April 14, 2022

Mr. Michael Olender
AARP North Carolina State Director
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Dear Mr. Olender,

On behalf of the Town of Leland, North Carolina, I am pleased to offer this letter of our ongoing commitment to creating an age-friendly environment. We are excited to join AARP’s Age-Friendly Communities Network. Leland is committed to becoming a livable community to promote health and sustainable growth and contribute to the well-being of citizens in all stages of life.

As the Town of Leland considers its Leland 2045 Comprehensive Plan, we want to meet the needs of our aging population and support the growth of our younger generations. There is a great value in utilizing the AARP’s Livability Economy in establishing a more age-friendly city: making a community walkable; decreasing automobile dependence; supporting a socially vibrant public realm; helping older adults live closer to or within walking distance of work, community activities, and the services they need; ensuring that appropriate housing is available for each stage of the life span; and helping older adults remain independent, mobile, and engaged in their surrounding community.

As a participant in the AARP and the World Health Organization (WHO) Age-Friendly Community it is the intent of the Town of Leland to:

- Offer programming, activities, and facilities that support the active lifestyle of the older generation.
- Pursue outreach through churches, civic organizations, AARP, providers of aging services, and host events designed for older people.
- Create a plan to support aging in place.
- Develop a means to measure our activities, reviewing action plan outcomes and plans to determine if we are meeting our goals.
- Engage the public, especially the older population, in outlining goals, policies, and implementation strategies.

We look forward to working with AARP North Carolina staff, members, and volunteers to make our Town a place where residents in all life stages can live, work, and recreate.

Sincerely,

Mayor Brenda Bozeman