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Mr. Jordan,

On behalf of the City of Danville, I am happy to offer our City’s commitment to create an age-friendly community and to pursue admission into the World Health Organization (WHO) and AARP Age-Friendly Cities and Communities initiative.

Nearly 15% of Danville’s residents are older than 65. In order to serve this population as well as other in the City, Danville offers an extensive park system of over seventeen parks, miles of bike-friendly infrastructure, and thriving cultural activities that include people from a range of backgrounds and ages. In 2015, the City adopted a regional bike plan outlining the expansion of our already extensive bike and pedestrian friendly transportation networks. In 2017, the City completed an ADA transition plan which will allow us to incrementally improve accessibility. Each of these expands upon decades of improvements to and investment in our physical infrastructure.

Building off these successes, the City will continue extensive ongoing outreach to all members of the community (including older adults) and establish an age-friendly community task force to provide comments to the City’s Community Development Department. The City will then create a plan of action incorporating the comments and ideas of the task force members. This plan of action will be incorporated into existing and future planning documents and we are committed to measuring, reviewing, and reporting action plan items publicly. As the City implements these and other plans we will continue to strengthen the livability of our city.

We look forward to working with our community members and AARP and we are committed to ensuring that our City continues to improve as an age-friendly community.

Sincerely,

Scott Eisenhauer  
Mayor  
City of Danville, IL