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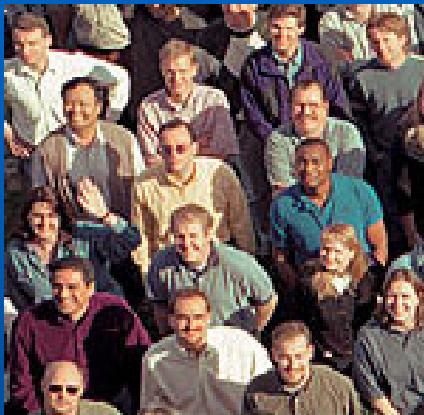
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Growth and the Future of Established Suburbs: Dealing with Transition in the 21st Century

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Profound demographic, economic, social, and cultural forces are reshaping the nation



Demographically, the country is growing, aging, and diversifying.

Economically, the nation is being transformed by globalization, deindustrialization, and technological innovation.

Culturally, the nation is changing its attitude towards cities and suburban living.

These changes are presenting new opportunities for older, established suburbs



- Young professionals
- Childless couples
- New immigrants
- Empty nesters
- Elderly individuals
- Families with children

This growing and diverse population desires
a range of choices in housing...



Single family housing



Apartments for rent

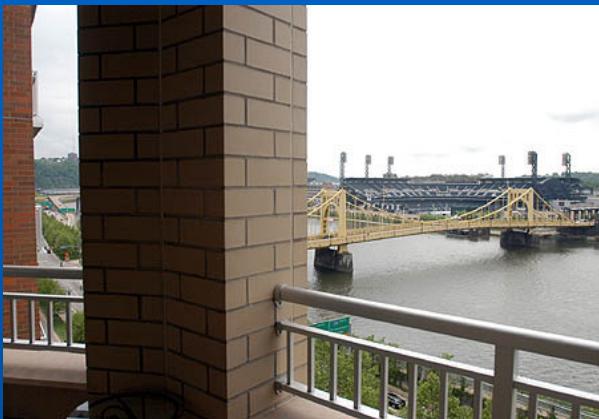


Townhomes



Assisted living

...a range of choices in neighborhoods...



Downtown living



Dense suburbs



Traditional single family



Town centers

...a range of choices for shopping...



Downtown



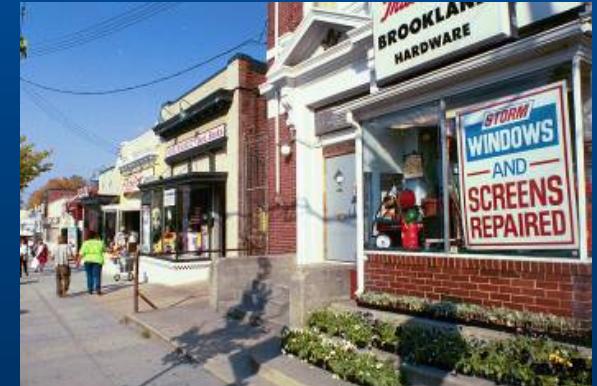
Big box



Shopping malls



Lifestyle centers



Main streets

...and a range of choices in transportation



Fixed rail



Walking and biking



Bus



Automobile

Many suburbs are not equipped to respond to these changes



Lack of housing choice



Separated land uses



Automobile dominated



Fragmented open space

Mature suburbs in transition need to plan for change and rethink their attitudes toward several key issues:

DENSITY

Today's demographic and market changes favor more housing choices and quality development

