

AGE-FRIENDLY FRANKLIN COUNTY

STRATEGIC PLAN



**COLUMBUS AND
FRANKLIN COUNTY**

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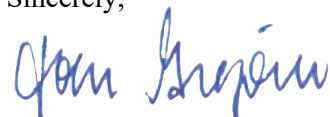
Dear Central Ohio Community,

The College of Social Work at the Ohio State University is pleased to present the Age Friendly Columbus and Franklin County strategic plan. This plan is a thoughtful, inclusive and comprehensive approach to ensuring our community's older adults have an adaptable, vibrant and responsive environment in which to live and thrive. Finding ways to create better transportation options, improving the walkability of our streets and sidewalks, assisting with options for affordable housing, and increasing social opportunities for those over 50 years of age are just a few of the priorities of this plan. The college is committed to the community in which we live and educate and we believe engaging in the work of Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County has provided us the opportunity to move further into our neighborhoods and closer to learning more in order to educate our students to better serve them.

This plan is a culmination of working with and listening to the elders in our community; learning what they need as well as what they want as they age-in-place. With over 50 partners in the Central Ohio area, Age Friendly is focusing on meeting and exceeding those needs. The College of Social Work has a responsibility to our students and the community to ensure this plan is in line with our mission of conducting research in the community that is evidence based. Age Friendly provides a wealth of opportunity to our researchers and students to learn and engage in the existing environment to ultimately improve the lives of those who live there.

We look forward to the work of Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County in the upcoming years, knowing that not only will this work benefit all older adults, but every person who is aging.

Sincerely,



Tom Gregoire, MSW, PhD

Dean



Dear Neighbor,

With the understanding that the number of central Ohio residents 65 years or older is expected to double in the next 30 years, it's important that we plan and prepare for that growth by providing opportunities to ensure that as residents age and their abilities change, we are able to provide easy access to services, amenities, and opportunities.

Working within the World Health Organization and AARP Livable Communities guidelines, Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County is focused on making improvements in the following eight age-friendly areas:

- Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Safety and Emergency Preparedness
- Respect, Inclusion and Social Participation
- Employment and Civic Engagement
- Communication and Information
- Community Support and Health Services

We are proud of the on-going support of Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County initiatives, and recognize the feedback from residents that has helped shape and guide this important work.

With thorough research, inclusive planning, aging advocacy, and a dedication to innovation, the city and county's strategic plan identifies positive measures toward independent and safe living for seniors. We are proud to share this comprehensive plan as a blueprint outlining the goals and strategies to shape Franklin County into an age-friendly community, ensuring that older adults can remain in their own environments and live an active, engaging and safe lifestyle.

Thank you for your interest in your Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County strategic plan. You can find more detailed information, including the initiatives surrounding the eight areas of concentration on the [Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County website](#). Together, we can ensure that we all thrive as we age.

Sincerely,

Commissioners

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Dear Residents,


Over the past year, I have had the pleasure of chairing Columbus City Council's Veterans and Senior Affairs Committee. As someone who is living longer, I am sensitive to the specific needs of those in our community facing new challenges as they age. Since 2016, Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County has developed a roadmap to ensure our community is inclusive for residents of all ages.

Columbus's population of residents over the age of 65 is expected to double by 2050. The work of Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County is vital to our community's success in supporting our residents' independence. Through a thoughtful and collaborative approach, Age-Friendly has identified critical needs for older adults within our community. Their focus on housing, safety, transportation, social and civic participation, and access to services have prepared our community to ensure our residents are supported as they age. This Age-Friendly Strategic Plan will identify initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for aging residents within Columbus. I believe that the work of Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County has made our community one of the best in the nation in supporting residents as they age in place.

I am excited to partner with the Franklin County Commissioners, Mayor Andrew J. Ginther, AARP Ohio, Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, The Ohio State College of Social Work, the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, and my colleagues on Columbus City Council in support of the continued work of Age-Friendly Columbus. Our community is blessed to have such committed leadership in ensuring Columbus remains a great place to work, recreate, and live longer comfortably.

We are all getting older. The work of Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County is helping to build a community in which we can all feel secure and independent for years to come.

Sincerely,


Mitchell J. Brown
Councilmember, City of Columbus



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Introduction

In 2018, under the leadership of the Franklin County Commissioners, with generous funding from the Franklin County Office on Aging, Age-Friendly Columbus expanded to include all of Franklin County, becoming Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County. The expansion was the result of the Franklin County Commissioners' commitment to the county entering the World Health Organization and AARP Livable Communities Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

As a result of this commitment, a county-wide convening of stakeholders was held at The Columbus Foundation (see Appendix for the full Convening Report). Invitations were extended to all cities, villages and townships in Franklin County to bring an elected official, a staff person and an older resident to define the next steps for creating an Age-Friendly County. On October 3, 2018, 15 communities from across Franklin County gathered for this discussion.

