

The City of Dunedin
 "shares the vision" and is committed to
 improving the quality of life for all segments
 of the population. Recognizing that 39.5% of
 the population (36,865) is 60+,
 the Dunedin City Commission,
 through a proclamation in July 2000,
 pledged support of this state-wide initiative.

Dunedin...

1st in the State!

Through the superb efforts of the Dunedin
 Committee on Aging Elder Ready
 Sub-committee and citizen input, Dunedin is
 the 1st city in the state to submit the
 community assessment. Governor Jeb Bush
 accepted the report in Dunedin in January
 2001. Dunedin completed the Frail Elder
 assessment in November 2001.

The City of Dunedin is proud to be a partner
 with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs
 in support of

"Communities for a Lifetime"
 through Action, Education & Promotion.

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City of Dunedin "Communities for a Lifetime" Action Plan

Assessed strengths, weaknesses and required
 action in main quality of life issues.

7 Categories Reviewed:

1. **Miscellaneous (City Post Office, Advocacy)**
 - Provide elder friendly government/services
2. **Transportation**
 - Provide affordable, access to major services
3. **Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA)**
 - Mini-bus/neighbor service; shelters with benches
4. **Chamber of Commerce**
 - Increase business community awareness
5. **Supermarkets/Pharmacies**
 - Elder friendly services; phone order, delivery
6. **Senior Activity Center**
 - User friendly, multi-purpose activity center
7. **Housing**
 - Accessible housing for various stages of life

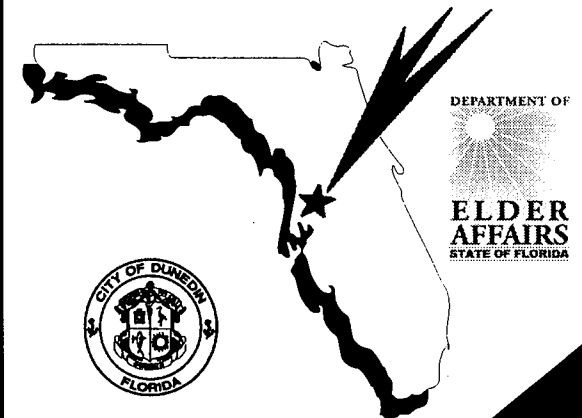
Action Plan List

- Included in City's Strategic Long Term Plan
- Committee on Aging committed to goals
- Additional Homestead Exemption
- State-of-the-Art Senior Activity Center
- Auto Pay Program - Utility Bills
- Post Office Satellites
- Larger font documents where applicable
- Training Program - Volunteers/Advisory Committees
- Budgeted replacement of small signs
- 4-Way Pedestrian/Audible Signals
- Citywide Sidewalk Program
- "Feeling Safe," RUOK, Elder Links Programs
- Adult Day Services Center Partnership - May 2003
- Public awareness through presentations

(A complete community report card and action plan
 are available at the Dunedin Library/Senior Activity Center.)

The
 City of Dunedin
 and
 The State of Florida
 Department of Elder Affairs

"Share the Vision"



What is the goal of the "Communities for a Lifetime" initiative?

The goal of the initiative is to help Florida communities become better places to live, providing all residents with the opportunity to achieve their full potential and contribute to the betterment of their communities.

"Communities for a Lifetime" promotes values that include:

- *Personal Dignity
- *Individual Purpose
- *Security
- *Lifelong Learning
- *Sustainability
- *Intergenerational Connections
- *Independence

Why is "Communities for a Lifetime" initiative important?

Florida demographics are changing. In 2000, realizing the challenges ahead in meeting the needs of a rapidly growing and aging population, the Department of Elder Affairs began the **Elder Ready Communities** and **Elder Ready Businesses** initiative. By early 2002, over 50 cities had committed to the first phase of the initiative. In recognizing that elder friendly enhancement benefits people of all ages, Governor Bush launched the initiative's second phase, "Communities for a Lifetime." This phase focuses on coordinating with other state agencies as well as local organizations to broaden the scope of the initiative.

FLORIDA...

Past, Present & Future*



*Source: US Census 2000

- Historically, Florida attracts more than 50,000 new retirees yearly.
- Presently 3.5 million, or 23% of Floridans, are age 60 or older.
- From 1990 to 2000, Florida's population grew 23.5% compared to the 13.1% national average.
- Florida has a higher percentage of seniors than any other state.

Elders own 70 percent of the financial assets in the U.S., pay \$1.4 billion in taxes and are one of Florida's greatest assets.

The baby boomer generation begins turning 65 in 2010.

What exactly does the "Communities for a Lifetime" initiative do?

"Communities for a Lifetime" provides statewide coordination, technical assistance and related services to Florida cities, towns and counties that wish to participate in the voluntary initiative. A Community Report Card for Well and Frail Elders is provided as an assessment tool and guideline to follow.

What should be evaluated?

Physical (remove barriers/promote mobility)

- Accessibility (ADA standards)
- Housing - universal design - products and environments to be usable by all people
- Types of housing to accommodate stages of living

Transportation

- Accessibility - convenient and affordable to goods and services
- Energy-efficient mass transit
- Traffic signal timing/crosswalks for pedestrian safety
- Larger, easier to read signs

Land Use (effective community planning & design)

- Parks, trails, waterways, greenways facilitating easy access to businesses and services
- Walkable communities with improved sidewalk accessibility, better lighting and neighborhood watch

Community Development

- Business Partnerships - public/private
- Friendly Businesses - accommodate special needs
- Employment - ample, meaningful opportunities for all ages
- Volunteerism - wide variety of services

Health

- Physical/Mental - access to quality services; active promotion of healthy lifestyles

Education

- Lifelong learning opportunities for all ages

Cultural and Social

- Recreation - variety of leisure activities for all ages
- Spiritual - growth and nurturing from perspective of choice
- Integrated Activities - bringing different generations together to promote mutually beneficial activities and relationships