Miami-Dade Age-Friendly Initiative

OUTDOOR SPACES & BUILDINGS



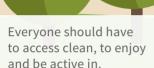
Our Vision

Older adults have a safe and enjoyable physical environment in which to live and be active.

Why?

Safe and enjoyable public spaces and physical environments encourage citizens to utilize them more, interact with their communities and get moving through biking and walking.1

What's Happening in Miami-Dade?



A national standard says PARKS SHOULD BE WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE (a 10 minute walk or 1/2 mile).²

It is estimated that about

OF ADULTS AGE 65 AND OLDER IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY ARE SERVED BY A PARK WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE.3

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION AND SPACES HAS DEVELOPED AGE-FRIENDLY PARK DESIGNATION CRITERIA.

Some of the criteria include:

- Pleasant public areas
- Benches
- Good signage & lighting
- Accessible restrooms
- Non-slip pavement
- Availability of programs for older adults to participate in



Outdoor Spaces & Buildings Strategies

- OLDER ADULT ENGAGEMENT: Engage older adults in the planning and implementation process of strategies.
- OLDER ADULTS IN ALL POLICIES: Review policies related to outdoors • PARKS & PROGRAMMING: spaces, buildings, and community design in order to determine if older adults are considered or should be considered and included in the policies.
- OLDER ADULT REPRESENTATION: Identify boards related to Outdoor design that should include an older adult advocate on the committee or council.
 - Establish safe Parks and Programs that meet Age-Friendly Park standards through proximity, standards, and promotion.



businesses in Miami-Dade County that employ the same type of age-friendly standards that we want to see in parks and public spaces.

• **PLACEMAKING:** Improve the sense of interconnectedness of communities by promoting age-friendly amenities and events, as well as connectivity between public spaces and

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 $\hbox{2: http://parkscore.tpl.org/Methodology/TPL_10MinWalk.pdf}$

^{3:} Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department. (2015). Data on Unincorporated Municipal Services Area (UMSA) population served with a half mile radius of served of Miami-Dade County Parks.