferences in Age-Restricted and Typical Suburban Neighborhoods

Introduction

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“Active adult community” distinguishes these locations from traditional multi-family developments by higher density, greater amenities and community management. The AARP (2002) reports an increase in the number of ARAACs within the BMA – 150 existing or under construction in Minnesota. AARP (2002) identifies the following factors as making a major contribution to the growth of ARAACs:

- Increasing population of age-restricted occupants and the desirability of suburban living in the wake of several events that often make suburban living unappealing to seniors.

- Desire of seniors to remain active and maintain healthier lifestyles.

- Desire of seniors to avoid hazards associated with city living, including crime and pollution.

- Desire of seniors to avoid the costs associated with owning a car and maintaining a car.

- Desire of seniors to live in communities that offer social and recreational activities.

- Desire of seniors to live in communities that offer access to health care services.

- Desire of seniors to live in communities that offer access to entertainment and cultural activities.

- Desire of seniors to live in communities that offer access to transportation services.

- Desire of seniors to live in communities that offer access to outdoor recreational opportunities.

- Desire of seniors to live in communities that offer access to green spaces and parks.

- Desire of seniors to live in communities that offer access to community events and activities.

- Desire of seniors to live in communities that offer access to community services and resources.

- Desire of seniors to live in communities that offer access to community organizations and groups.

- Desire of seniors to live in communities that offer access to community support and assistance.

- Desire of seniors to live in communities that offer access to community resources and information.

- Desire of seniors to live in communities that offer access to community planning and development.

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- Desire of seniors to live in communities that offer access to community transportation.

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