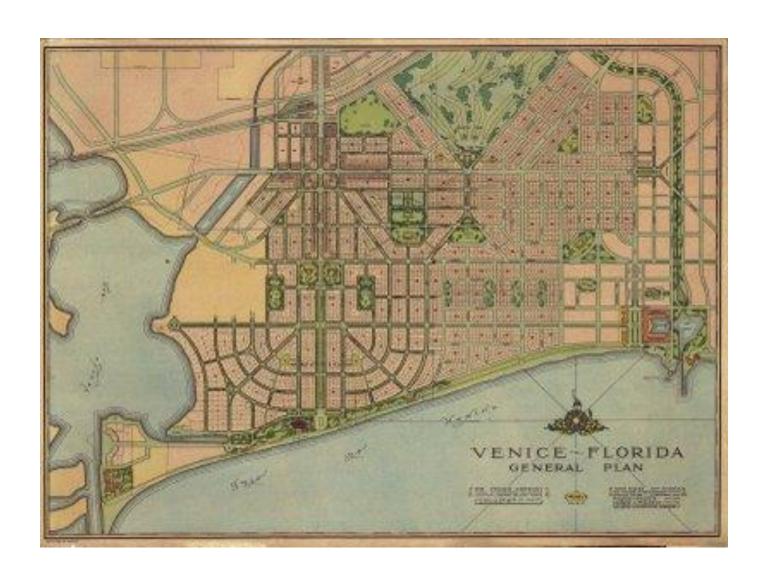
Place Matters

Moving Towards a Healthy "New Normal" in the Built Environment

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Traditional Town Design



Human Scale



Oriented towards walking

Main Street



Suburban Design: post WWII



Driving was in!



Now everything is spread out



This is how we get around



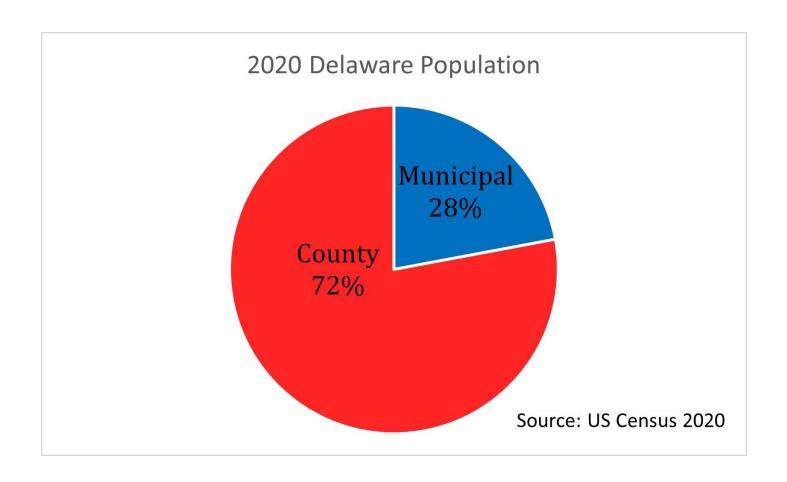
Walking can be dangerous



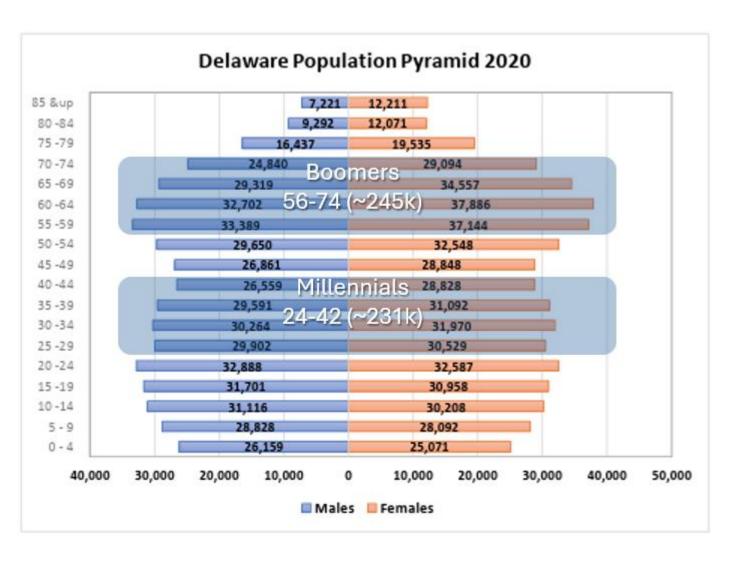
Suburban design makes physical activity difficult



And most people live in the suburbs



Demographic shifts are coming

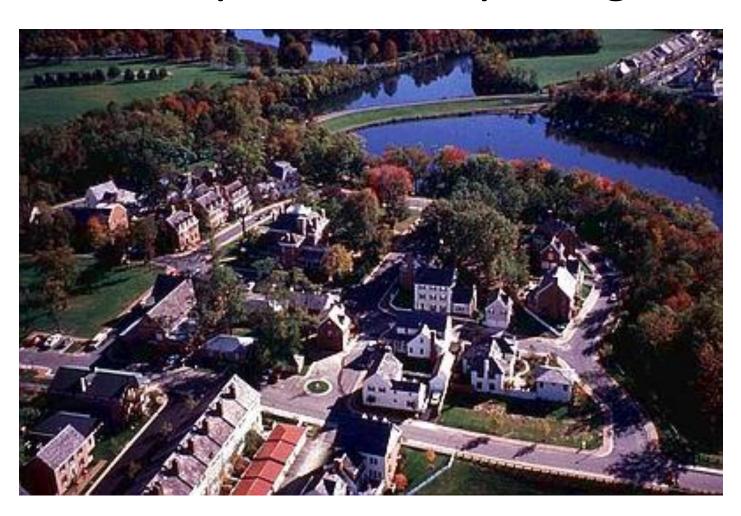


Baby Boomers



Millennial Generation (Y)











Re-Thinking Suburban Design



From: Retrofitting Suburbia by Ellen Dunham-Jones and June Williamson, John Willey and Sons, Inc. 2011

Conclusion

- In healthy communities, the built environment matters!
 - Active transporation
 - Active recreation
 - Access to healthy foods
- Demographic shifts, consumer preferences, and affordability favor creation of more healthy communities.



Thank you!

Questions?

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