



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@aarp.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: 9/21/2016

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: City of Hallowell

STATE: Maine

POPULATION SIZE: 2,400

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 30.4%

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Mark Walker, Mayor

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 1 Winthrop Street, Hallowell, ME 04347

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 City Manager, will coordinate with the Mayor, City Council, and relevant Council and community committees, including the Health + Welfare, Communications, Arts + Cultural, Bicycle / Pedestrian Advisory, and Recreation committees, to address historic preservation, design and use of outdoor spaces, livability issues, and civic engagement / participatory government.

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.

Hallowell has a welcoming community and an active participatory government with numerous committees that encourage citizen engagement and advise City Council on issues of livability, sustainability, and community health. Specifically issues of transportation, housing, participation on City committees, and communication have been topics of recent planning and implementation. The City has worked to expand its communications network and to identify the community's strength in social service and health resources, as well as to promote local commerce and focus on a responsive local government.

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

The City Manager seeks to activate the City Council's Health + Welfare committee to focus on the City's relationships with citizens, including older people, to increase engagement, enhance communication, foster community involvement in municipal decision-making, and encourage volunteerism on City committees that address issues related to the eight domains of livability. Older adults will be included in the development of an assessment tool, developing goals to make the community more age friendly in the eight domains of livability and creating a strategic plan. As part of addressing the eight domains of livability, we will mobilize older adults to work on changes in the community that will benefit people of all ages. The presence of older adults in the core group will also ensure that Hallowell has policies, services, and opportunities that are necessary for people of all ages and abilities to thrive in our community

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.

The City would like to enhance the role of the Council's Health + Welfare committee to focus more on the relationship between the municipality and the citizens / residents, and to focus on communication so that more people know about City planning and development, and have more opportunity to be involved with committee work, volunteer events and projects, and other community organizations that contribute to livability and provide opportunities for social inclusion and participation.

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?

We hope to model best practices of a municipal government that embraces diversity, inclusion, and accessibility for residents and citizens, and helps empower all parties in planning and realizing regenerative and sustainable development to create a 21st century community economy where livability, social engagement, and participatory government are the foundation for a resilient, stable, and welcoming community.

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?

The eight domains of livability seem like great aspirations for all Hallowell citizens, not just older people (although the AARPs leadership on this issue is not surprising and most welcome!), and a great foundation for visualizing a flourishing 21st century community.

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 >



Attached.