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An Analysis of Urban Development Expansion in Florida’s Retirement Communities, 2001 - 2011

NEW DEVELOPMENT IN ALL RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES
(195 communities in total)

- Sq. Miles Developed: 32.5 sq. miles
  - Open space development: 8.3 sq. miles
  - Low intensity development: 10.4 sq. miles
  - Medium intensity development: 12.7 sq. miles
  - High intensity development: 1.1 sq. mile
  - Approx. golf courses built: 28 golf courses

NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGES

- Sq. Miles Developed: 12.6 sq. miles
  - Open space development: 2.3 sq. miles
  - Low intensity development: 4.0 sq. miles
  - Medium intensity development: 5.8 sq. miles
  - High intensity development: 0.5 sq. miles
  - Approx. golf courses built: 16 golf courses

1 According to 55Places.com
2 Retirement community is defined as a community with a population restricted to age 55 and over.
3 Development intensity is positively related to the percentage of impervious surface present in a given area. Open space development pertains to developed green space such as parks and golf courses.