Membership Application
To join the **AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and 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

**Section 1: COMMUNITY DETAILS**

**APPLICATION SUBMISSION DATE:** 8/26/2019

**NAME OF THE COMMUNITY:** Nassau County

**STATE:** New York State

**POPULATION SIZE:** 1,356,801

**PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS ABOVE THE AGE OF 60:** 23

**NAME AND TITLE OF THE ELECTED OFFICIAL SIGNING THE OFFICIAL COMMITMENT:** Kyle Rose-Louder, Esq., Deputy County Executive

**OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE SIGNER:** 1550 Franklin Avenue, Mineola NY, 11501

**Section 2: COMMUNITY CONTACT for the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and 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:**

As the head of Office for the Aging, the Deputy Commissioner will liaison with local government officials, non-profit organizations and the community at large to put a plan in place, for moving forward with making Nassau County more Age Friendly.

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The person named above agrees to be subscribed to the [AARP Livable Communities Weekly e-Newsletter](https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/), which is one of the primary ways we share useful news and resources. To add additional subscribers, type their names and email addresses into below. Once this application is processed, a subscription confirmation message will be sent so the individual can confirm that they want to subscribe. To subscribe today, follow the link above or visit [AARP.org/Livable-Subscribe](https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/).

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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.

Nassau County Office for the Aging has a robust outreach program with staff attending community events. In addition to OFA staff being in the community, the Office also partners with several non-profits to provide services at Senior Community Services Centers and Social Adult Day Care programs that provide a congregate meal, transportation and supportive services such as health promotion activities as well as educational information. The Office has a registered dietician on staff that plans all menus for Home Delivered Meal services and congregate nutrition programs, as well as providing in home nutrition counseling. Office for the Aging is looking for ways to expand transportation services to seniors, as well as become more engaged in educational opportunities. The Office is uniquely positioned to be at the forefront of this movement as it is one of the oldest suburbs in the Nation.

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

Office for the Aging will engage seniors in the process by completing a needs assessment as well as annual public hearing. The Office will also seek input from current program participants. OFA will seek to solidify current partnerships with organizations/entities such as Vision Long Island, the City of Glen Cove and the Nassau County Council of Chambers.

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.
Nassau County Office for the Aging has a large network of service providers, and will continue to disseminate information and ask for feedback as we work through this process. The Office enjoys collaborative partnerships with the local government entities of Social Services, Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Disabilities Services, Physically Challenged and Housing.
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 States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

Nassau County hopes to be the blueprint for suburban Aging in Place. While the County faces unique challenges due to its suburban nature and high cost of living, we believe this contributes to the need for a County such as Nassau to be at the forefront of this endeavor. Office for the Aging is looking for the opportunity to create and implement strategies outside of the normal standard of service delivery to meet the needs of our rapidly growing aging population.

5) What motivated your community to join the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities and the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Communities?

Nassau County Office for the Aging sees the growing needs of the population we serve. With the support of AARP, we hope to further our current level of service provision.

6) Provide a digital file or link of a logo or other image that represents your community and for which you have reprint rights. The image resolution should be at least 72 dpi. As an example of an image, here’s ours:

https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/1438/Aging