

10 U.S. Communities with Great Ideas

- ◆ **Stratham, NH** modified its zoning ordinance to provide an "Affordable Senior Housing" zone, without minimum lot sizes, to encourage the development of smaller structures suitable for "empty nesters."
- ◆ **Buncombe County, NC** launched the Mountain Mobility Senior Bus program to encourage public transportation usage among the county's growing in-migration of older adults.
- ◆ **Mansfield, MA** maintains emergency medical information files for every senior, as well as an Alzheimer's tracking system.
- ◆ **Fairfax County, VA** reorganized their home care service delivery system to a cluster care model, aligning services around Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities within the county's 400 square mile radius.
- ◆ **Laredo, TX** provides seniors with smaller trash receptacles, upon request.
- ◆ **Peachtree, GA** is expanding and improving its multi-use paths to interconnect all city areas, so citizens can get from place to place without a car.
- ◆ **Five Massachusetts towns - Rockport, Southborough, Newbury, Medway and Swampscott-** have a tax reduction/tax work-off program for seniors and community volunteers.
- ◆ **Maumelle, AR** created a Senior Services department to address seniors' transportation, educational, social, and recreational needs in a compassionate and efficient manner.
- ◆ **Scottsdale, AZ** has created a program that trains teens aged 14-18 to assist low-income seniors or disabled residents with home improvement projects.
- ◆ **Reno, NV** provides transportation and vouchers for low income seniors to use at accredited farmers markets throughout the community. The City also educates seniors about healthy living choices, in both English and Spanish.

SOURCE: 2006 "Maturing of America" study