Proximity Priorities

Make a list of the places you go every day, once a week, once a month, and once a year. Think about how long it would ideally take you to get to each of these places. Using the list below, check your ideal travel time for each of the following activities:

	5 min. walk	5 min. drive	15 min. drive	30+ min. drive
After-School Activities				
Airport				
Bank				
Bar				
Coffee Shop				
Day Care				
Doctor's Office				
Drugstore				
Dry Cleaner				
Grocery Store				

I could go on and on (indeed, a typical neighborhood map of Miami will include upward of fifty locales), but you get the point. Any city, whether large or small, is going to offer more than one type of living experience. The exact mix of neighborhood types will differ from one place to the next, with some cities serving up more options than others. But whether there are just a few neighborhoods to choose from or a few dozen, the trick is to figure out which one is right for you. That's what this chapter is all about. If Chapters 6 and 7 took the view from 30,000 feet, a vantage point that allowed us to see and dissect the distribution of land and populations within a region and

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Health Club	....	....	....	....
Hospital	....	....	....	....
Library	....	....	....	....
Museums	....	....	....	....
Natural Amenities	....	....	....	....
Parks	....	....	....	....
Post Office	....	....	....	....
Restaurants	....	....	....	....
Schools	....	....	....	....
Shopping	....	....	....	....
Transit Stop	....	....	....	....
Work	....	....	....	....
Other	....	....	....	....

cities, this chapter is like coming in for a landing, looking in detail at what each neighborhood and community has to offer.

Your Neighborhood Preferences

With tens of thousands of properties on the market (hundreds of thousands in larger metros) it would be next to impossible to sort through all of your options without targeting a few areas. To narrow the scope, you first need to determine the elements of a neighborhood that matter most to you. These will be your neighborhood preferences.