Answers to: Do you have anything else you would like to share about your retirement living preferences and the reasons behind them? (Copyright Topretirements.com 2014) We want a relaxing, casual scene near or on the west coast of Florida. There are many choices, but Venice seems to offer a combination of the best attributes. The beach, casual outdoor dining, and culture if your need a dose. If you have the need for fancy shopping or activities that Venice does not offer, Naple I like my home in the N.E. but the climate is terrible. As I age, I don't want to deal with ice and snow. Summer humidity also forces me to spend time indoors. Cost of living and opportunities for woring in retirement Dilemma as to buying a house with some acreage or being "sensible" and buying a single level house with little upkeep in a community. We don't feel "old" and I have a hard time adjusting to that mindset. Know a couple who designed and planned a retirement home in their 50s -- first floor master, certain type of I am also leaving NJ because of allergies. I do not have my allergies in Florida. Your survey only allowed for one choice. I like living in a neighborhood of vibrant, mixed ages. I abhor living in some gray mausoleum style "retirement community", especially where there is a ton of opportunity to supplement my pension(s), and being over

AND the AARP doesn't know me, and my local cable channel doesn't carry "Fox News" and the other whiny, fear-mongering "talking heads". It's called "Freedom". Some of my fellow Americans might remember the word, but few are living it.

Just can't wait to get started on this new adventure. Figuring we can enjoy this phase of living for 10-15 years before making a more traditional move to a community setting. looking for a community with solid amenities & low monthly cost. plan to pay cash (up to 50k) for a manufactured home in an age restricted community. Am interested in living in over 55 community, but concerned about cost. Also, do i have to be super-sociable person?

Would prefer some culture in the area. Also, free concerts, etc. Low, not exorbitant, prices for farmers' market produce.

lower cost of living, walkability and bikeability.

Love where I am now but not willing to do winter. Eventual retirement plans may include becoming snowbird.

I will first rent within a chosen 55+ community before buying a permanent home.

Most of the questions asked would have generated more than one response if allowed.

Not downsizing space per se but smaller lot for less yardwork and overall maintenance.

It is a difficult decision based upon various factors to be considered, including costs, family, proximity to activities for seniors, etc.

Looking for an area where people don't believe that the world owes them a living. No crime. No snow. No traffic. Politically conservative.

You are using square boxes and only accepting one entry per answer. Change those square boxes to radio buttons like the other questions are done.

I want to live in a "real world" community where I may be included in local causes and efforts - not be an outsider.

I am moving from WI to CA. Although I know it is more expensive to live there it is where my oldest son and family live

Believe I already addressed all my preferences and the reasons I already chose Mesquite, NV as my future retirement place of residence.

No. I want to also let you know that I really enjoy receiving and reading Top Retirements e-newsletter. I've learned a lot which helped me plan my move. Thank you.

5. Be prepared to look at all your options and walkaway if the developer wont work with you. 90% of the builders and developers will not let you walk away.

I plan to retire by the end of the year. We'll spend three months in Florida for next year's winter. We'll spend the majority of our time in our hometown.

we are comfortable here and do not wish to start the process of church, friends, medical again. Some times the weather is bad, but we can always take a cruise and recharge.

Struggling to decided if it is better to rent or own and whether living on the mountain is better than living at the base. Also, looking at reverse mortgages and whether that is beneficial for our situation.

Will be snowbirds

would like to move to northwest

State of Vermont taxes are out of control.

availability to sound medical and shopping play an important role

Something where I don't have to take care of all the maintenance.

Activities are most important consideration.

Can't wait. Three more years. Retire at 63.

it is so difficult to make such an important choice

Just wish I had saved some money but I didn't.

I would like to live on a lake.

I just want to live a nice life on the beach

not really not really

1 floor

Not at this time

As a disabled veteran I have to live close to the v.a. clinic or hospital.

Hopefully split the year into 2 six month increments Northeast and Southeast

We have always vacation in the Myrtle Beach, SC area so we are used to that area

Will not purchase a home or condo. Will rent for 3-4 months during the winter time

Low cost of living critical. We'll have to be very conservative in retirement.

weather is key, low taxes, medical facilaties, rural living

I think my previous comments pretty much tell my story.

Looking for a location that offers lots of activities

Possibly New Jersey. Also close to family

no

I hate snow.

I ride motorcycles.

1. Climate

3. Church

Location is important to me.

We hope to be able to age in place.

Finally decided to leave the winters

i am looking at international retirement.

Plan to RV for several years before buying anything.

No snow in this boy's future.

Driving force to relocate to any particular area!

Downsized from current house with less outside maintenance.

Most of our requirements are mentioned above.

Close to library and eateries

easier to meet others at a similar stage in life.

Would enjoy living in a community that is active and where it is

downsize, close to what I love and buses to where I want to go

Looking forward to starting the rest of our lives.

Might keep present home and rent in interesting areas for a month or two.

Love where we live now, but love the beaches more. Considering all our options right now.

Probably Snowbird from Indiana, at first. Then find that beach area thats enjoyable, to live

new construction without any need for repairs...ready for a new start all around!

Still want to be near culture, medical facilities, access to beaches and parks

Considering moving near a beach town that we are already familiar with from frequent vacations there.

Political climate of the area and personal safety are also factors I consider before "auditioning" an area for my home.

Being able to make easy and inexpensive airline connections to other locations is very important.

My sister and I are doing this together. We feel good about pooling money and getting more for it. I intend to rent and spend time looking at the West coast of Florida. if anything looks promising I'll buy.

Need to be within driving distance of 91 y/o mom in nursing home and son one state away.

warm weather is NOT a priority--have lived for 20 years in California. Miss the seasons

Still up in the air about exactly where. Plan to make some scouting trips.

2. availability of preferred recreation activities (tennis, golf, kayaking, hiking,)

Willing to compromise: would trade preferred housing type for 1-3 above.

Having shopping, church, doctors, and excellent hospitals nearby would be a definite influence.

We are having a hard time with this decision as other than weather we really have no

Prefer a state that offers low fee or no fee for colleges for children of disabled veterans.

BEEN IN SNOW AND MINUS ZERO TEMP.ALL OUR LIFE.NEED A CHANGE

I am a single female and security is also important to me in where I live.

Also would like ease of getting around the area by car or walking.

want lake front property on nice clean lake at reasonable cost, less than \$200K

Be a snowbird. Live in Minnesota during summer months and southwest during winter

I prefer a place with good walking trails; area mostly inhabited by retirees to feel in place.

I want to stay in the West side of Los Angeles in a place with lots of ammenities and active 55+ people.

I also don't want to live where I have to drive everywhere - suburban bedroom community or rural. We require 1st floor master, county with lower taxes but relatively close to the larger county.

There are so many options I am not 100% sure of where I want to go or if I want to leave NJ.

You could summarize tax differences on your website Sunshine, medical facilities and available transportation.

don't want to be out in the "boonies" high walkability/bikeabilty rating progressive city with a small town feel near to excellent medical facilities

Both states have tax free pensions!

