

**AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE  
ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL SENIOR HOUSING COMPLEX  
SITES WITHIN THE CITY OF ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA**

**ABSTRACT:** The Housing Authority of the City of Alameda was interested in evaluating locations for the construction of new affordable senior housing units from the perspective of an environmental resource analysis. This problem presented an excellent opportunity for applied geographic research in the man-land research tradition. The project's aim was to identify sites within the City of Alameda that were available for development of senior housing and compare the opportunities presented by each site for this type of development. Incorporated into this analysis was the identification of environmental constraints which might limit or endanger such development at each site. Given budgetary restrictions and the prohibitive costs of purchasing privately held land at market value, the site selection process narrowed the study locations to four publicly owned sites. The Housing Authority was presented with detailed information on the opportunities each site offered for the construction of senior housing, and at the Authority's recommendation, an environmental impact assessment was developed for the site selected as the optimal location for the proposed use.