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Aging + Place: Designing Housing and Everything Else for Communities of All Ages

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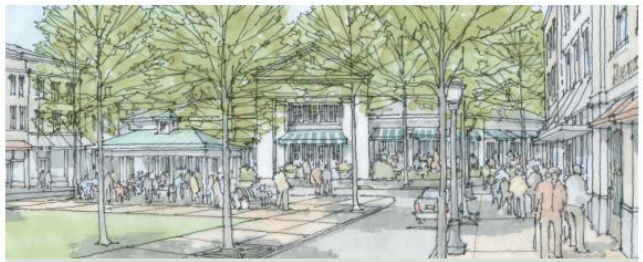
Existing Site and Area of Influence

Proposed Interventions

Lifelong Communities

places individuals can live throughout their lifetime

Lifelong Mableton: Creating a Livable Community for All



Lifelong Community Principles

- Improved connectivity
- Enhanced pedestrian and transit access
- Expanded neighborhood retail and services
- Choice of housing type
- Social interaction
- Healthy living
- Consideration for existing residents

M23
MAKE GAMES
NOT WAR
23 Street & 8 Avenue

1302
Clean Air Hybrid Electric Bus

Life Expectancy At Birth
By Years Of Education At Age 25
By Race And Sex
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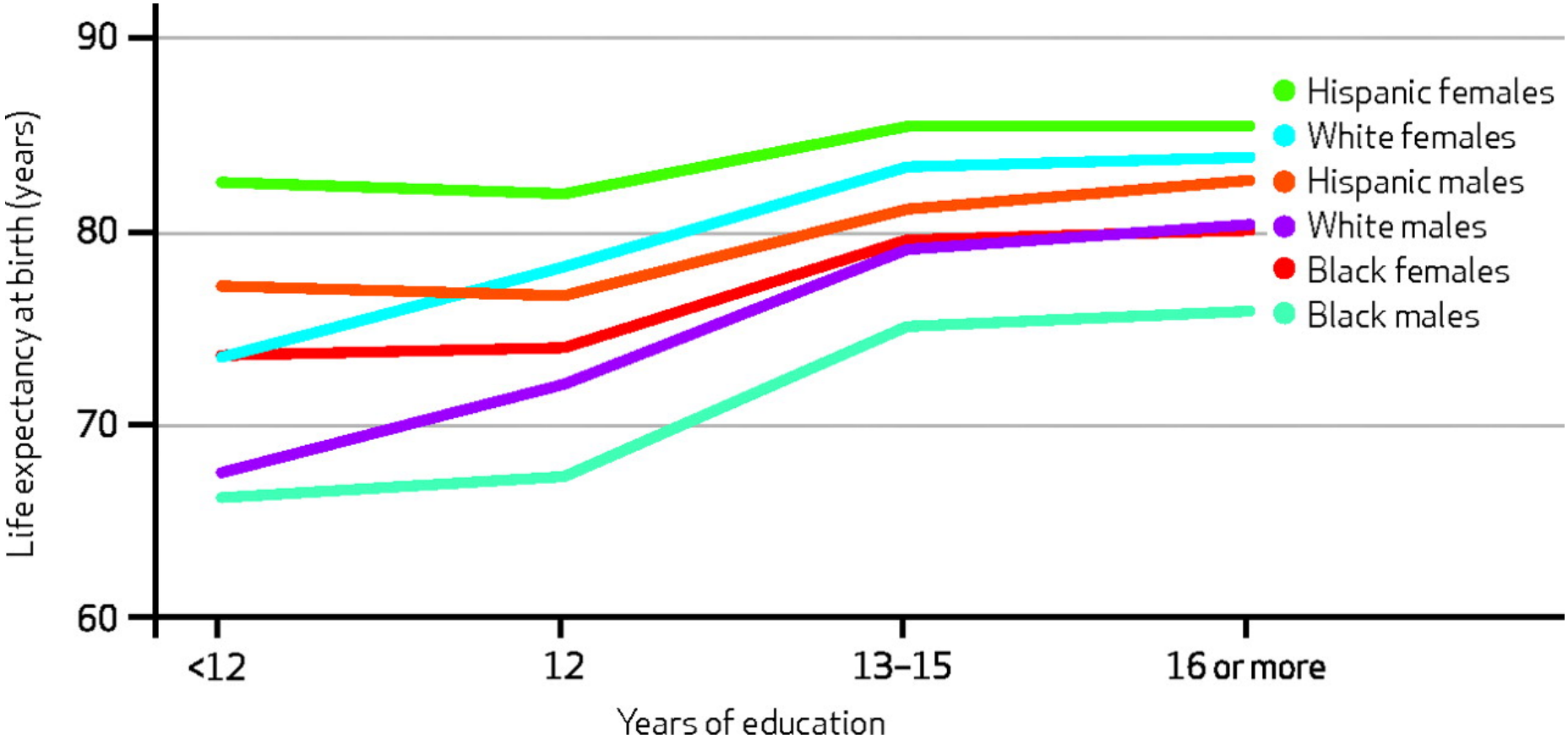