Tired of maintaining large property.

Don't want to live in really cold or extremely hot climate.

Affordable and allows us to travel at our own pace

Activities and shopping money and weather

Library

Looking forward to it.

Looking for a community with activities and social connections.

near to an airport

I like Arizona - my husband likes Virginia/North Carolina. Right now we're all over the map.

My wife and I both enjoy all four seasons. We also want to be close to a large metropolitan area for our city fix.

If the home owner association fees are reasonable, I may consider to move into a 55+ community.

Would like to be part of a walkable community with activities and amenities such as library, museum

I am concerned about being to live comfortably on my Social Security and a small 401K. Will probably have to work part time.

Kitchen area open to living area, 2 car garage, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, one shower with seat, gas fireplace, screened porch.

4. type of housing preferred (condo/villa small development Hilton Head style, or single story... no high rise, not crowded suburbs)

Warmer climate due to health issues but only for part of year so we can continue to be around kids and grand kids most of the year.

I seem to be a growing demographic. Divorced after 33 years of marriage and thrilled to be independent and on my own again.

Close in enuf to walk to amenities: pool, grocery shopping, numerous restaurants/non fast food, walking paths, people around, not suburban

When moving out of state, away from family, we want a place where we can make new friends, share experiences and burdens. Lots to do and lots to learn.

Proximity to outdoor activity/recreation is a key factor, as is proximity to a good church home. In rank of importance:

State legislature can change laws that exist now. I think about Tennessee maybe changing the inheritance tax.

I read in your mailings about the Villages, just wonder if, I can handle summers there I live outside of Boston area now.

So many variables. We decided to find a place we felt comfortable in with like-minded people. If we're happy in a locale, we can adjust to many other factors.

We have driven through several Northe3rn VA 55+ communities and found them to be consiastently well-maintained and good values with many amenities

As we will be full timing for a few years, and hopefully will find somewhere we will like to permanently reside, it is hard to say at this particular moment where we will be.

Wish there were more ranch style homes with 3 car garages in CO!!

I hope I make it. LOL.

don't want to live in a city-want giet -but willing to drive10-15 mins to shopping/beaches/etc

Cherokee County (North Georgia) has lower humidity than most of Georgia and close to mountains.

For question 6 I wanted to answer 'all of the above' as they are all important factors in our decision.

Our plans are centered around family and trees. Yes, trees; pines and palms. Pines for Apr-Dec and palms for Jan-Mar.

Although my heart is in New England, my pocketbook remains committed to the south east-less expensive.

low TAXES, MILD WINTERS--4 SEASONS--OPEN SPACE--GOOD MEDICAL NEAR BY.

i'm an outdoors person, golfer, fisherman, hunter, involved in church functions and enjoy traveling

We want a new home for retirement to eliminate most concerns about repair costs that could be confronted with many re-sales

Just want to be near one child and have good weather and no snow to deal with. Heat of AZ. in summers does concern me. Help...how do you make all of these decisions that will impact you for the rest of your life??? Scares the "H" out of me. LOL...

I have lots to do in the way of research/visits before I make a final decision. Our retirement is huge in many ways. We will leave the state we have lived in all our lives, sell every stick of furniture in our home, and drive to Arizona and our new home. Plans when we get to Arizona? Not really. We have a few things in our minds, and already have a few friends living in Arizona nearby. I am 62 and my wife is 61. We will not have the opportunity for huge changes like this very often in the future. So we are going "all in" on this thing we call retirement!

Having lived and worked in the geologically uninteresting plains all my life I have always vacationed in mountainous states. Over my lifetime I have been to them all more than once. I have DeLorme Road Atlas & Gazetteers for every state and use them to drive rural, frequently gravel or dirt, roads. I mostly enjoy

Looking for warm weather and low taxes. Looking for property in a existing community in SC or DE. Have not made up our minds yet?

We will live eight months in Florida and four months in Maine (June through September). Virginia (current) has a very high cost of living. Can't conceive living here on a retirement income. Need affordable housing around \$200,000. One level living with small basement. 1500 sq ft approx. 2 br 2 bath 2 car garage. small yard HOA with yard maintenance and snow removal. Clubhouse with indoor exercise facilities and activities. We are still searching for the right spot in Florida by using vrbo to find furnished rentals. We are doing this on a full time basis as we sold everything from up north. So far it has been a wonderful 2 years and we are learning a lot about what we do and do not like in a location, home, or community.

Lots of activities for Seniors, clubs groups, single women, close to medical Living in an active community is critical.

Having adult children in two different states has made the decision as to where to retire difficult. I plan living in an Rv the next two years, and scouting around till I find a place I'm really into. I don't want to own a house again. I've had a hard time selling the home I'm in. But finally have a buyer. I may end up in northern California, Its beautiful there.

Warm weather and the Gulf of Mexico. Lot of museums and other sights to see in Florida like baseball spring training. Closer to medical services was one factor for our move last year. Closer to family, public transportation, downsizing and a smaller house were all factors. We also wanted a temperate climate near the coast. Only other area I would have been interested in if I was much younger would be Panama...

Economics drives much of the decision so we looked for a place that allows us the opportunity to live in a beautiful area and participate in the activities we enjoy and not have a mortgage. As my husband is retired military we need to have access to the VA for medical care. We love the outdoors and the beauty of How diffecult is it to relocate to the South from the North. I still here story about the Northerns. NEED A LOW COST PLACE I'm looking for a community feeling where I can walk, ride bikes, do arts and crafts, yoga, dance, outdoor movies, and close to beaches We have lived where tornadoes are the "norm" during the spring and early summer and do not want to live there if we want to live in a 4 season area or not... where we would experience snow again. O

Hoping to make new friends and fit in where we move. I hope I'll find the right place. NoVa far too expensive & traffic is horrible. When our daughter & SIL discussed moving from NoVa, too, they were tasked with finding an area that would suit their young family as well as us. Criteria included lower cost of living & taxes, health care, educational system, airport accessibility, & general cultural/ent I'm looking for a place that is safe and quiet; not a big city. I prefer a rural setting near a small town with a nice viable downtown. Would prefer a low humidity climate, low taxes and a community with lots of clubs and things to do Dojo, Ymca, Eating establishment that are good, healthcare, friend folks, Quite and peaceful

Seriously considering renting or condo. Tired of maintaining property. My wife and I are retiring and moving out of state to be be daughter and grand children for the warm months in Ohio. The remaing time will be at our small villa in southwest Florida where we bought in 2005 The important thing is: It is not where you live, it's who you live with. Being around people you love and who share your values is more important than the geography of the area. In the end life and retirement is not all about me but all about we and sharing your traditions, love and wisdom that you've gained with

We wanted something with a warm winter climate, near the water, off the beaten path, but close to larger cities with medical, cultural and entertainment services. We did a lot of research online and collected info from friends/relatives and decided on Rotunda West, FL. We bought a home this year that we'll use a We would like to leave New Jersey because of the harsh Winter weather and the high taxes. We chose Sun City Oro Valley because of the beauty of the setting, the closeness of Tucson, the amazing facilities and the opportunities to enroll in interesting, challenging courses in the arts, history, and literature. Walking is a sheer pleasure with the fine sidewalks and stunning Santa Catalinas. The new exercise don't want the hassle of living in a major city-traffic drives me crazy-but don't like small town life not enough options. College towns tend to be more diverse and have variety of attractions After 25 years in a 150 year old Victorian house with an acre of property, we want something that is very low maintenance, preferably something newer. We are tired of the yard work and constant minor repairs an old house needs.