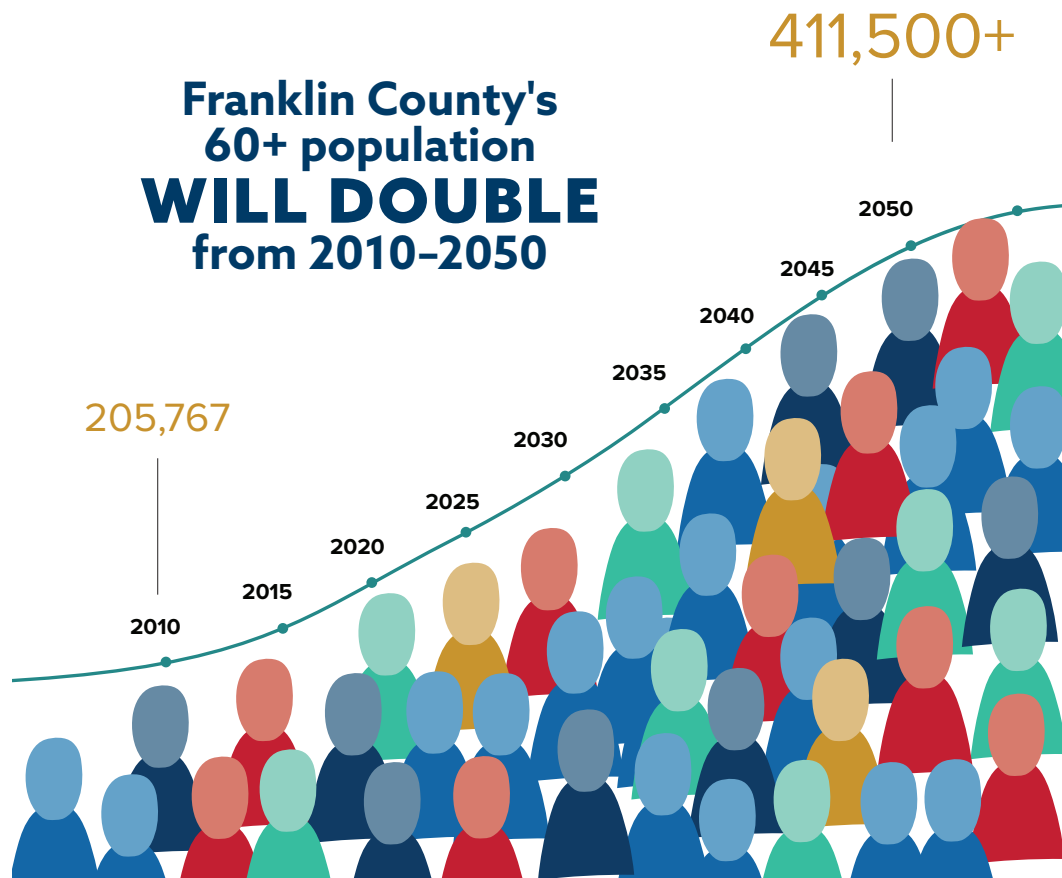
The Age-Friendly Franklin County Strategic Plan is based on outcomes from the convening and builds upon the findings and strategies of earlier work completed by Age-Friendly Columbus. Since expanding, Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County has engaged people, partners, and places throughout the county in the work that was already occurring. In 2021, the 5-year cycle of continuous improvement will be relaunched to guide the age-friendly work and the inclusive planning process county-wide, using the 2016 data as a baseline.

OUTREACH

Community outreach efforts, including presentations, focus groups, walk audits and inclusive planning efforts:

2018
4,487
individuals

2019
4,907
individuals



Timeline



ASSESSMENT PHASE: 2016

2016

- Age-Friendly Columbus project launched at Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
- Age-Friendly Press Conference hosted with Mayor Ginther, Columbus City Council, and AARP Ohio
- Formed advisory council, domain subcommittees, and 50+ resident council
- Convened domain-specific subcommittee meetings to design the Age-Friendly survey
- Distributed Age-Friendly survey to random sample of Columbus residents age 50 and older
- Administered Age-Friendly survey to Columbus residents age 50 and older at community events
- Held focus groups in six languages with Columbus residents age 50 or older
- Conducted neighborhood walk audits
- Completed Age-Friendly Columbus Findings Report

PLANNING PHASE: 2017

2017

- Published Age-Friendly Columbus Findings Report during Press Conference with Mayor Ginther, Columbus City Council, stakeholders, residents, and AARP Ohio
- Reconvened advisory council, subcommittees, and 50+ resident council to review Findings Report and co-create strategic plan
- Co-hosted Community Workshop with AARP Ohio to test strategies with Columbus residents age 50 and older
- Conducted neighborhood walk audits
- Held focus groups with Columbus residents age 50 or older
- Released Age-Friendly Columbus Strategic Plan during Press Conference with Mayor Ginther, Columbus City Council, stakeholders, residents, and AARP Ohio
- Collaborated with The Ohio State University College of Social Work, Franklin County Office on Aging, the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and Columbus Recreation and Parks for project transition



IMPLEMENTATION PHASE: 2018-2020

2018

- Age-Friendly Columbus transitioned to The Ohio State University College of Social Work
- Franklin County Commissioners entered the WHO and AARP International Age-Friendly Network, expanding the work of the Age-Friendly across Franklin County
- Opened Age-Friendly Offices at Blackburn Community Center with press conference and ribbon cutting
- Engagement with Franklin County communities
 - › Co-hosted Villages 101 training, multiple communities in attendance
 - › Presented to Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association
 - › Presented to Worthington City Council and Community Relations Committee
 - › Met with New Albany elected officials and staff
- Met with Bexley Community Health Action Team
- Held the Age-Friendly Franklin County Convening
- Franklin County Office On Aging launched Senior Chats on housing, mental health, and the opioid epidemic
- Creation of the Greater Columbus Network of Villages

