

Aging in a Bigger Place

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The house matters. So does everything around it.

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THE QUESTIONS AROUND THE HOUSING QUESTION

A house can work. The place around it can still fail.

Affordable. Accessible.
And still too far from daily life.

What does someone need to live well
as they grow older?

HOUSING AND MOBILITY

Transportation is part of whether housing works.

Location can make mobility manageable—or make every trip a barrier.

**SIDEWALKS • CROSSINGS • TRANSIT
BENCHES • SNOW REMOVAL**

AGING IN THE RIGHT PLACE

The goal is not staying.
The goal is having a workable choice.

STAY

when the home and
community still work

CHOICE



MOVE

when another option
better supports life

Sometimes people stay because moving feels impossible.

THE H.O.M.E. APPROACH

Start with the person not the housing product.

- What do you want your life to look like?
- What is becoming difficult?
- What do you want to keep?
- What could change and what options exist?

Housing should support a life.



HOUSING FOR LONGER LIVES

Ordinary housing should be built for longevity.

STEP-FREE • ADAPTABLE • CONNECTED

Good housing can work for a young family today and someone in their 80s decades from now.

Age-friendly design is often just good design with a longer view.



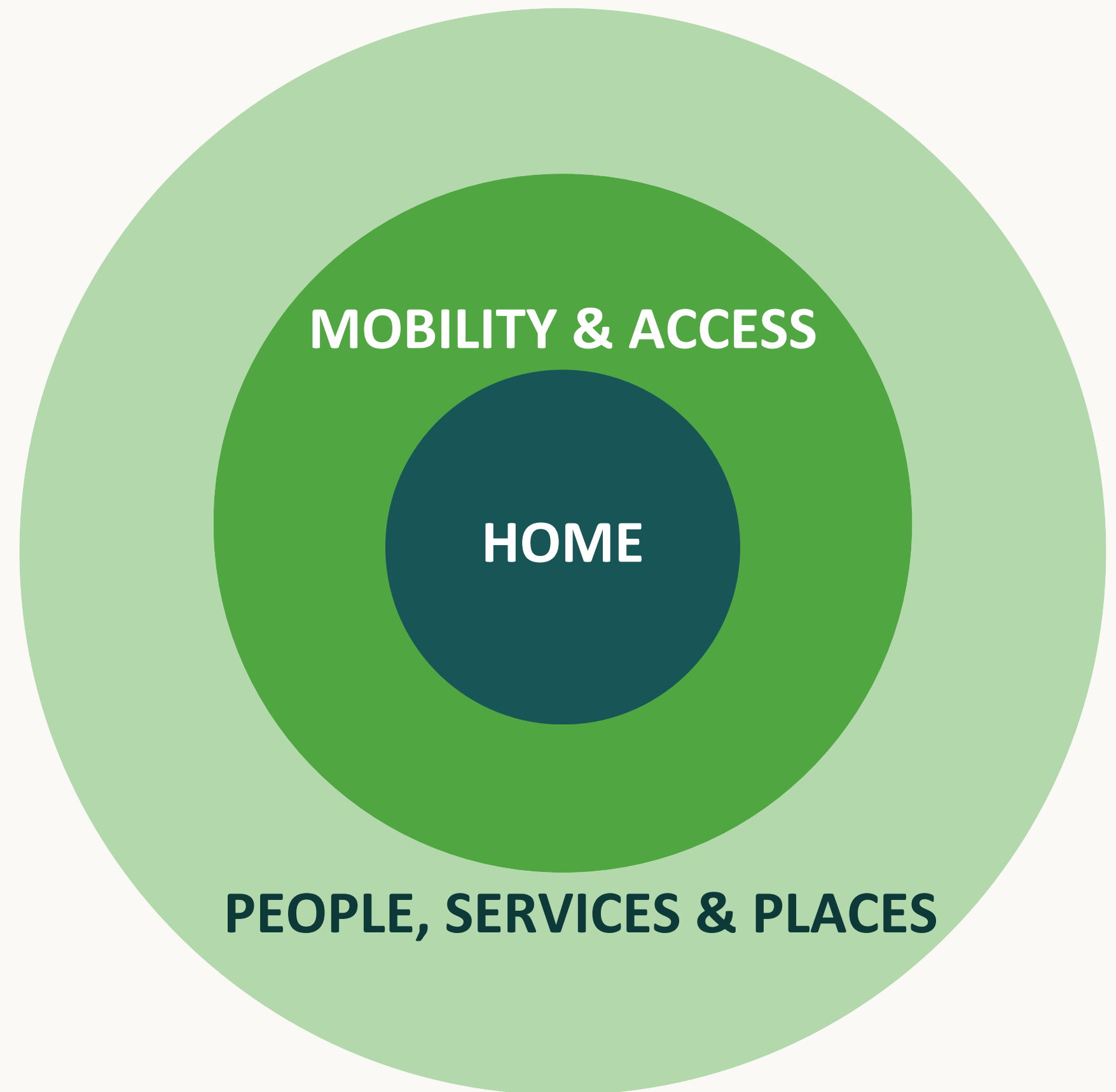
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THE BIGGER TASK

**Units alone are not
a housing system.**

**HOUSING
+ MOBILITY
+ SERVICES
+ PUBLIC SPACE
+ RELATIONSHIPS**

Housing should support a life.



Aging in place requires a bigger place to age in.

A home we can use.

A community we can navigate.

A life we can continue to live.

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