Would love to be close to family but we are all spread out so we will go where we are most comfortable. We are not ready for assisted living but planning to relocate to be close to a full service retirement community that has graduated levels of care like an Erikson or LifeCare kind of place. That way we will know 55+ walkability

bike trails medical nearby recreation near services FL FITS US FINE, WE USED TO ALWAYS TRAVEL TO SOMEWHERE WARM IN WINTER, NOW WE TRAVEL QUITE A BIT IN FL ANY TIME OF YEAR Plan to move to Port Townsend for the beauty, outdoor activities, beaches, weather, walk ability, artist community, air, water, serenity, Climate, taxes, and cost of living without sacrificing quality of life. Next place to investigate is New Smyrna Beach, about an hour north of where we are now.

social network, medical facilities and selection of fun/personal activities Have to move away from family to afford retiring at 62 for the economic reasons. The downside is being far from family, but we hope the savings makes us able to visit often. We know there will be tradeoffs.

Visited Southern Utah, Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico before selecting Texas as our retirement state. Texas had everything we were looking for - low taxes, low cost of living, nice people, low crime rate, good medical facilities, and warm weather with no snow. It is much easier to make friends in a new community...everyone is in the same boat. We plan lots of road trips to travel the country, and to start our trips right away (age 62 and 63) while we are healthy enough to do so. We are looking into communities that provide long term care. As we age, if we need assisted living care or even more advanced care, we will need a community in which those s

Knoxville is also a college town; population of MSA is about 700,000, spread way out so it has a small town feel to it. Would have loved to stay in California but can't afford it. new housing - community needs not be new or established but a community so there is no restrictions on proberty or cars Unlike most people, when I retire I plan on doing less travel. We want to move to a less politically and socially conservative area, where more people have attended some college, even if we have to pay a little more in taxes. My folks chose to live in a single family home in NH on the other side of Lake Winnipeasake and lack of services. We didn't want to worry about things like this when we get their age. We fell in love with Grand Haven,

We live in North Las Vegas with access to anything in entertainment if we choose to participate. Great climate and relatively easy access to beaches of Southern California and a great variety of deserts and mountains from Utah to Arizona. We want to be in a warmer climate than the Northeast, we will only move to a lower cost of living area. We are still debating staying or moving, as there are costs associated with moving (one item few people think about - something always breaks). We could afford to stay, however our retirement dollars will go re No 55+ communities offer more to do then buying a home in a traditional neighborhood. Taking a page from the Millennial playbook, internet speed, streaming consistency and cell reception. We find ourselves in an area with so many amenities from dining to entertainment, air travel, medical facilities (Mayo Clinic and a VA hospital), and most of all family close by. The summer heat can be oppressive, but it's not as bad as areas with terrible winters or horrific storms

New 55+ retirement homes are for the super rich! As are the CCRC's I know you're heavily funded by retirement communities, but I would like to see more "affordable" retirement communities discussed. BTW, the fact that you are funded by retirement communities in my estimation does bring an element of bias to everything I read on your site. Can't help it I am a regulator working with marketing!!!! I will never again live in a domineering HOA association style dictatorship community with rampant rising costs without allowing homeowners an actual say in the process.

At present my wife and I live in the NW near Portland OR on the WA side of the state line. We both would like to live where the weather is nicer during the winter but we can not afford to be snow birds and I am not sure we would enjoy splitting time between two homes and friends. We have been married for about

Housing affordability is important and taxes. I will have to give up the weather...there is always trade offs in life. Currently waiting for my last grandchild to finish high school, as my oldest granddaughter and daughter will both be starting college/grad school this summer, and I cook for them in the evening as well as transporting my youngest granddaughter to school functions and cheerleading practice. The Villages offers so many activities and is so affordable. We love being in a golf cart community. Live on our own acreage now. When we cannot take are of the upkeep of property we will have to make other arrangements of some kind.

Just want to be in a town that is less than 80,000. Has good transportation or where I can walk. I would like to live in a quaint neighborhood that is near a downtown where I can catch a bus or walk to and would like a College town.

We are still 10-15 years from retirement, so a lot can happen in that time frame, that's why we are still a bit undecided on what, where and when. We still have not found a spot that we like better than where we live in So. CAL.

Moving to existing home in an established community offers better 'QUALITY' built homes. Many have been renovated and modernized. A lot of the problems with 'NEW' homes have already been resolved.

Top priority is location of family/friends. We don't want to be more than a half day's drive. We love the beach and might end up there but are seriously thinking about the Villages in Florida for the active lifestyle with all the amenities!

We looked at 55+ communities, the whole idea of applying to live somewhere and having to ask permission before painting ones door or what dog you can adopt was a bit overbearing and offensive to a "Live Free or Die" Yankee.

see question 5. I was drifting into retirement until I discovered Seabrook Island SC Have already bought a condo with a Marsh View that will provide 15-20 weeks a year of rental income for the next 2-3 years until I retire.

I am still considering other places to retire, right now I am looking in Tennessee but my biggest issue is low cost of living for a federal retiree so I would like a area that is tax friendly and safe. Any suggestions?

Looking for a community, not necessarily age restricted to meet new friends and find activities with like minded people. Being an artist, the idea of Boise being an artistic community is appealing

Looking at places where we had vacationed with an eye on living there changed our minds on where we thought we'd retire. We liked visiting many places and thought we'd retire to Asheville, NC. (a pre-retirement favorite location.) But when we spent time there looking at it as a place to live, we decided it was Focus on a golf comm near a water body such as a river or bay. Also a focus on a wellness center and active membership and clubhouse Please let us hear more about the political atmosphere when you promote a town or state. I'm on a fixed income and conservative areas offer much more for me at lower costs plus I want the same type of people that are also conservative to be my neighbors. Moving to area with lots of outdoor activity options. Go where you feel comfortable. We love our new smaller house, the privacy of our neighborhood and being a 3 minute walk to the bay where we can (and do) kayak and watch the setting sun shine on the lobster boats, making it a beautiful picture that never grows old. Want to be in an area with conservative values.