2019

- Highlights of expanded engagement to Franklin County communities
 - › Presented at Franklin County Commissioners' General Assembly
 - › Presented to Leadership Dublin cohort
 - › Conducted Site Review with residents in Prairie Township
 - › Held focus group with Whitehall residents
 - › Joined Age-Friendly Westerville's Stakeholder meetings
 - › Presented to Upper Arlington Senior Center Current Events group
 - › Participated in panel during Flourish Franklin County
- Awarded National Community Partnership Action Award by the Council on Social Work Education
- Held mobility centered focus groups in six languages with Catholic Social Services, Senior Companions program
- Launched Age-Friendly Businesses in partnership with Better Business Bureau
- Launched multiple Age-Friendly Mobility projects with the Ohio Department of Transportation, Central Ohio Transit Authority, The Ohio State University College of Social Work, Honda R&D Americas, Greater Columbus Network of Villages, and Lyft Central Ohio

Community Collaborations

Over the course of 2018 and 2019, the Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County (AFCFC) team engaged with communities across Franklin County. This engagement happened through focus groups, presentations, mentorship and listening sessions. A grass-roots approach to gather input was utilized to ensure the Age-Friendly Franklin County Strategic Plan reflected the voices of older residents and stakeholders. As information was collected, many exciting initiatives, lessons learned and best practices emerged. The collaborative nature of Franklin County communities continues to prove to be a major asset in moving forward the work of the World Health Organization and AARP Age-Friendly Communities international network.

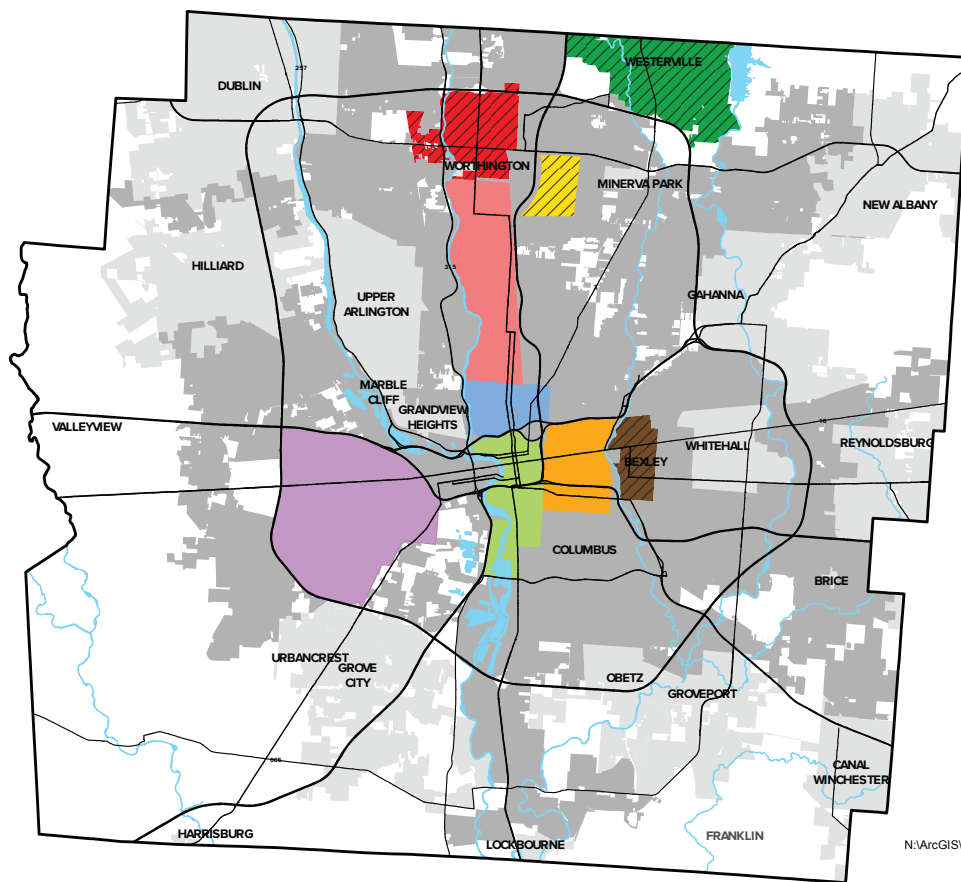
KEY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Greater Columbus Network of Villages (GCNV) is comprised of the five operating villages across Columbus as well as Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County. Villages are grassroots, member-driven organizations for adults 50 and older serving small and well-defined communities. Each of the villages offer a variety of supportive health and human services, reflective of the unique needs of their own community, creating a system-wide network of high-quality person-centered resources. While each village is unique, all provide similar core services that allow members to age in their own community. Villages work to maintain stable housing for members through volunteer services and vetted providers committed to providing cost effective services. Robust opportunities for activities facilitated by the village enhance members' physical and mental health and prevent the development or exacerbation of costly health problems. Through innovative collaborations, free transportation services remove barriers to mobility for members.

