

CHESTERFIELD SUMMIT ON AGING
SESSION 1: NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AND HOUSING REHAB

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Description of the Session: Many older adults prefer to remain at home. Their reasons include familiarity with the home and neighborhood, social relationships with nearby friends and neighbors, and the accumulated memories and life experiences they identify with their home. For many people, home and neighborhood modifications can make it easier to live in and enjoy the use of their home. Learn about Neighborhood Revitalization and Housing Modification projects and options.

Outcome of the Session:

What improvements are needed to achieve senior friendly neighborhoods?

- Seniors want to stay in existing home or something close and similar to what they currently have. They are resistant to relocate.
- Retail services accessible – shopping, etc.
- More collaboration between planning department and service providers.
- Access to social and volunteer activities.
- Accessible healthcare (emergency centers).
- Better maintained sidewalks and trails.
- Funding for home rehab and improvement assistance.
- “Green” up home areas, connectivity via sidewalks.
- Education of parents and protection of youth who break laws – community policing, prevention of crime, sense of “community”, return to civic pride.
- Central information and referral center.
- Accessible and reliable transportation.
- Safety within the neighborhood – safe to walk.