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Cities to Watch

By Sarah Mahoney, September & October 2007

A handful of other cities are starting to address the challenges of an aging population. Some worth watching:

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**Austin, Texas** This fast-growing college town is struggling with its growth but is keeping aging at the top of its agenda, too. As with Atlanta, it's one of the few communities that have insisted on easy-living design in new developments.

**Burlington, Vermont** Burlington is a partner with AARP in its [Livable Communities](#) initiative, which seeks to encourage the creation of affordable and appropriate housing, an array of transportation options, and new community services.

**Mankato, Minnesota** Robert McNulty, president of [Partners for Livable Communities](#), is impressed by this town's partnership with the Mayo Clinic and by its bid to be the ultimate retirement city in the southern part of the state.

**Traverse City, Michigan** A recipient of an AARP Livable Communities grant, the Traverse City region was also named one of the most livable communities in the United States by Partners for Livable Communities.

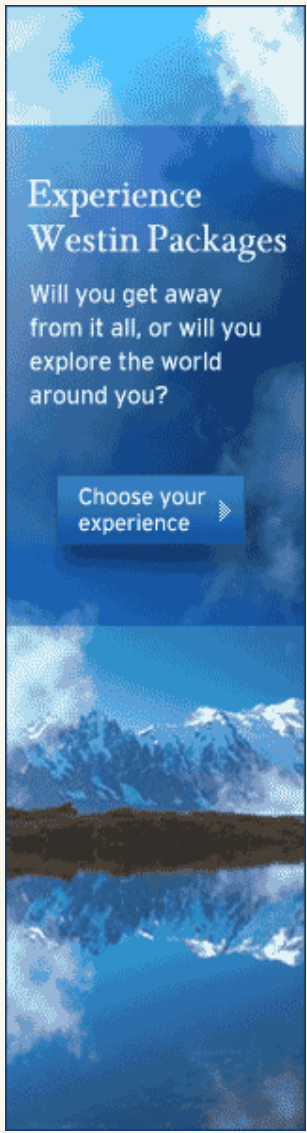
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