In 2019, through the guidance of the Franklin County Office on Aging, AFCFC, and The Ohio State University College of Social Work, the GCNV committed to showing the power of their collective impact. Through an efficient system-wide approach the villages will be able to demonstrate collective outcomes for the first time. As part of the network, AFCFC is committed to amplifying the knowledge of this impact. AFCFC staff attend the GCNV meetings, collaborate on outreach and community engagement and enhance advocacy efforts through shared communication. Through focus groups and surveys, AFCFC also provides quantitative and qualitative evaluations for each village that enhances the ability to demonstrate impact.

The GCNV harnesses collective knowledge and innovative solutions to build a supportive and inclusive community for older adults. While each village serves a distinct area, they work together to amplify existing resources, share best practices, coordinate social activities and provide an ever-stronger network of support to neighbors. The GCNV is creating a model of collaboration gaining national traction and is a pivotal partner of AFCFC for pilot programming, community engagement, research and harnessing the voices and choices older adults.

GREATER COLUMBUS NETWORK OF VILLAGES



Central Ohio Network of Villages

Villages Service Area

- Village Connections
- Village in the Ville
- At Home by High
- Ville on the Hill
- Village Central

Exploring Communities

- Northland
- Bexley
- Worthington
- Westerville



The information shown on this map is compiled from various sources made available to us which we believe to be reliable.
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Alex Blankenship and Donald Wiggins, Americorps VISTA and Executive Director of Village Connections; Tessa Fite, Program Manager of Neighbor to Neighbor; Christine Happel, Director of the Greater Columbus Network of Villages/Village in the Ville; Katie Beaumont, Founding Director At Home By High; Barbara Camfield, Program Director Ville on the Hill; Jim Trickett, Senior Program Manager Village Central, attending the 2019 Village to Village Network National Conference.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOTS



Filming Day with At Home By High.



Senior Services Roundtable meeting.



Focus group with Senior Companions a program of Catholic Social Services.



Community partners celebrate the Hilltop Circulator launch.



Lunch presentation to Westerville Senior Center.

"WITHOUT A VEHICLE, THERE ARE NOT MANY OPTIONS."

- Focus group attendee



Community partners celebrate the Lyfting Villages launch.



Safe Routes to Age in Place site review.



Training with Near East Side residents.



MyAmble, travel diary, training at the Prairie Township Community Center.



Monthly safety meeting at the Whitehall Senior Center.



Worthington City Council passes resolution to enter the Age-Friendly Community Network.

"IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THIS TO GIVE FEEDBACK, WE NEED MORE." – *Focus group attendee*



Attendees at Flourish Franklin County create their own positive aging buttons.

"THE SENIOR CENTER HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 55 YEARS AND IS VOLUNTEER-RUN, WE LIKE THAT ASPECT. THE HOURS ARE FLEXIBLE AND PEOPLE CAN BE HERE LATE AT NIGHT PLAYING CARDS. THERE ARE 212 MEMBERS, 63 OF WHICH ARE OVER 85 YEARS OLD. OUR OLDEST MEMBER IS 94 YEARS OLD."

-Whitehall Senior Center member



Panelists at Upper Arlington Technology in Aging Conference.

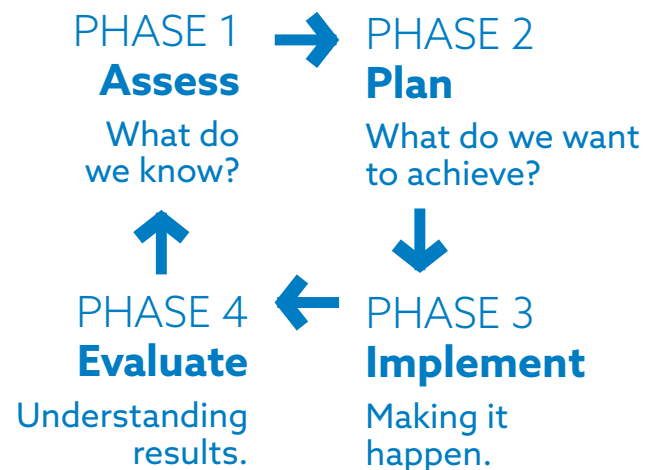


Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues reviews Linden LEAP Autonomous Shuttle.

Strategic Objectives

The Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County team will prioritize the following strategies during the fifth year of the age-friendly framework. These strategies are a combination of new and expanded strategies from the 2017 Age-Friendly Columbus Strategic Plan. The work to accomplish these strategies requires strong partnerships and shared goals. Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County will lead, mentor, or collaborate on strategies for successful implementation.

AGE-FRIENDLY FRAMEWORK



Domains



Outdoor Spaces and Buildings



Transportation



Housing



Safety and Emergency Preparedness



Social Participation, Respect, and Inclusion



Employment and Civic Participation



Communication and Information



Community Support and Health Services

NEW STRATEGIES

Based on the Franklin County Convening and information gathered through community outreach, new strategies have emerged.

Strategy 1: Encourage and support mentorship and trainings related to developing Age-Friendly communities and strategies.



1a: Encourage and support focus group facilitation, inclusive-planning and other strategies to amplify older adult voices throughout community planning at all levels

1b: Collaborate with other Franklin County and Ohio communities enrolled in the Age-Friendly Network to establish the Coalition of Age-Friendly Communities of Ohio

1c: Provide mentorship, presentations, and trainings as needed to Franklin County communities

Strategy 2: Build on existing services and mobility collaborations to create Safe Routes to Age in Place.