Punta Gorda, Florida is a great place to retire!! So glad we decided to do our research, but not rush, figuring we'd change our minds frequently, and paid attention to the evolution of life from all angles. We've learned the grass is not always greener, and have the benefit of not uprooting our lives to figure this out in hindsight. For us, and for our unique combined Thoughtful, intelligent, aware citizens who are willing to accept different people and different lifestyles. Like where I live but not near family. We want to have lots of activities available. Both my wife and I have many things we have not had adequate time for, or things we have never done that we think might be fun to try.

As a single woman, I do not want the worry of home maintenance. I bought a condo in Daytona Beach, FL. I think it will be a nice place for my friends to come and visit me. Thought we would sell in Michigan and buy "stick" home in Florida when we retired. When the time came, I wasn't willing to leave my roots in Michigan with my family and friends. This is the best of both worlds. My husband can golf almost year round.

Near the beach I wanted to do more research of southeastern or mid-Atlantic states but after pointing out the amenities and viewing the models at Sun City HH, my husband was sold. He didn't want to move further north than that We would like to live independently and actively as possible as long as possible. In order to accomplish this, we need to take into account financial considerations as well as what we would do if our health deteriorated. So, I guess it breaks down into three parts. What is financially and physically possible as we Retirement is not what people think, in your sixties there are health issues, and inflation on fixed income. It's not easy to pick up and move. Better to move at a younger age. Just bought my home to retire in 3 months ago--its a fixer upper and will be fixed by the time I retire in 3 years--taking it slow:) We have a 40 acre place and four buildings, just too much work anymore. We can't decide between moving to a new place will need help living independently. Cost of many retirement homes in the US may

It is important to choose a financially stable area w/low crime and close shopping. Medical availability and low taxes are necessary. We are not sure which city is proper for us to go. I like the four seasons but do not want to be limited because of extreme heat or cold, snow, ice or high humidity. I also want a climate that supports growing veggies and flowers throughout the year. Really torn between, keeping house and staying near kids and living near the mountains and hiking all year long. I would like to live in an area where there are people my age that I can meet and get to know. I lost my husband years ago and it does get very lonely so I would like to meet a group of friends to do things with such as dinner, movies, etc. Need to be closer to grandkids

Physical security, local availablility of quality medical care and a financially sound retirement community are key as I age. These may not seem important when one is 65, but become increasingly critical by ten years later. Doing the homework, analysis, and selecting the community (CCRC) one can move into, so

Beautiful scenery and tranquility in the mountain locations Mild winters, less taxes. final decisions will be based on landing place of children Just a note, we made several short visits to our retirement home in st george Utah, based on those visits we moved here last year when I retired. We did not follow the good advice to spend some extended period of time in a place before relocating. We now feel where we live is a very nice place to visit, not so not some extended period of time in a place before relocating. We now feel where we live is a very nice place to visit, not so not some extended period of time in a place before relocating. I am not sure if we can afford to buy a 2nd home or if we should rent one each year due to all the expenses such as land lease, use fees, insurance, utilities etc. Still working on that. If we do buy, it will be a manufactured home under \$50,000.

I am looking forward the next stage in life at age 60. I want to mix in with all ages and types. The idea of being in a 55+ community and driving a golf cart does not have any appeal. I want trails and open space to the extent I can, and the ability to operate a non-profit (or help with one) that benefits the community and driving a golf cart does not have any appeal.

We almost always choose to vacation in the southeast (primarily Florida) not just for the warmer climate, but also for the recreational opportunities and advantages the state offers for retirees. We don't worry so much about leaving our family behind because we feel we are providing them with a place to stay when

Probably the greatest change in transitioning/downsizing will be having to adjust to being required to move into a community that has a 'home owner association' where you may have to pay fees, have parking restrictions, and likely have to ask "Mother May I." Climate and taxes are the primary factors. Would like to be somewhere near our adult kids; if they stay In the northeast we will too Tough to narrow down states or primary drivers yet.

My husband died two years ago very unexpectedly which leaves me alone in this city. I want to be near family and grandchildren so the extra costs are worth it. We retired here from CT just 4 years ago to be near this son and they have recently relocated to CA. I would not choose this state to move to because of the high costs. You do not list much in your newsletter about CA. I am moving to Davis, just outside of Sacramento. I can find no 50's + retirement communities on your website. I just turned 69. We chose Texas. It was a mistake. Wrong politics and grandkids now older so we rarely see them. Wish we'd rented first to see how we liked it. Not smart to buy then find out it not for you.

I want to stay in Ellis County Texas, but there doesn't seem to be many active retirement communites in my area. I hope someone will build here soon! Tired of cold winters. Do worry about long hot summers though. No perfect place, must make compromises. Start looking and thinking years ahead of time. You will change mind several times, that's ok. See comments for question 5. we went from sunriver St.George UT to Robson Tuson AZ and the final deal was the people at Del Webb mesquite were like a big family with a lot of clubs that suit us For the last 8 years I've been pouring over retirement blogs, articles and magazines re: moving out of the USA. One by one, the "great" countries are no longer so great. I'm going to stay here, where I can wear jewelry without worrying that someone will cut my hand off; where I can flush tp and not worry about

Will live in our RV so we can travel for a few years If to avoid taxes were the biggest driver we would not go to California. But the umbrella of livability makes the Sacramento area a desirable location. We considered Albuquerque but crime is too high, Denton Texas and even with all the pluses tornadoes threat was a concern. A big driver too is any where but her first floor master 1. If your going to relocate sell your home and become free to travel, explore and find your ideal retirement community 2. Rent first for a few months and make sure you love this new area. 3. Talk to as many people as you can in this area (ask the right questions). 4. Consider all your top priorities before negotiating a contract to rent or buy. Rent vs Own do the analysis.

Being realistic, access to medical care is vital and financial concerns (cost of living, housing/property costs, tax-friendly) play into our choice of area. Additionally, we want to be close enough to a small college town as I'd like to teach as an adjunct professor and participate in the cultural activities that enhance a

Family members will always be moving to some extent and do not want to just follow the kids. Do want to stay in part of the country they are likely to stay though...northeast. If I move to southeast would need to be near airport to get to them...in fact a nearby airport would be a plus anywhere I consider.

