

Age-Friendly Communities

Presented by

**The Department of Community Resources,
Division of Office on Aging &
The Commission on Aging**

Purpose

To provide a background on the Age-Friendly Communities initiative and seek Commissioner support for an AARP commitment letter and planning process



**AARP Network of
Age-Friendly States
and Communities**

Age-Friendly and Livable Communities

“A livable community is one that is safe and secure, has affordable and appropriate housing and transportation options, and offers supportive community features and services. Once in place, those resources enhance personal independence; allow residents to age in place; and foster residents’ engagement in the community’s civic, economic, and social life.” — **AARP** Policy Book, Chapter 9



1. Outdoor Spaces
and Buildings

2. Transportation

3. Housing

4. Social
Participation

The **AARP** Network of Age-Friendly Communities

and work within

The 8 Domains of Livability

help communities become great for people of all ages

5. Respect and
Social Inclusion

6. Civic Participation
and Employment

7. Communication
and Information

8. Community
and Health Services

Planning Process

- Establish Commission/Select Convener
- Conduct Needs Assessment
- Develop Action/Evaluation Plan
- Submit Plan to AARP for review/approval



To enroll...

- No Fee to Join
- Submit Application as a County
- Provide letter of support to AARP
- Pass a resolution in support of membership



Once enrolled...

- Pick a Community Convener
- Develop an Action Plan
 - Based on Community Surveys
 - Measuring goals/progress
 - “Active” document



AARP provides toolkit with...

- Milestones for membership
- Examples of plans
- Guidance on framework
- Examples of indicators and data sources

Important Points

Age-Friendly Communities Planning:

- Aligns with Comprehensive Plan goals
- Complements Town Center planning
- Increases citizen engagement
- Supports grant requests

Next Steps

- Commitment Letter to AARP
- Direct Commission on Aging to develop an AFC Planning Committee