2a: Complete focus groups, community meetings, walk audits, and collect data from older adults to produce information that recommends infrastructure updates that are needed in order to create Safe Routes to Age in Place

2b: Collaborate with the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) to increase older adult ridership

2c: Expand COTA's Travel Training for older adults and individuals with disabilities

2d: Evaluate effectiveness of volunteer drivers, neighborhood circulators, and on-demand services as transportation options for older adults

Strategy 3: Amplify new and existing neighborhood resource organizations and anchor institutions.



3a: Co-create, support, and evaluate the impact of the Greater Columbus Network of Villages

3b: Work with communities to identify and increase awareness of community hubs and existing community strengths

Strategy 4: Facilitate community-wide advocacy for housing stability of older adults and individuals with disabilities.



4a: Support the growth of Nesterly, a local home-sharing program of the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging

4b: Host focus groups and discussions to understand emerging challenges and trends in communities and neighborhoods

4c: Inventory housing stock by ZIP code

4d: Inventory the existence of and expand Resident Advisory Councils in affordable housing

4e: Inventory existing policies on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

EXPANDED STRATEGIES

These expanded strategies broaden work already encompassed in the 2017 Age-Friendly Columbus plan. Based on community input these are now being further developed and implemented across Franklin County. Portions of these strategies are in motion and will be further developed, measured, and completed in 2020.

Strategy 5: Create and implement positive aging campaign.



5a: Engage local older adults to create positive aging images and phrases

5b: Disseminate multimedia campaign through Age-Friendly communication channels

Strategy 6: Conduct Kinship/Grandparents Raising Grandchildren survey and analysis.



6a: Attend and support the Ohio Grandparents/Kinship Coalition

6b: Support the implementation of Grandcares

Strategy 7: Expand the work of Age-Friendly Businesses and Age-Friendly Employment through strategic partnerships.



7a: Partner with the Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio to maintain Age-Friendly Business Directory

7b: Partner with new community groups to enhance current list of Age-Friendly Businesses

7c: Partner with Employment for Seniors to create Age-Friendly Employer best practices

Strategy 8: Encourage personal and public emergency preparedness of older adults across Central Ohio.



8a: Work with communities and community health and safety representatives to distribute Files of Life and Knox Boxes

8b: Collaborate with local organizations to strengthen the aging and disability lens in emergency preparedness

Strategy 9: Identify and coordinate efforts for advocacy around older adults and individuals with disabilities.



9a: Serve on the leadership of the Columbus Advisory Council on Disability Issues



9b: Serve on regional committees (in addition to those already listed) Columbus and Franklin County Complete Count Census Committees, Community Fall Intervention Team (FIT), COTA Mobility Advisory Board, MORPC Shuttle and Circulator Work Group, MORPC Regional Housing Study, ODOT Mature Drivers Committee, ODOT Walk.Bike. Ohio Steering Committee, Senior Services Roundtable.

STRATEGY INDEX WITH FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMUNITIES

The following spreadsheet highlights community commitment and work already in motion on the Age-Friendly Franklin County strategies. Some of the work has been happening through city-lead initiatives, some through volunteer driven efforts and others through robust cross sector partnerships.

While this list is meant to capture work happening alongside Age-Friendly and knowledge gained through outreach efforts, this is intended to be a living document that grows and evolves. This work takes the effort of many people and groups and we have done our best to acknowledge the work we know that is happening in this sphere, but we may have missed something.

Was a program in your community missed? Are you interested in collaborating on strategies? Would your community be a strong partner to pilot a new program? We want to hear from you! Please reach out to **AgeFriendly@osu.edu** and share what is happening in the community or what work interests you!

		Strategy 1	Strategy 2	Strategy 3	Strategy 4	Strategy 5	Strategy 6	Strategy 7	Strategy 8	Strategy 9
Bexley	✓		✓		✓					
Blendon Township										
Brown Township										
Canal Winchester										
Clinton Township										
Columbus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dublin	✓	✓	✓		✓					
Franklin Township										
Gahanna	✓			✓						
Grandview Heights	✓	✓	✓		✓					
Grove City		✓			✓			✓		
Hamilton Township								✓		
Hilliard			✓		✓			✓		
Jackson Township								✓		
Jefferson Township								✓		

	Strategy 1	Strategy 2	Strategy 3	Strategy 4	Strategy 5	Strategy 6	Strategy 7	Strategy 8	Strategy 9
Madison Township									
Mifflin Township						✓			
New Albany	✓			✓			✓		
Norwich Township							✓		
Perry Township									
Pickerington				✓					
Plain Township									
Pleasant Township									
Powell				✓					
Prairie Township	✓	✓	✓				✓		
Reynoldsburg				✓					
Sharon Township									
Truro Township							✓		
Upper Arlington	✓		✓	✓					
Village of Harrisburg									
Village of Brice									
Village of Lockbourne	✓								
Village of Marble Cliff									
Village of Minerva Park									
Village of Obetz									
Village of Riverlea									
Village of Urbancrest									
Village of Valleyview									
Washington Township									
Westerville	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		
Whitehall	✓		✓		✓		✓		
Worthington	✓		✓		✓		✓		

Thank you

Thank you to all those that have participated with Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County. The work is only as successful as the partnerships and community collaborations.

