



Membership Application

To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities** and the **World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities**

- If you have questions while completing this form, please email livable@aarpp.org or call 202-434-2430
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 8/24/2016

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Wake County

STATE: North Carolina

POPULATION SIZE: 1,024,198

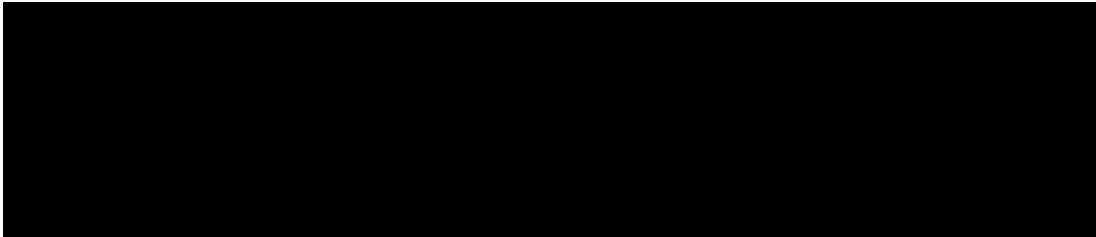
PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 15%

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: James West, Chairman,
Wake County Board of Commissioners

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: Wake County Commissioner's Office, 4th Floor, 301 S. McDowell Street, Raleigh,
NC 27610

Section 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.



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

As Deputy County Manager, Mr. Ellis oversees many of the departments that provide services and/or programs to our residents. In this capacity Mr. Ellis will be able to ensure department functions in Human Services, Community Services, Environmental Services, Workforce Development and Emergency Services are looking at opportunities across departments to implement age friendly policies.

Section 3: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ENGAGEMENTS and COLLABORATIONS

1) 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.

In 2005, the Wake County Human Services Board recognized that Wake County was facing a significant challenge in the coming years in the form of a rapidly growing senior population, many of whom were also economically disadvantaged. In response to that trend, the Human Services Board established an Aging Services committee and charged it with the task of developing a countywide Aging Services Plan. This diverse committee included representatives from government, nonprofit, business and consumer representatives. Over time, this committee evolved into the GOLD (Growing Older Living with Dignity) Coalition and was charged with the responsibility of amplifying, implementing and monitoring the progress of recommendations made in the initial plan. Wake County believes that the GOLD Coalition has done a tremendous job for the past decade of ensuring that Wake County stays an age friendly community. With the additional knowledge and resources that comes along with receiving the designation of an age friendly community, Wake County is confident that our community will continue to improve the quality of life for people of all ages. The Wake County Aging Plan Update from 2010 – 2014 and the Wake County Action Plan for Aging Adults and Adults with Disabilities 2015 – 2019 are attached.

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

As previously mentioned, the GOLD Coalition has been engaging older people in becoming more age friendly for the past decade. We believe the GOLD Coalition will continue to be the vehicle to engage older individuals and stakeholders in ideas on how we can continue to be an age friendly community. The Wake County Aging Plan Update from 2010 – 2014 and the Wake County Action Plan for Aging Adults and Adults with Disabilities 2015 – 2019 are attached.

3) 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.

Our current plan is to work with the GOLD Coalition as they are a cross section of individuals and stakeholders, from the public, private and faith based communities. In 2010, the Coalition provided an initial Aging Plan for 2010-2014 and recently provided an updated plan for 2015-2019. The Wake County Aging Plan Update from 2010 – 2014 and the Wake County Action Plan for Aging Adults and Adults with Disabilities 2015 – 2019 are attached.

Section 4: NETWORK MEMBERSHIP

Your answers to the following questions will help us complete your membership in the global age-friendly network and better enable us to understand how to support the network.

4) How do you hope to contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

Wake County is the second fastest growing community over 1,000,000 people in the United States. On average, Wake County adds 64 people per day, of that amount 6 are over the age of 55. We believe that the diversity and speed of our growth, while challenging, will provide many lessons on how to enhance an age friendly community during rapid demographic growth and changes.

5) What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

AARP is one of the premier organizations for information and resources for older individuals in the United States. In looking at how the County can enhance the quality of life for older individuals, the Age Friendly Communities initiative was one that aligned with the work of the GOLD Coalition and our Human Services Department.

6) Please provide a digital file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community.

The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here's ours >



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