



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.
- If you need additional space for answering the questions you may add an additional sheet of paper.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: 6/30/2017

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Fishers

STATE: Indiana

POPULATION SIZE: Approximately 89,000

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 9.9% per the ACS estimates, 2015

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Mayor Scott Fadness

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana, 46038

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.

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

Dan Domsic will be the main City of Fishers staff liaison for the age-friendly initiative. Dan's role will be that of project manager, pulling all of the pieces together to complete the application and all tasks moving forward to maintain the city's status as an age-friendly community.

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.

The City of Fishers has many programs and communities that make it an attractive place for older people to live and provide a groundwork to become more age-friendly. Those programs and amenities include: Fishers Parks & Recreation programs designed for adults, a burgeoning and active retirement community, multiple senior care facilities, and a municipal government open to suggestions and partnership on capital projects, such as a recently constructed set of pickleball courts. Additionally, there is a possibility for a new walking trail that will benefit people of all ages. The municipality is also open to partnering with other local organizations, such as the Hamilton East Public Library and Hamilton Southeastern Schools District, that have other resources (or potential resources) in the community.

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

A small committee of residents and/or professionals who work with older people will be established to guide us through the process and keep us on task. This committee will be developed by utilizing both new and old connections within the community. In order to build out the committee, Fishers Parks & Recreation is enlisting five or six people. This could include two members of the growing retirement community, Britton Falls, in Fishers, as well as a couple of professionals from local organizations that work with older residents or residents with various needs, such as Hamilton County Express. Ideally, the City of Fishers will also recruit up to two other members for this committee that are of various ages to diversify the viewpoint on what it means for a city to be age-friendly. Additionally, our original volunteer and champion for the program will continue to participate. We hope that drawing upon experience and knowledge of residents and professionals will provide an excellent vision to move forward and help usher us through the process.

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.

A road map for collaborative planning already exists for the City of Fishers. The City recently completed a collaborative process to create its first-ever comprehensive plan, Fishers 2040. The process directly involved residents, students, and business leaders to develop a detailed view of Land Use, Housing, Transportation, and Parks. This process is an exceptional model that can be adopted, if need be, as we work toward joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

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 contribute to the AARP Network of Age-Friendly communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities by acting as a resource to other communities. In an environment that demands efficiency and effectiveness, we're willing to share our story to help others on their path to joining these networks. By doing so, we can also continue the dialogue about building communities that are livable, enjoyable, and thriving for people of all ages.

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 City of Fishers would like to recognize and better serve the population of people over the age of 50, as well as be the first city in the State of Indiana to achieve the distinction. This gives the city an opportunity to lead and be an example for the entire state.

6) Please provide a digital (JPG, PNG or PDF) 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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