



City of Mount Airy

Office of The Mayor

DAVID L. ROWE

April 16, 2020

Mr. Mark Hensley
Associate State Director of Community Outreach and Advocacy/ AARP NC

Dear Mr. Hensley,

On behalf of the City of Mount Airy, North Carolina, I am pleased to write this letter of support for our continued efforts for an age friendly community. Mount Airy is excited about the possibility to join the AARP's Age Friendly Communities Network. Mount Airy is committed to becoming a community that people of all ages want to visit, live, work and play.

Mount Airy will continue to look for ways to promote our offerings for active adults and improve the quality of life for our residents and visitors alike. The AARP'S Eight Domains of Livability that include but are not limited to making outdoor spaces and buildings more senior friendly, increasing the accessibility and affordability of transportation and housing, increasing access and opportunities for social participation and inclusion through programs that promote ethnic and culture diversity, supporting work and volunteer opportunities, access to communication and information, and supporting the ability of older people to age in place through community support and health services would align with our efforts.

If selected as a participant in the AARP and World Health Organization Age Friendly Community, Mount Airy will look for ways to become an easier accessible community.

- Continue to market and educate all citizens including active adults on facilities, programs and special event offerings.
- Promote these opportunities through social media, local news, flyers, civic organizations and the faith based community.
- Include active adults in the future planning opportunities for the City of Mount Airy.
- Survey participants on wants and needs for our community.

Our continued partnership with AARP will be essential to make Mount Airy a better place to visit, live, work and play.

Sincerely,

David L. Rowe, Mayor