

Choosing the right home:

- How many bedrooms and bathrooms do you need?
- Do you expect your family size to change in the next few years?
- Do you need a garage?
- Do you have a hobby or job that requires a work area at home?
- Do you have pets that need outdoor space?
- Do you want to have a patio, yard or garden?
- How much storage do you need?
- Do you need to modify your home for better accessibility?
- How many floors do you want to have?
- Do you want a single-family home, a townhome, a condominium, co-op, manufactured home, modular home or a 2-4 unit property?
- Are there considerations around the age of the property that matter to you?

Choosing the right neighborhood:

- Do you need to live near a bus route, other public transportation or highway?
- How far are you willing to commute to work (keeping in mind that your work location or situation could change)?
- Are groceries or other stores nearby?
- Do you want to live near parks or green spaces?
- Does the school district matter to you and childcare options?
- Do you want to live in a walkable or bikeable community?
- Do you want to live near restaurants, entertainment, fitness or recreational centers?
- Are there critical services, such as hospitals, nearby?
- Have you checked the crime rates in the neighborhoods you're considering?
- Have you checked the environmental health (water, soil or air quality) of the neighborhoods you're considering?
- Do you want to live in a community with a Homeowners' Association or Condo Association (consider the responsibilities and benefits)?