

When considering your living options for retirement, many folks turn to Active Adult Communities. In this article, we outline some of the options and discuss the pros/cons and things you need to consider before making a final decision.

1. **Location:** Depending upon what's important to you, be sure to ask yourself:

- ☐ Is the community in an area near family/friends?
- ☐ Is the community convenient to shopping, dining, and entertainment?
- ☐ Does the community have age restrictions (such as 55+) or are there areas within the community that are reserved for non-age restricted buyers?
- ☐ Are medical facilities nearby?

2. **Financial:**

- ☐ Do you need to sell your current home to buy?
- ☐ What are the monthly fees or dues?
- ☐ Are there Buy-in Fees?
- ☐ Can you build equity?
- ☐ What is your budget for housing costs, in your retirement years?
- ☐ What kind of maintenance costs are included?

3. **Amenities:**

- ☐ Is there a fitness center on-site?
- ☐ What kind of recreational activities are on-site? Swimming pool, walking trails, tennis courts, golf?
- ☐ Is there an activities schedule/coordinator?
- ☐ Is there a community area or hall for larger gatherings?
- ☐ Is there parking available for personal vehicles and guests?
- ☐ What are the dining options like?
- ☐ Are all of the amenities completed, part of the community plan, or still under construction? How will they be funded as the community grows?

Choosing a retirement community is an important life decision. If you need help selling your home before you retire, contact [The Donnelly Group today!](#) Every team member of The Donnelly Group is [***devoted to improving the lives of our clients, one home at a time.***](#)