



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: *Click here to enter a date.*

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Danville

STATE: IL

POPULATION SIZE: 33,027

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: 20.3%

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

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 17 W Main St Danville, IL 61832

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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[REDACTED]

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

Tyson is the Senior Planner for the City of Danville. In this position Tyson is involved in the development and implementation of community plans and projects and takes a prominent role in the City's efforts to improve the livability and quality of life within the 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.

Danville has a significant number of people over the age of 60. To serve this population several existing plans and programs are in place. We are currently creating a greenways and trail plan. This plan outlines opportunities for active transportation and recreation. While currently in draft form, this document will inventory all existing parks, greenways, and trails. It will then suggest new recreational opportunities. We also have a 2015 Regional Bike Plan, Danville Area School Zone Traffic Circulation Study, and ADA Transition Plan. Danville. Danville Mass Transit operates several (mostly hourly) bus routes in the City and the region even connecting Danville residents to Urbana. In 2017, a new bus depot was completed offering an in-door waiting area, benches, and more. Downtown Danville is home to many of Danville’s older residents including the Wolford Apartments complex. Downtown allows for natural aging-in-place due to downtown’s walkability. Amenities include many local shops and restaurants, the Danville Public Library, museums, a grocery store, a sports complex, and offices. The library offers more than media resources to seniors because it also offers social connection. The library hosts a weekly “coffee time” for games, crafts, conversations, and coffee. The library also hosts other events that seniors can be a part of. The City offers a community toolbox on our website with resources on a number of issues and opportunities including arts and culture, community engagement, neighborhood associations, and the environment. The City includes a public comment section on our website and hosts meetings in accessible locations. We also strategically use CDBG funds that often benefit low-income senior households and allow them to stay in their homes and age-in-place.

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

We will seek to actively engage older residents and receive their comments. While we already do aggressive public outreach including our usual social media and online public comment outreach but must also use a more targeted approach. Our outreach will include the creation of an older-persons advisory committee to contribute to our age friendly plans. To engage a larger number of people we will also attempt to visit CRIS Senior Services and local senior housing. We will take input from these groups to inventory issues and opportunities for elderly residents.

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.

Different City departments already have strong working relationships. The City planning staff and the MPO are integrated and work closely with the Engineering, grants management, and public works departments. Through the MPO, we can connect with the County, IDOT, and other cities within the Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS) planning area.

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?

Danville can provide a high quality of life to residents at any age but there is always room for improvement. We hope that by going through the age-friendly community process we can better understand where our outreach and implementation is lacking for older residents. Our end goal would then be to implement opportunities that older residents have indicated as important. By enhancing the City's existing infrastructure and community engagement, we will not only improve the lives of elderly residents but will improve the entire community. As part of the age-friendly network, we will be able to learn from other communities and also help by providing information on our own challenges and successes. Together, we can more efficiently improve the quality of life in our communities.

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?

This network offers means of understanding and engaging the community in new ways. By joining the network we can learn from other communities to improve our own engagement and implementation.



We will send our logo via email

6) Please provide a digital (JPG, PNG or PDF) file of your community logo.

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