

Town of Bradley



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October 2, 2019

Lori Parham
AARP Maine State Director
53 Baxter Blvd
Portland, ME 04101

Dear Ms. Parham,

On behalf of the Town of Bradley, I am submitting this letter of interest and commitment in the AARP/World Health Organization Network of Age-Friendly Communities. Bradley municipal officials will assist the Age Friendly Committee in reviewing our current age-friendly policies, and in exploring ways to improve or create more effective platforms.

The municipal officers wish to actively work toward making our community a great place for people of all ages and will work with the committee to utilize the resources available through the network to accomplish goals established to become a more age-friendly community.

As part of our involvement and commitment we will assist the committee in conducting a base assessment of our community's age-friendliness and in developing a community action plan based on the findings of the assessment. The committee will involve older residents deeply in the planning process and we commit to monitoring progress toward implementing the action plan.

The municipal officers hope the base assessment will guide us to better understand how we can improve housing and transportation in our community as well as potential recreation opportunities.

One of the items the committee anticipates working on is establishing better sidewalks in our town to create more walkable streets. In addition to providing areas for physical activity, our hope is to provide more interaction between neighbors as more residents are out and about in the community. The more interaction, the more community engagement we hope to encourage.

The committee that we establish will encourage volunteering in our community, and provide social interaction among residents who might not otherwise be connected. We will advance efforts to help people live easily and comfortably in their homes as they age.

We look forward to continuing this process and hope to be accepted in the Network of Age Friendly Communities.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Ketch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'K'.

Mark Ketch,
Council Chair, Town of Bradley



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

APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE: *October 9, 2019*

Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS

NAME OF THE COMMUNITY: Bradley

STATE: Maine

POPULATION SIZE: 1500

PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60: We will have these data after the 2020 census.

NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT: Melissa Doan, Town Manager

OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER: 165B Main Street Bradley, ME 04411

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.

NAME: Ethel Hill, Bud Walkup

POSITION: Volunteers

EMAIL ADDRESS:

bud2ireland@yahoo.com

TELEPHONE NUMBER: Ethel, 207-735-3114; Bud 207-889-1376

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

Ethel and Bud are two of three volunteers working on this project.

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 will share our progress and obstacles with other network 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?

Patricia's talk in Bradley and the Wisdom Summit in Augusta.

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:

