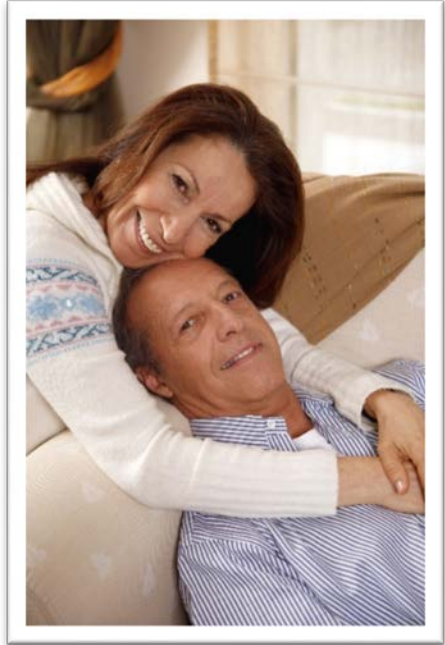


Meeting the Housing Needs of Retirees in Fairfax County

Gerry and Susan Cramer are a couple in their early 60s who have lived in Fairfax County for decades, raising three children who are now out on their own. In retirement, their income will be about \$88,300 (100 percent of Area Median Income).

They love their single-family home in Burke, but they would really like to downsize and are looking for either a rental or condo in a walkable community in the County. They have been surprised that there are not more options they can afford.



Retiring baby boomers like the Cramers will be a growing part of the County's population in the years to come. Many retirees will want to stay in the County but may be looking for different kinds of housing in retirement. Having access to amenities, transportation and good health care will also be important.

Discussion Questions

Should we care if retirees choose to move outside the county? Why or why not?

Should the community look for ways to create more housing options that are in walkable neighborhoods, close to transit and amenities? If yes, then how?

Note: The couple reflected in this story is fictional but is a representation of many actual residents in Fairfax County, based on an analysis of demographic data for the County.