



Membership Application

To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities** and **WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities**

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 8/1/2015

1) COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Lansing

STATE: MI

POPULATION SIZE: 114,000

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 9.66% 65 & older (2010 Census)

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Virg Bernero, Mayor

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: City Hall, 9th Floor, 124 W. Michigan Ave, Lansing MI 48933

2) COMMUNITY CONTACT* FOR THE AARP NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES

** The community contact is the local staff member or volunteer who is primarily responsible for carrying out the community-level work — it is not the responsible AARP staff member.*

[Redacted contact information]

Please describe the named person's role in the city or community's age-friendly initiative:

The Transportation Engineer is the primary point of contact for the City's age-friendly community work. The position is responsible for all transportation related activities within the city, including both motorized and non-motorized transportation including implementation of the Complete Streets ordinance and pathway development. The Transportation Engineer is also part of the City's core team for master planning activities.

(You can add an additional sheet of paper if needed.)

3) THE COMMUNITY'S AGE-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES TO DATE

Please provide a brief summary of the community policies, programs and services that are targeted toward older people and how the community plans to become more age-friendly.

The City hosts an annual Senior Activities Fair with educational and interactive activities and information covering senior living and health. The Parks & Recreation Department offers a number of programs for adults, with many geared specifically to seniors, including Walking for the Health of It, Chair Yoga, Older and Wiser Workout and more. Other non-recreational activities offered by the department include free legal advice for seniors, and a digital literacy program. Through its Human Relations and Community Services Department, the City provides a number of services and resources to meet the needs of its citizens. Programs targeted directly to seniors include basic needs assistance. The City's Complete Streets ordinance, though not targeted specifically toward seniors will benefit seniors as it seeks to make the public right of way in the city more accommodating for all modes and people of all ages and abilities.

4) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

How will the community engage and involve older people in the process of becoming a more age-friendly?

The City will use its existing community connections including its community centers and neighborhood groups as well as reaching out directly to older people through residential centers, faith communities and other groups and venues identified in partnership with AARP

5) CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION

Briefly describe the mechanisms the community has or is planning to put in place to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation between different agencies and departments.

The City has a robust planning and engagement approach already in place, which was implemented for recent plan updates including the Parks & Recreation Master Plan, Comprehensive Master Plan and Non-Motorized Plan. We will use this approach and supplement it as necessary to extend its reach to potentially underserved populations and ensure coordination with agencies that may be more focused on senior issues.