



Town of Glastonbury

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Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager

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Ms. Nora Duncan
AARP State Director
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Re: AARP/World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Community Designation

Dear Ms. Duncan,

On behalf of the Town of Glastonbury, I am pleased to submit this letter of commitment and application for the AARP/World Health Organization's Age-Friendly Community designation.

Glastonbury has prided itself in providing a high quality of life to its residents across a broad scope of livability service areas. The Town of Glastonbury has successfully completed several initiatives that have enabled the town to be designated as a biker and runner friendly town. This designation has many components that map to AARP's Livable Communities goals: instituting complete streets, improving the safety, walkability and bikability of our town center, traffic calming steps, and upgrades to public spaces. Participation in AARP's Age Friendly Community Initiative will give us access to AARP's resources and network of similarly committed communities and help us plan for and meet the needs of our growing senior population. In the next ten years the number of Glastonbury residents over the age of 60 is expected to increase by 35 percent (from 8,070 to 10,927) and will comprise 30 percent of the Town's overall population (10,927 of 36,553).

Building on a recent community survey and SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat) analysis done in conjunction with our Senior Center reaccreditation process, our Senior Center staff and Commission on Aging are committed to building a core team to move this initiative forward. Next steps will include listening sessions and focus groups to involve community stakeholders in identifying and prioritizing needs and developing action plans for addressing them. Our goal is to institute a virtuous cycle of planning and assessment that ensure that the needs of our seniors are met and that our community continues to be a great place to live for people of all ages.

We look forward to joining with like-minded communities in AARP's Age-Friendly Community Initiative.

Sincerely,


Richard J. Johnson
Glastonbury Town Manager

cc: William Armbruster
Erica Michalowski