



Intergenerationalism & Its Impact on Community Development

A Thought-Provoking Response to Residential Futures II

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Why Are We Here?

Background & Mythology
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Chapter 1:

The Contours of Intergenerationalism & Multigenerational Living



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What did Member's Say?



“Multigenerational living seems to stem from short-term employment, health or economic dislocations. I have not seen an increase in long-term multigenerational households.”

“Purpose-driven formations will continue to grow over time.”

“We try to build and design places that all ages will enjoy because of the great planning, location and design. Experience has shown that when you do this, you get a mix of people and a vibrant community”

“Intergenerationalism works best when it occurs both at the street and at the community level.”

Chapter 2:

Developing for Generations

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“Intergenerational implies interaction among the various generations: We have found this to a big draw for all age demographics. ”

“Older folks often choose to be with kids, but only when they want to. They need a place of refuge, so that interaction is an option and not forced upon them.”

“Trails and local parks are significant drivers of multigenerational families.”

“Any space or facility that is designed to be exclusive has issues.”

“Amenity packages need to provide a combination of elements desirable to all ages and elements that are focused on family.”

Ageless Living



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New models balance “placemaking” and “programming”

Chapter 3:

The Business of Intergenerationalism & Multigenerational Housing



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“I think intergenerationalism is the nature order of communities anyway, and I will try to incorporate it everywhere I build.”

“[Baby boomers] seem to want intergenerational communities with housing product or neighborhoods in the communities that speak to them.”

“We are not address this market at this time. We are waiting to see if the trend is real.”

“Consumers are demanding intergenerationalism and fueling the change because of their lifestyle choices.”

“We are working with builders to continue to innovate on plans that offer flexible spaces that can morph uses over time.”

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