Returning to a college town that is very familiar (used to do recruiting at this school). Things have changed (growth), but still a beautiful location that offers the amenities I am seeking. We live in southern Wisconsin and raised our family. They have moved to northern WI. and MN. We want to be close to them most of the year but hope to live in a warmer climate during the cold months. Scenery Chose for the sunshine and four seasons. My husband wants to live someplace warm and my parents want to live in the country. We currently live in suburb of Washington dc. I am finding it hard to start thinking about retirement myself, but my husband is 12 years older than me and already retired with no income except Social Security. He retired in 2010 after being laid off in 2009 and collecting unemployment for awhile. He turned 65 in June of 2010 so went ahead and starting collecting unemployment for awhile. very pessimistic re the conditions in the u.s. hiking, biking, and kayaking

My boyfriend and I plan on traveling so we want someplace that requires little maintenance on our part. We want to be able to walk to restaurants and some shopping. Would like to be close to a bus stop to get downtown so we can drink and eat when going to shows since a taxi to current location one way is \$1

I am bitter that I have to leave my familiar surroundings to live somewhere more affordable. There are a lot of things on my list that I want and have no idea how to achieve them all. Finding a town is not easy and is the hardest part of this journey. I have looked at lists of the best places to live and pros and cons Near miltary installation nice to take advantage of our retired status, but looking for lower cost of living / lower taxes. I am strongly favoring a one-level house which could accommodate future limited mobility and where there may be enough concentration of elderly residents to make practical cleaning and other services for people who can live independently We know we want to move west - one big consideration is the presence (or absence) of water. The water problems in the southwest made us drop that region from our list. Desire to be in a gated community with closely accessible opportunities for security, medical, library, continuing education, groceries, pet care, banking and business, yard maintenance and friendships since I likely won't be able to drive forever and not walking all that well either. Will be looking for home with MBR on the first floor! We want to be in pretty area, non-harsh winters. Good medical facilities

If money were of little concern, we would retire to Southern California for: a) most favorable climate all over (warm, sunny, low humidity), b) outdoor activities (tennis and golf facilities), and c) proximity to ocean and beaches. However, because we have to budget for retirement, we will most likely settle in Floridal

As a single woman living in a house my neighbors were wonderful but had families and spouses. My apt complex is small 14 units and spills onto a large user friendly patio area. The tenants have pets and most are in my age range. In 6 months I have new friends and a wonderful support system. I used to dre

Anything but a 55+ community where the homes are only 4 feet apart, alcoholism and STD's are rampant, and everyone knows your business! I'm very ambivalent about the Active Adult community thing. I see the many benefits of "aging in place" with increasing levels of services as I need them but I feel reluctant to confine myself to such a homogeneous community. I think I want a smallish city, like Madison WI or Austin or Greenville SC or Annapolis Would like large lot to isolate me from neighbors. Currently own a 1 acre lot in a San Diego suburb (El Cajon) and enjoy the isolation while still being close to various amenities. Need to have room for toys. Our first preference is a 55+ community of manufactured homes. Starting out we thought we'd go for a condo/townhouse, but we still would like to have a small yard/garden so the m.h. offers that....and b/c of a land lease arrangement the cost of the home would be much less expensive than anything else we have considered. Would appreciate any input from readers who are living in this situation (land Lease/Manufactured Home). Presently live in the Washington, DC suburbs. I want to get away from the density of the area as well as the rude and thoughtless people who seem to be in abundance in this area. Still looking for the ideal place, but no gut positive feeling about any place we've looked at so far.

Neither of us are from Jonestown, PA, where we live now, but in the past 12 years, it has become home. My son lives nearby, my daughter and 2 grandsons are in New Jersey (2 hours away) and my husbands daughter and 4 grandsons are an hour away in PA. After much thought and exploration, we decided to buy a small townhouse near our house and downsize and stay right here. I plan to retire by the end of the year although I still love my job and can keep up with the younger ones here. BUt with fibromyalgia and feeling lousy, it's time to go. I will be 70 in August I'd like to keep working for my company as long as I can. So that limits where I can live, but I'm hoping to find a pied-a-terre near my children so that I can commute between where I live and where they live. (I work for an airline) rich culture.

I can't recommend living in Michigan to anyone who has a choice in the matter. Location of our three children may significantly affect where we locate near & available public transportation. being mobile. As we age we need one story with small yard and access to amenities that will encourage active lifestyle. Trying to somehow survive the last 2 years of Obama's presidency Active social opportunities in neighborhood, easy to meet people and make new friends. Comfortable in a conservative, more church oriented area. I would also like a green community.

and out door activities year round Would prefer to stay put in Oregon but will soon need support of family. Every decision is health-based. We are looking for a neighborhood with more 55+ people and not a lot of young families with kids, but not strictly a 55 + community either Freedom from fracking and illness and environmental ruin that come with it. I want to have at least a few acres of land to create a wild life and garden to enjoy nature. To attract nature and birds. Plus have a pond. Love Island living and the safety of living on an Island that has limited access from the mainland. If and when there are major problems and riots developing in the United States the access to the Island can be controlled on the one bridge connecting to the mainland. My retirement fantasy: invisible gremlins will come and clean and do maintenance on my current, too-large, home . . . so that I won't have to move and leave my neighborhood and my garden behind.

We built a brand new home in a beachy area, with a country club as part of the neighborhood. We are ten minutes from the ocean. We have a 3500 sq foot home with a pool and a half acre. We have moved out of suburban Atlanta and are delighted to live in a quieter place filled with natural beauty. We have a

I have 5 cats and they don't want to move either. (Can't even imagine trying to live in a retirement community with that many critters.) We definitely want a new house. We've built 3 new houses in the last 17 years and had 1 house that was 100 years old. Never having an old home again! We also aren't keen on humidity and I (single woman 50 years old) have lived in the desert before and loved it. No allergies when I was there! We like the FAMILY, MY MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH ARE A PRIORITY, COST OF LIVING MUST BE WITHIN MY MEANS. BEACH IS MY PREFERENCE, WEST COAST STATES ARE MORE FAMILIAR AND NEARER FAMILY. MY RETIREMENT INCOME IS THE DRAWBACK AS I MUST BE ABLE TO LIVE IN I would like to move to a new 55+ community where new friendships can easily be made and everything will be good to go to in the summer as well as in the winter. My primary residence would still be in Texas as I have family leading to the summer as well as in the winter. My husband is very ill. When I move, it will be after he is gone. That changes many factors in making a choice. Being near family has become much more important. In three years of retirement, we have found we need more organized activities, and therefore like the active adult community idea. I want to escape harsh winters, but avoid hot summers; the Pacific Northwest seems to be a good fit. I also need good access to the VA healthcare system, and I want to be in a place that has recreational options, especially outdoors (although not golf). The Puget Sound area seems to have most of what I want to be in a place that has recreational options, especially outdoors (although not golf).

Would stay in hawaii but daughter wants us to be primary caregiver of our grandchild & my husband is originally from the Midwest:) being the youngest in my family, the family I grew up with are either deceased or busy grandparents also! Snow bird-Washington state-Mexico Florida is the world's largest playground. We will focus on areas that provide the amenities we prefer, mountains and lakes, but are reasonably priced. We are considering Tellico Village I've got 5 years until retirement. I want to see how the fracking effects North Carolina residents. It just passed into law I believe. We've been working on the "where" for years. Pennsylvania is also close to all our children and grandchildren. End of discussion.

I am glad my husband convinced me to travel while I am still "young" (66). I so enjoy not having a house with all those payments. We bought a used but beautiful RV which we travel in half the year in the US, and then we go wherever we like when it's cold or hot in the US. We just spent 5 month in Asia - Taiwan

Had enough snow....ready for a change!! I would like to surround myself with people who like to do what I do and that is art, crafting, gardening, walking. Currently live in Alaska and it's too far from everyone. Currently live in Alaska and it's too far from everyone. Love the Southwest mountains, high desert with four seasons. Would also like information about Clearwater, FL or St Petersburg FI in addition to Chicago area.