A special thank you to the Franklin Commissioners and the Franklin County Office on Aging for their continued support and vision to expand the work of Age-Friendly across the county.

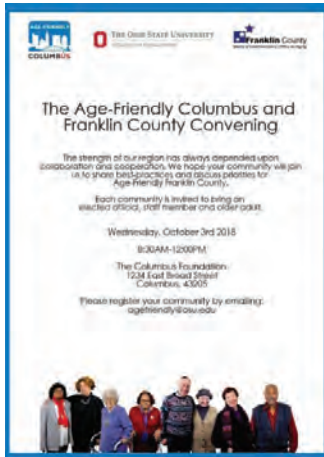


APPENDIX

Age-Friendly Franklin County Convening Report

October 3, 2018





In early 2018, the Franklin County Commissioners committed the county to entering the World Health Organization and AARP Livable Communities Network of Age-Friendly Communities. As Age-Friendly Columbus made the transition to Age-Friendly Franklin County, an invitation was extended to all cities, villages, and townships in the community to bring an elected official, a staff person, and an older resident to define the next steps together. On October 3, 2018, 15 communities from across Franklin County gathered at the Columbus Foundation.

“Aging is an opportunity, not a problem”

The group was welcomed by Franklin County Board President Kevin Boyce. Commissioner Boyce spoke of a future where residents would feel a seamless transition from one community to the next across all of Franklin County. He recounted the impact older adults have had on his life, including deep lasting lessons from his grandmother. The group was next welcomed by Columbus City Council President Pro Tem, Michael Stinziano. Councilmember Stinziano shared why he has been involved with the Age-Friendly movement since its start and how impactful the initiative has been thus far.



Franklin County
Board President
Kevin Boyce



Columbus City Council
President Pro Tem
Michael Stinziano

Defining the Purpose of Convening

- To provide education on Age-Friendly Communities
- To spur community conversations with diverse perspectives
- To set county-wide priorities

Attendees next heard from Age-Friendly Communities, Columbus and Franklin County Director, Katie White and Assistant Director, Marisa Sheldon. The World Health Organization and AARP Livable Communities guidelines were provided. A look at Franklin County demographics and population trends related to aging and a review of the major findings of the Age-Friendly Columbus Initiative was also provided.



Marisa Sheldon



Katie White



Age-Friendly Communities work is guided by The World Health Organization and AARP Livable Communities.

A brief history of the Age-Friendly Columbus initiative was provided. This included an explanation of the 5 year cycle of improvement that guided the work and the inclusive planning process. Specific attention was given to the intentional inclusion of elders in all aspects of planning to ensure that the plan was created with, not for, older adults.



Major Themes

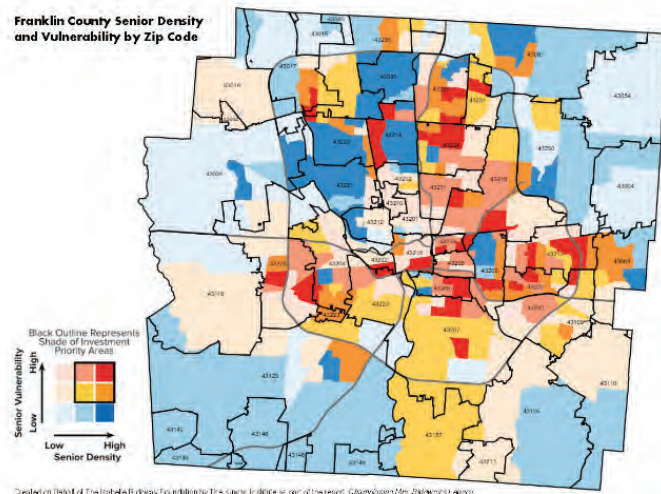
1. Community connections
2. Housing
3. Mobility
4. Personal preparation

"Protecting and building upon assets will be critical."

An overview of major themes found through the Age-Friendly Columbus research phase.



The 5 year cycle of improvement guiding the Age-Friendly work.



This map details the density and vulnerability of seniors across Franklin County. This was shared with the group from "Meeting the challenges of an aging population with success", a report by the Kirwan Institute and The Ohio State University College of Social Work.

The World Café

The group was introduced to our conversation hosts, The Ohio State University College of Social Work Dean, Tom Gregoire, and College of Social Work Assistant Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Community Engagement, Lisa Durham, and The Ohio State University, Professor Emerita, Hazel Morrow-Jones.



