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A Livable Community for All

Broome County Age-Friendly Community Process & Expectations



Age-Friendly Community Improvement

Most of the community improvements made for older people will also benefit others of all ages.

Examples.....

Simme-Seats

in North Carolina



Family out together for some exercise





▲ Carol MacDougall (in blue) spends at least one afternoon a week at the Augusta Boys & Girls Club surrounded by teenage sewing students eager to learn from her.



Trishaw

In Neenah, Wisconsin, a Cycling Without Age "pilot" and his satisfied passenger.

Age-Friendly Process

- Bring community stakeholders together to look at community needs and engage in “Age-Friendly” process
- Timeframe: 3-5 years
- early 2019, Community Needs Assessment –surveys & focus groups & data from other community organizations
- Fall of 2019-Stakeholders work groups to address specific areas of needs related to the 8 “Age-Friendly” domains
- 2020 Action Plan written and submitted to AARP
- 2021 Implement the action plan

8 Domains of Livability

- Housing
- Transportation
- Outdoor Spaces & Buildings
- Respect & Social Inclusion
- Social Participation
- Communication & Information
- Community Support & Health Services
- Civic Participation

Outcomes of Age-Friendly Status for Broome County

- Coordinated planning to address community needs
- Enhanced community partnerships
- Enhanced community features, programs and services for Broome County residents
- Data to support funding applications for community projects

- **Past community needs assessments have provided data that was used to support several community projects including but not limited to:**
 - Opening of two new senior centers in the rural areas
 - Start of Balance Clinics to deal with frequent falls
 - A snow removal database which helps seniors remove snow in the winter
 - Worked with the Home Builders' Association annual expo to focus on accessible home modifications.
 - The "Get There Center"

New York State Age Friendly Communities

Albany County (July 2016)
Big Flats (September 2014)
Brookhaven, Long Island (March 2013)
Broome County (July 2018)
Chemung County (April 2012*)
Elmira (City) (August 2013)
Elmira (Town) (November 2013)
Erie County (February 2015)
Glen Cove (February 2018)
Great Neck Plaza, Long Island (April 2013)

Ithaca (March 2015)
New York City (April 2012)
North Hempstead, Long Island (Nov 2014)
Oneida County (September 2016)
Southport (October 2015)
Suffolk County, Long Island (August 2013)
Tompkins County (March 2015)
Westchester County (April 2012)

Q&A

- For more information on Broome County “Age-Friendly” process visit our website or the AARP website:
www.gobroomecounty.com/senior
www.aarp.org
- Q & A