Must have affordable golf courses Want a change in life We will choose a 55+ community because they offer many activities and it will be easy to meet new friends. Need good medical I would like to downsize and move so that my children can move into my home. Trying to get both low tax and warmer climate

Good health care: Low cost of living; warm winters, but don't like desert. Good health care; Low cost of living; warm winters, but don't like desert. get the hell out of illinois We are still in the discussion stages on this. We've ruled out the South due to extreme RW politics. While there is some family (wife's) on the West coast, we've never been particularly enamored with moving there.

I just can't wait to leave California which is why I'm willing to move my animals to suburbia until they die off. My service dog is still fairly young. Thanks for your poll and website. Check out support services wherever you decide to move. Downsize your personal belongings before you move. Make life simpler. Less is more. If I never again see another snowflake, it'll be too soon. 6-7 months of cold, snowy, overcast winters are barely tolerable. Looking for sunshine, blue skies, warmth. We will split our time between our home of 25 years on the Oregon coast and a small home in Arizona near Phoenix or Tucson, most likely in a 55+ gated community. We like the idea of good weather, walkability, fitness center, good medical facilities and cultural events/restaurants nearby outdoor activities are important. We have been in Millard, NE for about 1 and 1/2 years and it has been better than we had even expected. Moving to a family orientated community with low HOA and plenty of facilities. Also a short drive to the beach.

I want to live in a safe, affordable, attractive community, that has ammenities and activities such as fitness center, pools, walking paths, clubhouse, clubs etc, has transportation, and has singles. Don't want to be stuck in area that you need to have a car with mostly couples.

I have horses so I'll have to take them into account. I currently live on 5 acres so they are with me, but I may have to board when I move, If so, I'll have to pare down to 1 horse due to costs. They are part of my lifestyle, and I can't imagine live without a horse.

not sure about anything The concern of taxes--personal income tax on social security, pension, and investments is the principle reason; would like to maintain a traditional home as long as possible in order to have a place for grand kids to visit Protection of investments to insure continuing income stream is the highest priority. We expect nothing from the Govt except higher taxes. Need to do all we can to maintain a reasonable standard of living We are also tired of the harsh winters in the Northeast specially one like this last one. I'm sad about leaving NYC-I was born here, have lived here my whole life-but I've already been forced out of Manhattan and don't want to end my days living in total poverty. As a teacher, my pension is fairly good and I should be able to make it in a town like Albuqueque. And it's so beautiful out there! Hereditary Neurological progressive degeneration disability have caused me to stop working. Currently living with daughter and her fiancé. On waiting list for senior apts. Excited!

We choose to re-locate to Prescott, Arizona and have not regretted out decision. Family/friends have a new place to visit and the drive to CA is only 8 hours or a 1.5 hour plane ride.

I guess it was more about my working preferences. I wanted to retire from my job...not from my non-working life. I like where I live and I see no reason to move from here.

Will need to eventually move to less expensive housing to ensure continued retirement. Love current area for lifestyle and friends. Finances will dictate future decisions.

I do not like being real hot or cold. I would like to live in an age restricted community with activities. My home now is where my family and friends are. Not sure if I want to be gone all year.

Trying to get the right combination is proving to be difficult in the NW. Finding a newer affordable 3 bedroom single level house with a smaller yard/garden is difficult in the NW.

Want facilities close by for taking exercise classes and swimming, hiking, kayaking, etc. Want good medical available fairly close by. Would prefer to live close to water (lake, river).

I said a 55+ community because I don't want to be isolated in a community where everyone is working during the day or centered on their kids in the evening.

I have two large so I need a small single family home with a yard. Most condos don't allow two large dogs and don't have actual yards.

We retired to a rural golf community but miss being in a bigger city with walk ability. Currently 6 miles from a grocery store. Ugh!

I want to live off the square in Santa Fe, NM. I want to be able to walk out of my home and be in the thick of things.

I'm retired, he is not, two years yet. However, we are starting to look. Looking at jacksonville area.

climate, near airport, near mountains or lake, easy driving distance to much of U.S. population, near college or university, near good medical facilities

Have owned five homes and all of them have been new. Can't see breaking that chain with the very last one!! Just don't like living in other people's dirt, etc.

Overall, seeking warmer climate, lower taxes & cost of living, as well as some semblance of 4 seasons & natural activities (hiking, parks, and water activities).

The "feel" of a town is important to us. Would like to be in a more urban environment as long as there is beach close enough and be able to take advantage of all that a small city has to offer

New York, where I live is too expensive, and too cold. I want a place where the living is easier. I also want low crime rates, and good health care. These things are available in many, many other places.

I haven't lived this long to then retire and return to living like a young adult immediately out of college, poor. I believe my hard work & years afford me the privilege of some amenities. This community/complex has it all.

Always want to live in a small town near beach and having the ability to walk to restaurants and shopping. Also wanted to be in a place where the grandchildren will have activities when they visit

Like most retirees, I want to enjoy my golden years to the fullest. To make that possible, locations that provide excellent health care, activities and affordability will be of most interest to me.

moved out of family home (caring for parents who passed), moved to outskirts of current town to suburbia so I would have time to think about where I want to retire, very quiet peaceful town but not my final destination

we want 2 smaller homes in different parts of the country I want to live in an area where there are lots of volunteer opportunities. Moving out of the US would be an adventure, and I speak a fair amount of Spanish. It might be fun to try a different culture for a few years, then come back to the US and live in the Southwest. Looking for a beach setting for the winter to match up with ABQ, New Mexico the rest of the year. Weighing the closeness of southern California against distance and lower cost of the Florida east coast. Still collecting data Would love to live in a rural setting with property, but probablly will have to live in a condo with small outdoor space because of health issues. Louisiana not first choice, but would like to live near grand kids before they go to college. Would prefer to live near siblings, but Wisconsin out of question. May move to FI to be with sister after kids go to college. I am a widow, so no one to help me with these very personal issues

After researching Retirement Communities my preference is to move to an Independent Living Retirement Community. From October, 2013 to March, 2014 I had a traumatic experience with rodents. After resolving that costly problem I have decided to move into a retirement community in two years.

We prefer to live in an established home with an established neighborhood but are finding it very hard to do. Most of what we are finding in Florida are newer homes in it seems, start up neighborhoods. Also all the houses look the same! I have been looking for over 2 years and have pretty much memorized the

I am 'untiring' instead of retiring. Looking for some freedom from work, life's responsibilities, and home ownership/ repair, so that means picking up on a new life and experiencing new places, meeting new people, learning, and what makes this easy is picking a spot to 'untire'. It does

We have two homes and are having a difficult time deciding where to live permanently. We have grandchildren in both Connecticut and Florida and like our lives in both areas. I think it will come down to the cost of living and Florida although not inexpensive it is more affordable than CT. own apartment in Michigan and will spend summers there with kids. One floor house with wide doorways, easy maintenance... I chose a state with a lower cost of living so that my retirement money can go further. I am single so have only my income to rely on. I will probably live in either a condo or rent an apt. depending on cost and availability. New construction is costly, it appears. I am working on downsizing and want a smaller hon This has been hard, scary and exciting. Should be moved by Dec 2014. just arrived in Asheville North Carolina today 18 June 2014.