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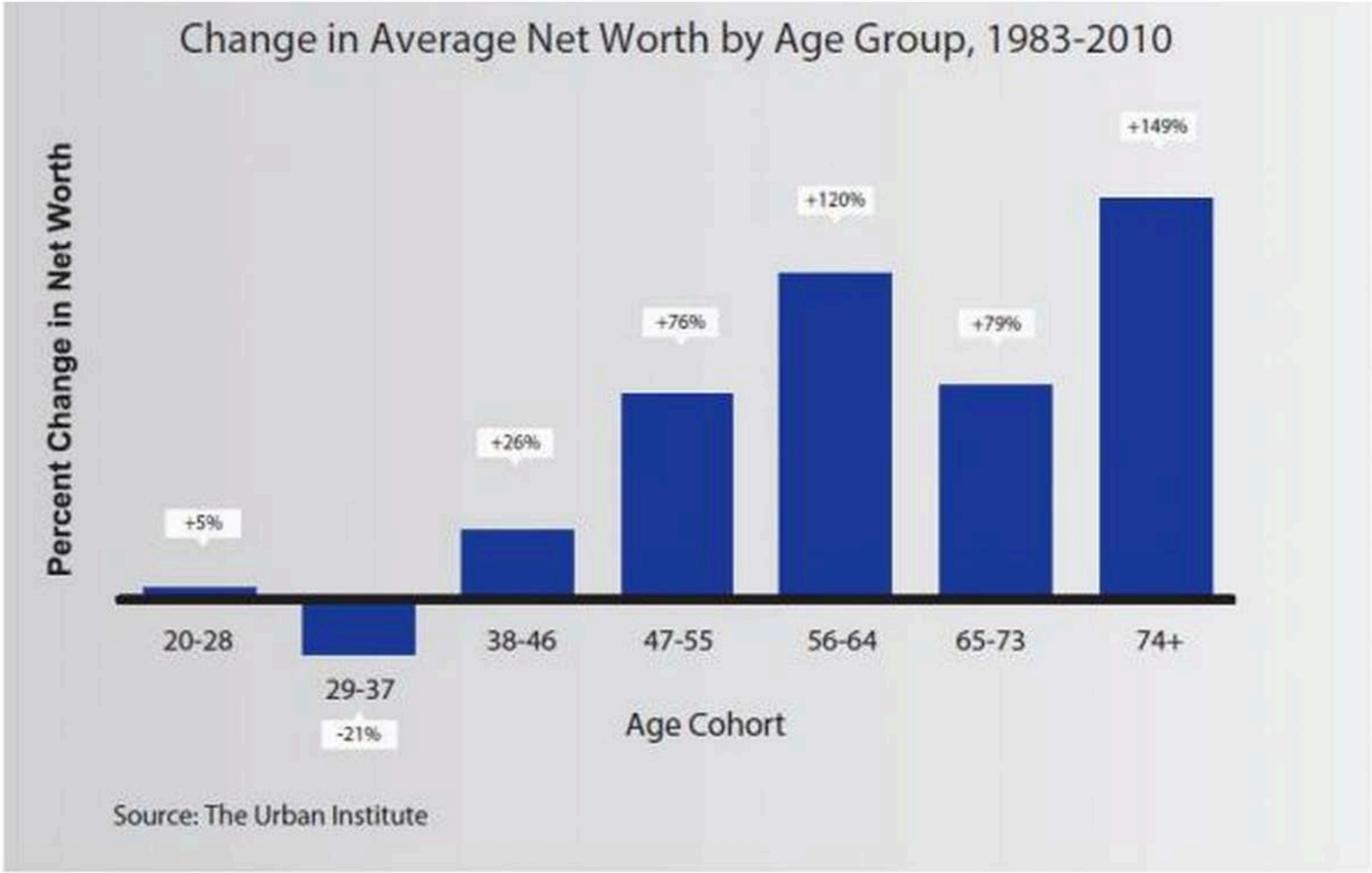

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Last Words

1. Planning for aging requires planning everything (open spaces, transportation, housing etc) for people as they age.

1. Older adults are valuable to society in this process – they should be actors, forces, players, assets and advocates.

1. Planning for older adults and having communities that work for older adults can be economically beneficial to your municipality.

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