DESIGN

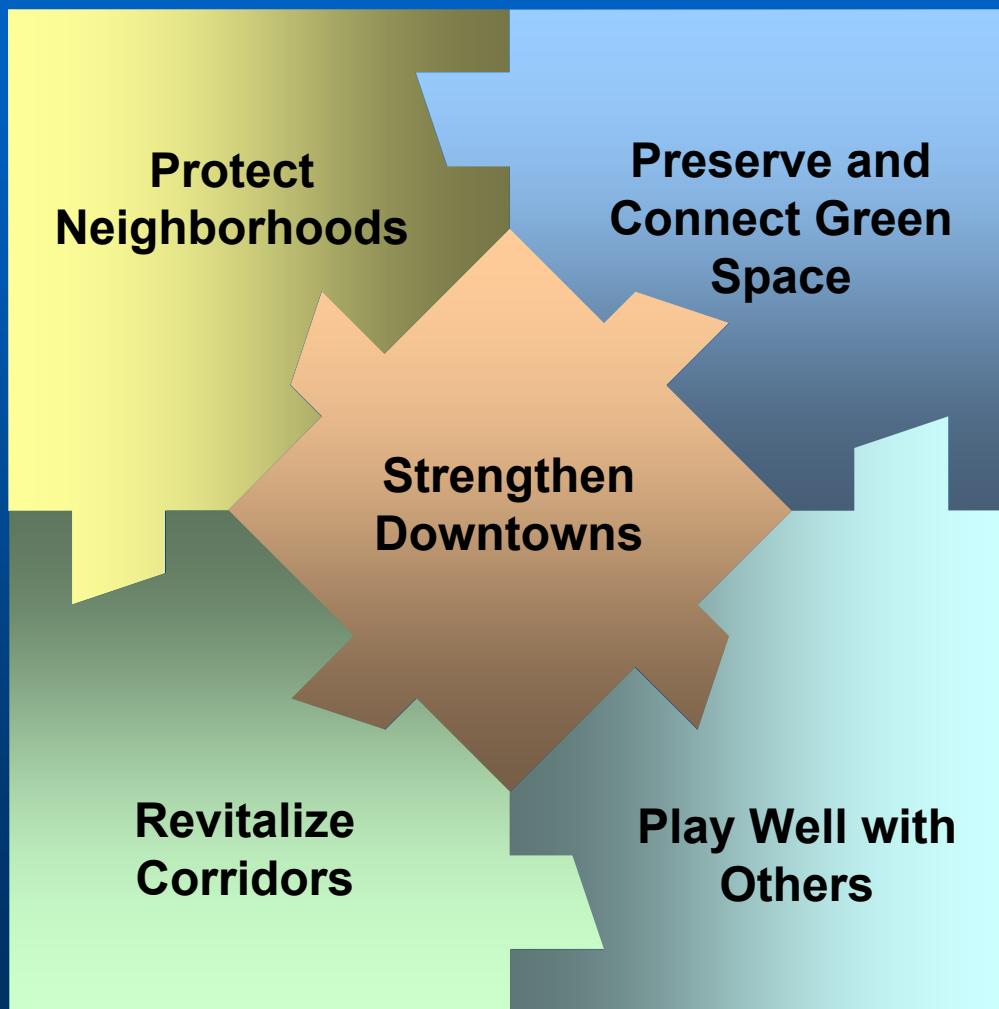
More and more emphasis is being put on the value of place. The built environment is the connective tissue.

DIVERSITY

Tolerant, inclusive places are highly sought-after and are able to respond more quickly, to pressing challenges



The most successful transitioning suburbs are remembering to:



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The focus is on:

Living downtowns

Higher density

Entertainment

Cultural destinations

Strong design



Plano, TX

The most successful transitioning suburbs are remembering to:



The focus is on:

A range of housing styles
Sense of community
Street and sidewalk network
Amenities and civic assets
Traffic calming



Arlington, VA

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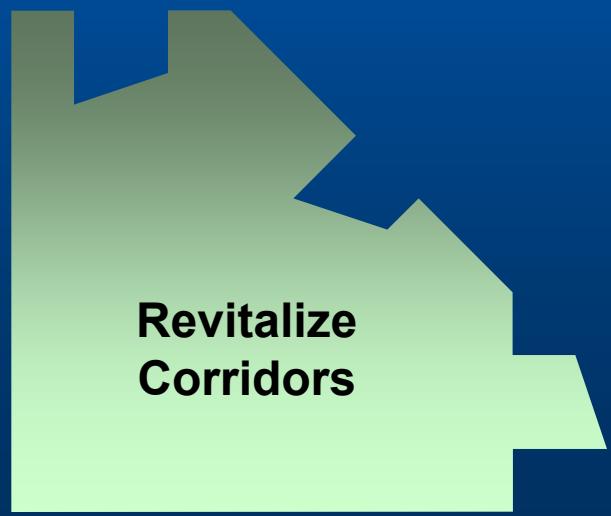
The focus is on:

Reconsidering land use/zoning

Multimodal transportation

Other physical characteristics

Public/private partnerships



Shaker Heights, OH

The most successful transitioning suburbs are remembering to:



**Preserve and
Connect Green
Space**

The focus is on:

Connecting green spaces

Enhancing recreational
opportunities

Environmental steward-ship
Tree preservation



Cook County, IL

The most successful transitioning suburbs are remembering to:

The focus is on:

- Minimizing acrimonious competition
- Building strength in coalitions
- Avoiding redundancies
- Attracting attention



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