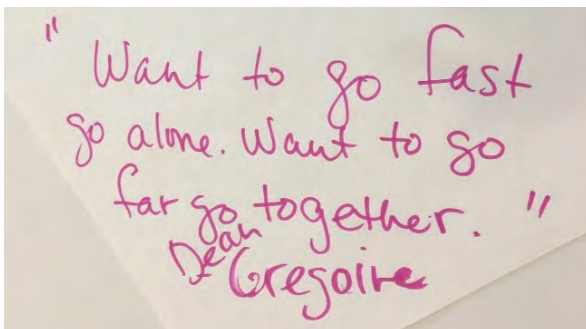
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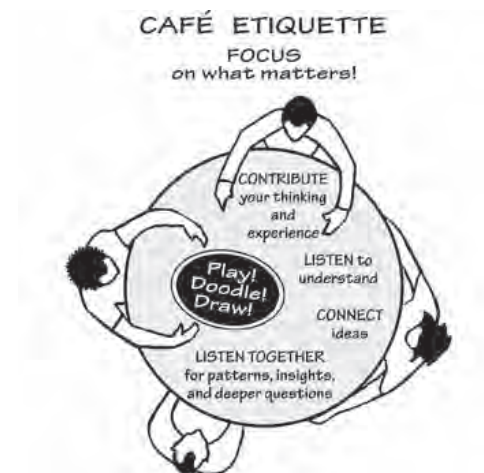
The Ohio State University, Professor Emerita, Hazel Morrow-Jones



"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." Attendees reflected on wisdom from Dean Tom Gregoire.

The World Café Method is a style of hosting conversations with large and diverse groups. The methodology focuses on creating a comfortable environment that is welcoming and inviting to all. Tables are purposefully set and allow for small group discussions and leave space for creative thought. Purpose is defined and the questions are carefully developed to build upon each other. Attendees rotate tables after each question to broaden the diversity of thought. The conversation was intentionally hosted in this style as individuals were invited with different perspectives and influence. The World Café Method is a democratizing approach that invites each attendee to feel their voice is equal and important.

For more information on World Cafés, visit www.theworldcafe.com



Question 1:

What could your Age-Friendly Community look like?

Inclusive and connected across generations

“Active lifestyles for all ages”

“Inclusive and purposeful: all get involved, giving everyone an opportunity to participate”

A community that embraces diversity

“No ‘they’, only ‘Us’”

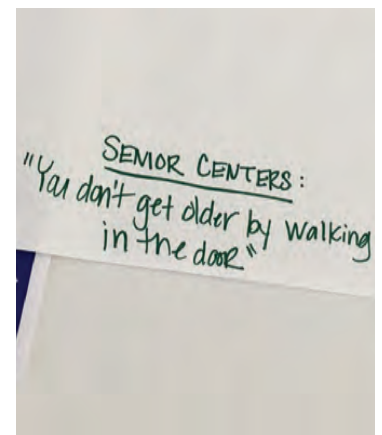
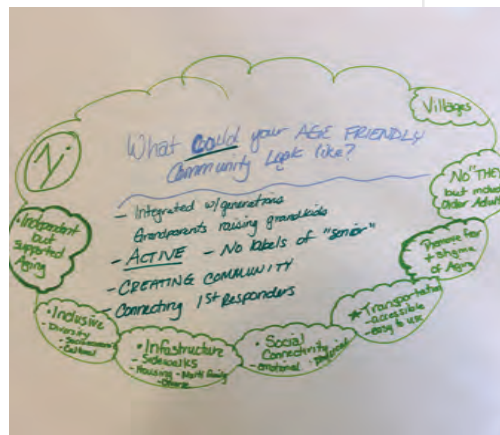
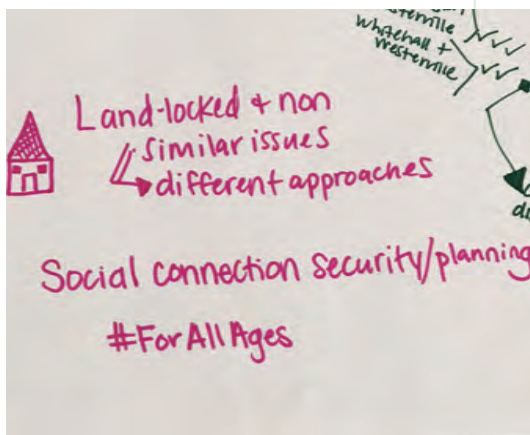
“Neighbor to neighbor assistance senior focused”

“Collaboration across ages, within communities, and between individuals and systems”

Walkable and accessible

“Get people where they want to go with ease”

“Pedestrian friendly corridors”



Others Areas of Focus

- Housing
- Transportation
- Services and Support
- Positive Aging Attitudes
- Aging in place
- Communication & Technology
- Caregiving

Question 2:

What currently in my/our community makes aging successful?