Looking for a single family or condo in 55 plus community no older than 5-7 years. Little or no outside maintenance to yard or structure, walking paths or trails, people of like interest. Access to major roads and culture In doing this survey I would have liked to give weighted preferences in each category instead of being required to tell you my primary consideration. Most people weigh several factors in picking a state, town, reason to move, etc. Although I said public transportation is a primary consideration I cannot base a dec

We're wrestling between having little space to care for, yet a desire for a big enough place for children / family to visit and stay comfortably. So much of our lives are where we currently live, that we want to test the waters by taking extended stay-cations in areas we are considering. No intent to sell the current having little space to care for, yet a desire for a big enough place for children / family to visit and stay comfortably.

Retirement is more difficult than I imagined. It was cost effective to move into an age controlled area, but apartment / condo living is difficult to adjust to. I must find something to do with a "purpose" that makes money, so I can move! Airfares are generally affordable in and out of Phoenix. Global warming is making Texas residents crispy critters. There is very little water here. We live on a lake in a beautiful home but we'd prefer less home, fewer expenses, and more money to travel during our later years. We need to be in an area with convenient access to air and/or train travel, family is far flung. Ideally we would like this move to be our last one so a setting that allows us to be as independent as possible for as long as possible is highly desirable. I realize a new place must have a special draw....to be of interest, like near an ocean, or a lake, or on a golf course or in the midst of a thriving downtown... something that excites and motivates you to make the move. I wonder what others have identified as their "special draw" Education, progressive attitudes, great airport

I have about 4 years to figure our retirement plans. I want to stay in Southern CA, but with housing costing \$500K for a tear down, I will either need to rent or be forced to move to an area that is affordable. Then again, maybe I will win the lottery.

No Regrets. The mobile home park must be on a fresh water lake. It must be pet friendly. It must have a lot of activities. It must be clean. It needs to have transportation to stores for those who those don't drive. We'd prefer a location that is quiet with dark night skies and abundant wildlife I like my own home where I can put up my flag, put my manger out front at Christmastide; plant my own garden flowers, bushes, trees; won't be told how to live. I like it a bit warm, but not hot, not humid; at the same time I love the Atlantic Ocean. I'd rather hire my own handyman, rather than pay exorbitant fees to a condo/neighborhood organization. I'd like to be a reasonable distance from a major airport.

Aleady said would be medical services nearby, walkability, nice weather to be outside for 12 months, fishing, biking. Building probably a new home as no one has the 2-bedroom suite idea already built. That way when one is alone, we can have someone else live and share expenses and also when family com I often think that, if something happens to my husband, I will buy a largish tract of land in California in an area where one can still purchase relatively inexpensive land (and there are several), and ask other older women who are of a spiritual bent (all religions welcome) and who are of a sound and positive mind,

WITH THIS SURVEY YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO PICK MORE THAN ONE ANSWER ON SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS...THERE ARE MANY REASONS FOR ANSWERING SOME QUESTIONS LIKE REASONS TO MOVE OR WHY YOU WOULD MOVE ... THERE ARE ALSO MORE THAN 1 STATE WE

I love northern Michigan summers but dislike winters here. I currently live in southeast MI. I own a lot in a condominium campground in Clare County where there are many snowbirds already. I plan on replacing my travel trailer with a park model or buying one that is already in the park. Currently the fees here

want to be near a lake for sailing Need good walk ability score and excellent medical facility Need our church to be close would like to have a winter residence as well as a summer residence Rent first, do not buy and realize that there is really a big difference between the north and south. They are hospitable but not friendly. Low taxes, moderate climate, low taxes, low crime, low taxes, near family & friends, low taxes, superior medical services, low taxes. JUST WANT TO LIVE OUT OUR LIFE IN A CLEAN, NOT TOO EXPENSIVE AREA WHERE YOU CAN GET A BANG FOR YOUR DOLLAR.....IF NOT SOUTHWEST THAN MAYBE NEW ENGLAND

Some of us have very little to say in where we will retire, as money, or the lack thereof, does all the talking. It's a wee bit discouraging reading your site, knowing most of it does not apply to me and my situation. (Disabled in my 30's, now in 60's, with very small fixed income, and no family)

Coming from AK (for 30 years+) & all Our Friends! Family! Medical familiarities! but the CLImate...it's a deal breaker staying here. Being near Family would be GRAND but They move so much...so, trying to make a choice based on lower cost-of-living, friendly to Seniors (I'm 60 & Frank 65), not a city but near all I see so many shows about people looking for houses. We are such a large population group that probably watches a lot of TV. I great idea for a show would be people scouting out retirement locations. When you work full-time it doesn't leave a lot of time for traveling to check out other locales. At this point I a Want a one floor plan, tired of stairs, gets harder every year This was the planning process we went through a year and a half ago. Having settled in, we know we made the right choice. Though not yet retired, because my spouse and I are both 62, we already wish to live in a community of active 55+ adults in a college town, that is truly independent living. We are not looking for a community that offers continuum of care at this stage Definitely not in a retirement community or maintenance free gated community. Freedom and space first.

Hobbies, friends and interacting with others in the community is our goal, along with playing golf. We will be living in a golf community which seems to attract more people who are active and fun. We're looking for an area that doesn't have extremes in temperature, with few bugs so you can go outdoors most of the year, and some sort of further educational opportunities with out no I just started inquiring, so there's much to learn We have lived in a very small northern community for over 30 years, in a log home in the woods. Very lovely, but a lot of work, especially in the long Michigan winters. We were looking for moderate year round weather that we would be comfortable in all year long. Not interested in having to spend part of the year While I picked weather as primary want, walk ability/bike ability/ golf cart usability are a very close second. Hope to live near cultural centers, love museums and theater, but also want access to shopping and services. And somewhat close to a good hospital which is more important as you age.

