State: Georgia
Community Name: Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (SWGARC) - Region 10 Counties & Cities (Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, Worth)
Population Size: 347164
Percentage of Residents Above Age 60: 10
Community Structure: Other (explain below)
Other: Region (14 Counties and 43 Cities)
Community Type: Rural
Elected Official Signing the Letter of Commitment Name: Mr. Benjamin Hayward
Title: Southwest Georgia Regional Commission Member; Mitchell County Commission Chair
Office Mailing Address: P.O. Box 187, 26 N. Court Street, Camilla, Georgia 31730
Community Contact Name: Suzanne Angell
Email: [REDACTED]
Position: Executive Director, SWGARC
Telephone: [REDACTED]
Role: Ms. Angell, Executive Director will serve as the AARP Age-Friendly liaison and will ensure goals are met. The SWGARC Executive Committee will serve as the Advisory Board for the Age-Friendly Regional Community.
Older Adult Involvement: During both the Community Work Program and Regional Plan, public participation is required, and various agencies are involved in this process. An aggressive attempt will be made to engage community organizations, particularly those that serve the older population. We will also reach out via television, newspaper, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.
Increasing Collaboration and Coordination: The public engagement process will increase collaboration among agencies because agencies will connect and share information and work towards a common goal. Once communities understand the process and the purposes, more sharing and collaboration will occur, and these efforts will only increase the region’s effort to become more age-friendly.
AARP Team Member Contact Info: Myrtle S. Habersham, Age-Friendly Ambassador 478-338-0884(Cell) Kay Sibetta, Associate State Director, Community Outreach

Most Instructive Area of Work: We will be able to utilize all of the information to move forward in our work. We will also share what we are doing with neighboring Regional Commissions throughout Georgia. Our region has twelve Regional Commissions that we collaborate with, and many would find this information useful in their current/future work. We will also share our work with municipalities and other community groups in the region and the state.

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