Inclusive and connected across generations

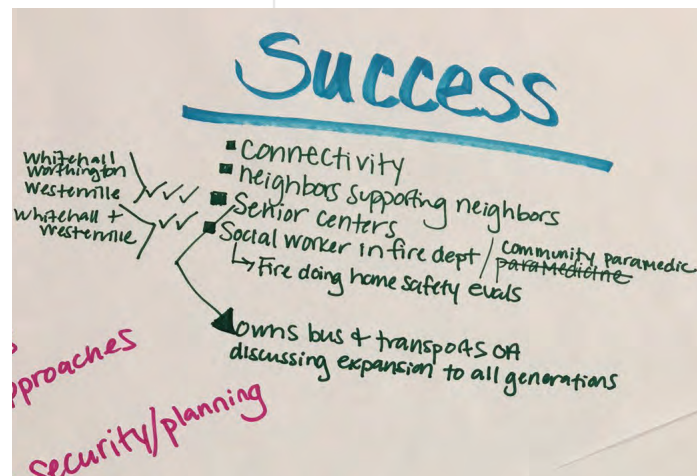
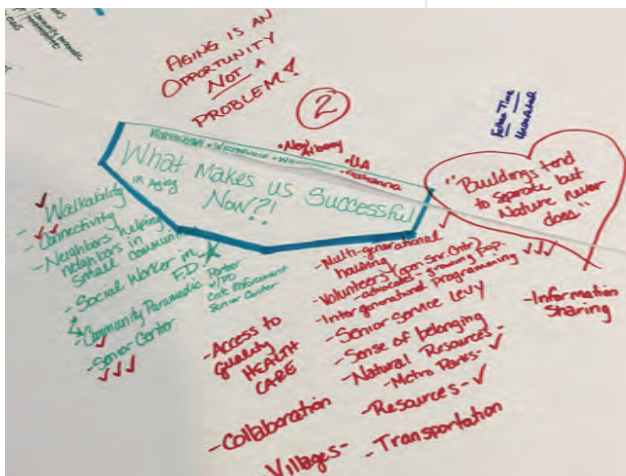
- "Diverse programs for all ages"
- "Inclusive with color, new Americans"
- "Nothing about us without us"
- "Intergenerational programming"

Services and support

- "Integration of services"
- "Villages provide a neighborhood-based connection"
- "Senior Center"
- "Programs and services; i.e. Stay U.A."
- "Knox Box registration"
- "Social Worker' program aka Community Paramedicine"

Sense of community

- "Sense of community, people watch out for each other"
- "Care and partnership"
- "Tight-knit communities and neighborhoods"



Others Areas of Focus

- Accessibility
- Activism
- Housing
- Collaboration
- Transportation
- Communication
- Positive Aging Attitudes

Question 3:

What is needed next in our community?

Inclusion/ Intergenerational

"Integration of diverse needs, wants, and concerns; list of existing and emerging resources"

"New Americans socialization"

"Dementia Friendly communities"

"All-age education and planning"

Information/Planning

"Degree of need/progression"

"Community assets planning"

"Getting out of the abstract and more into implementation"

Activism/Engagement

"Increased advocacy and political engagement"

"Expect excellence for older adults, selling excellence"

"Residents Council; volunteer; faith-based; not religion based perse"

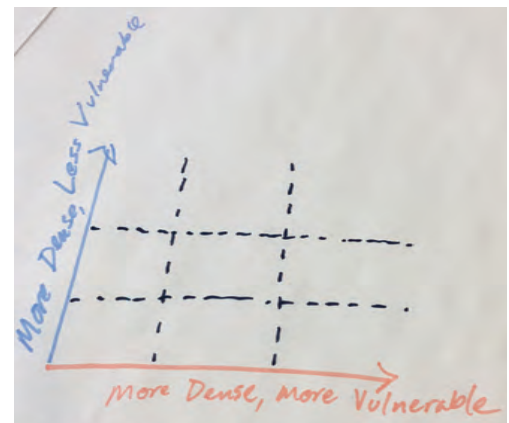
"Mobilize volunteer base - all ages"

Mobility

"Efficient, affordable transportation"

"Better transportation; internal and external"

"Transportation options; accessible mobility"



Others Areas of Focus

- Aging in place
- Collaboration
- Caregiving
- Housing
- Services & Supports
- Village model

The strength of our region has always depended on collaboration and cooperation. We look forward to working with your community to build an Age-Friendly Franklin County.

What's the best option for your Community?

Stay Connected

- Review County Convening report
- Connect through Age-Friendly newsletters, social media, and attending events
- Be an Age-Friendly ambassador in your own community, keep your eyes open for local Age-Friendly champions

Collaborate on Age-Friendly Franklin County

- Review County Convening report
- Attend future Age-Friendly Franklin County meetings and join committees
- Participate in the identification of county-wide strategies
- Assist in the implementation of county-wide strategies in your community

Apply to Become an Age-Friendly Community

- Review County Convening report and talk to community members
- Research Age-Friendly and Livable Communities Network and apply to enter the Age-Friendly Network
- Pull together a team of stakeholders across the community
- Complete research and planning to identify community priorities
- Create your Communities Age-Friendly Action Plan
- Implement Action Plan strategies with community partners
- Evaluate your progress

Follow up with AgeFriendly@osu.edu to discuss next steps for your community.



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Dear Community Members,

As a team, we want to thank everyone we have worked with over the last few years to help us create, sustain, and grow Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County. The investment from Franklin County Office on Aging in 2018 has allowed us to increase our engagement around the county, expanding our efforts and projects, and reaching new partners. It has given us the ability to listen deeply to older adults to get to the heart of the issues they face, to find and connect people working on complementary projects, and to highlight and enhance our community's strengths.

It is a privilege to be able to do this work. We know that it could not be done without the strong foundation of the community-based services being provided by Franklin County Office on Aging, Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, Senior Services Roundtable, and the incredible nonprofit organizations in the county.

Through our partnerships and the collaborative spirit of Franklin County, we have been given the opportunity to strengthen and further unify and amplify the voices of older adults, family members, and service providers. We thank you all for that trust and support and look forward to the work ahead.

Sincerely,

Your Age-Friendly Columbus and Franklin County Team

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