I love this site, but some of the information pertains to living in really UN-affordable places. I realize some people have been blessed and are able to afford a retirement above 250,000 but some need info for a retirement at the lower end. We're not talking poverty level just something affordable. Being alone now

What a shame NY state does not care about its senior citizens and the taxes they are expected to pay to stay in their homes. No one is looking at the massive salary (+ increases) our police force (Nassau/Suffolk Counties) receive, and at the free spending school districts whose motto seems to be "money is not account to the counties of the counties We would like to get out of Minnesota because of the unreasonable tax situation. And the winters are brutal. However, all of our family and friends live here so that is making the decision to move even more difficult. For the past 20 years we've spent two weeks in Florida every January but don't really feel that i Some friends just recently returned from a trip through Arkansas and they were impressed with the Hot Springs area. Sounds like it might be worth checking out. I can't afford to stay in Illinois where I am presently at and fully retire. I am working just to pay the real estate tax on my home. When my wife retires with only her SS, we will have to move. I have retired teachers (both single) on either side of me. One gets \$89,000 a year and the other gets \$74,000. My pension from a factory is only \$34,000. Major considerations for us will be avoidance of natural disasters, such as wild fires, flooding, tornadoes, direct impact by hurricanes. Our current location in Maine, while expensive and quite cold, avoids the worst weather-related problems and in addition has a low crime rate. This will be a difficult decision. It seems that most people are moving away from California for various reasons: high taxes, traffic, general congestion. But I love it here: the weather is ideal, and everything is convenient. I can be at the beach or in the mountains within an hour.

Too bad so many elderly are looking outside the US to retire because the cost of living is driving them to do so and other countries seem to be working very hard to entice us to move abroad with discounts on services, goods, entertainment healthcare, and tax breaks. Someday maybe the US will wake up to how

One level living, gated community with lots of activities. Close enough to a large metropolitan area for culture and great medical care, but far enough away to be quiet and low traffic! I would love a beach community even if its humid, as long as its affordable (less than california) I like to add other things that are important on my list...has to be close to a Hospital, Public Transportation (if any)& close to Airport (not too close that you can hear the planes over your house). We may just stay put in the house we own now and just update. If we could afford a small condo as well, it would be in Bend, Oregon. Prefer outside the US, medical is cheaper, money goes further and the uS is sinking Tired of maintaining large property.

Personally, am working on Retirement activities while working. The personal ties and money spent on building a working homestead take a lot time to rebuild if I moved. I didn't want to wait a decade to start building my retirement home environment. If I was closer to retirement, I would have considered waiting

We plan to live 6 months where we live now and 6 months in a location we choose for retirement. Once major concern for us is airline connections from our home in ND to Florida; we can go nonstop from ND It's important to live in a rental for at least 6 months before you commit to a home/condo purchase. Carefully investigate the community before buying/moving, No Warmer weather in winter, golf, drive to ocean for beach or cruise lines, area with lower cost of living index, area with low crime. Wondering about Florida, mostly because of distance to kids> May end up being a half-back and settle in SC or NC (3 of 4 kids live in NC) Ideally, we'd settle within about 30 min drive of my daughter and her family. 1st choice would be a house on the edge of a small town (prefer in the woods, perhaps up to 10 acres). Need ranch-style house, with basement and large garage.. Need enough land to build some sort of building for a shop. Exciting to plan all this. Not decided on all aspects, but enjoying the options.

Would really like to have sufficient land to park a small RV. Prefer a small town with lots of cultural events, with people of diversified backgrounds. Living in the South either. Want clean air Wyoming is 2nd choice, also near family Pickleball is a must-have. Coolish climate Many activities to stave off boredom. Would need a good school district if grandchildren came with us

We do not like the traffic and crime in bigger cities. We want peace and quiet in a rural setting, the way each of us grew up. Waterfront or water views is a priority. New or newer construction is our preference. We like college towns because of the cultural aspects.

Living in a military friendly retirement area is very attractive. Being reasonably near family is very important. Access to quality, insurance accepted medical facilities is critical I hope my answers were helpful. I enjoy reading your articles, but often it focuses mostly on east coast, golf communities, or primarily Florida. I spent decades visiting family there. It's oppressing hot, & not very friendly. Your occ. articles focusing on the many other places to consider would be most welcomed. I've even learned about Del Web communities, but it varies a lot about lifestyle by it's location. There really is more to life than a job, or a career, despite how an employer here in our USA tries to make us feel, that we have Thank you! Why doesn't it say how many choices I can make on Q# 6? How many do I have to keep deleting to get this accepted? Trying to find location near Family(Tenn NC & Ga) that has warm not freezing weather May or may not be near Beach I currently live in Palm Beach but would like a relocation not as hot Father is 92 in NC (Asheville) need to help him &very homesick lawyer daughter in Knoxville Tenn Can u help me ??? Just doing research and collecting information at this time

We would prefer a newer community. We have spent 3 months in a well established community where 90% of the people were 20+ years older than us. Many of them were very nice and friendly, we didn't feel like we fit in. One problem we've found is the cost of a home in a newer community is much higher than

Low taxes lots of activities available. Friendly inexpensive to live. Close. Proximity to conveniences We have a maximum price of \$250,000. We would like a community with pool exercise room etc We have lived all over, in many climates, environments, and it is difficult to choose!!! We like the mountains, and it is difficult to choose!!! We like the mountains, we like the mountains, we like the mountains, and it is difficult to choose!!! We like the mountains and beauty. Most of all, I think, it's important to be in an atmosphere where there are people who share your value. And, oh yeah, we want it to be CHEAP . . . just kidding. Sometimes it's worth it to pay more for a better quality of life.

Need nearby recreation running trails bike paths possibly skiing golf not moving to be near relatives, but seeking good weather We can't stress enough how important it is to start downsizing as soon as possible. We are 5 months into it and still have several months to go before we can even get an accurate moving estimate. Plus, the stress and strain (both physically and mentally) of downsizing is difficult at best. No one, in this day and Just started to think about since my husband became disabled and now that it is warm he seems to feel better so a warmer climate might be our answer to where we live. It will also depends on who offers the best in tax breaks and medical options so we can keep as much of our hard earned money and not give Culture Bike Trail Senior Center

prefer established community with amenities such as walking paths, clubhouse, community involvement, while still maintaining single home status. Want to get away from the cold, snowy winters in the Northeast. Also, we live in MA - high taxes and expensive. Would like an area that has hiking, kayaking, warm weather, extended gardening period, and if possible lower cost of living. Good people good food relaxed tax friendly medical reasonable. Live where my \$ goes the furthest- least taxed

We sold our weekend house and now stay in our apartment full time and are glad to no longer have to worry about lawn mowing, roof repairs, and all the hassles of home ownership. Being in a rental apartment in the middle of NYC is the ultimate luxury and we are enjoying ourselves. Need to have access to cultural events. Also good medical I am among those who are worried about where I can afford to live even though I worked all my life. I love the security of the 55+ community, but less than \$200,000 gets you almost nothing. There is the manufactured home, but with the worsening of the weather patterns you can easily see your home blown as If the builders would build affordable homes....Oh I forgot another of my limitations. I have 2 dogs and 2 cats. Most of the Del Well-type communities don't accept the multiple pet situation. Back to single homes I guess. CHEAP single homes. Iol Argus, the 80lb. rescue wonderdog, would be unwelcome in a condo and wants a fenced yard with pool to wander. We want to be "on the ground" to garden and not up in an elevatored tower. The diversity of a regular neighborhood also feels more homey than an over 55 homogenous group of folks. Want a lot of comfort and convenience -- feel I've worked hard and deserve it!