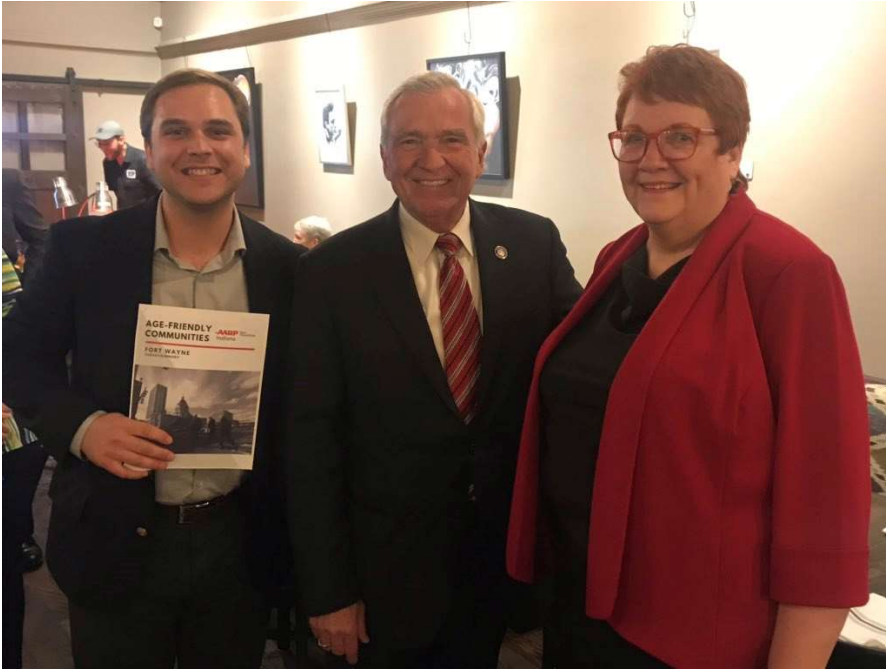


# Fort Wayne Mayor's Age-Friendly Community Advisory Council



# Brief history



- In **September 2019**, Mayor Henry signed a letter of commitment enrolling the City of Fort Wayne in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities.
- The previous Senior Advisory Council would become the ***Mayor's Age-Friendly Community Advisory Council***.
- Since February 2020, this group has met **monthly** (mostly via Zoom) to oversee the implementation of the Age-Friendly Community program requirements.



# AARP Network of Age-Friendly States & Communities

- Commitment to advancing the **8 Domains of Livability** for people of all ages
- A way to encourage older adults to take an active role in shaping their communities



# Age-Friendly Community Program

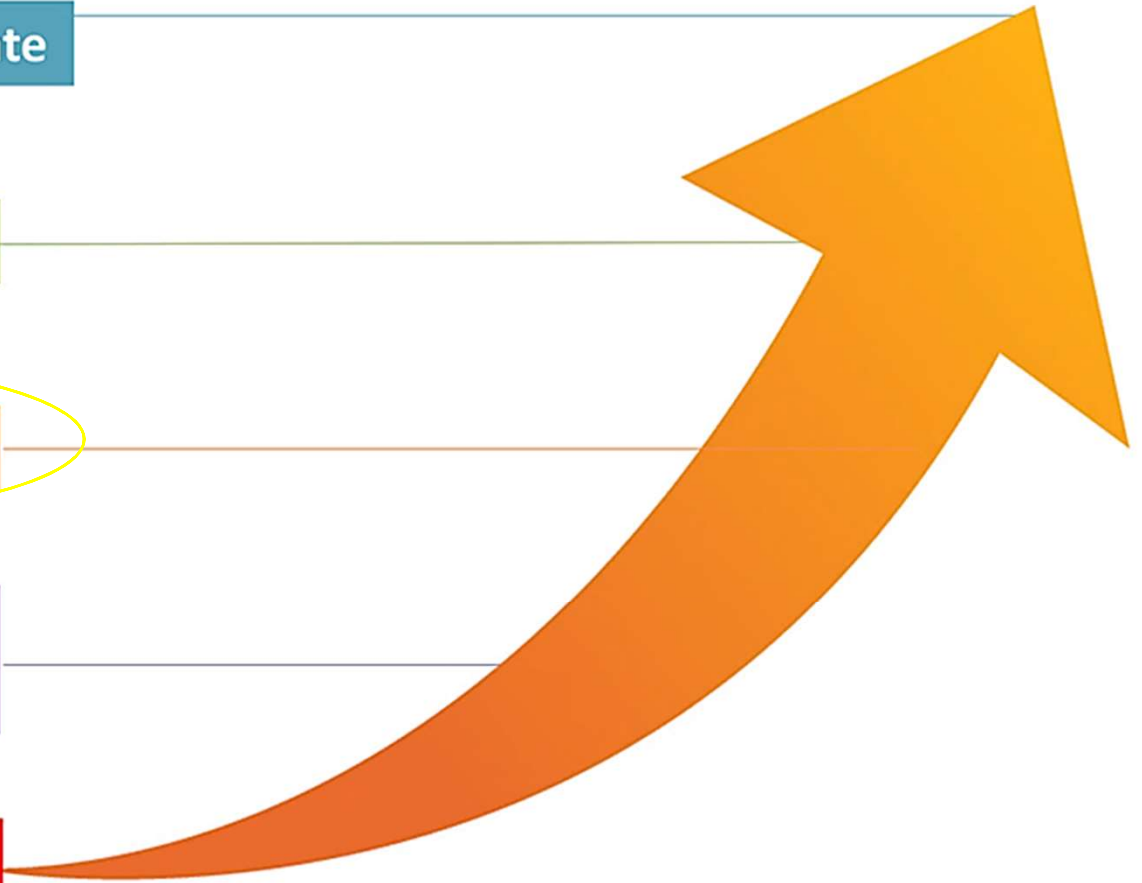
Year 5: Progress / status update

Years 3-5: Implementation

Year 2: Create an action plan

Year 1: Conduct a survey  
and listening sessions

Enrollment



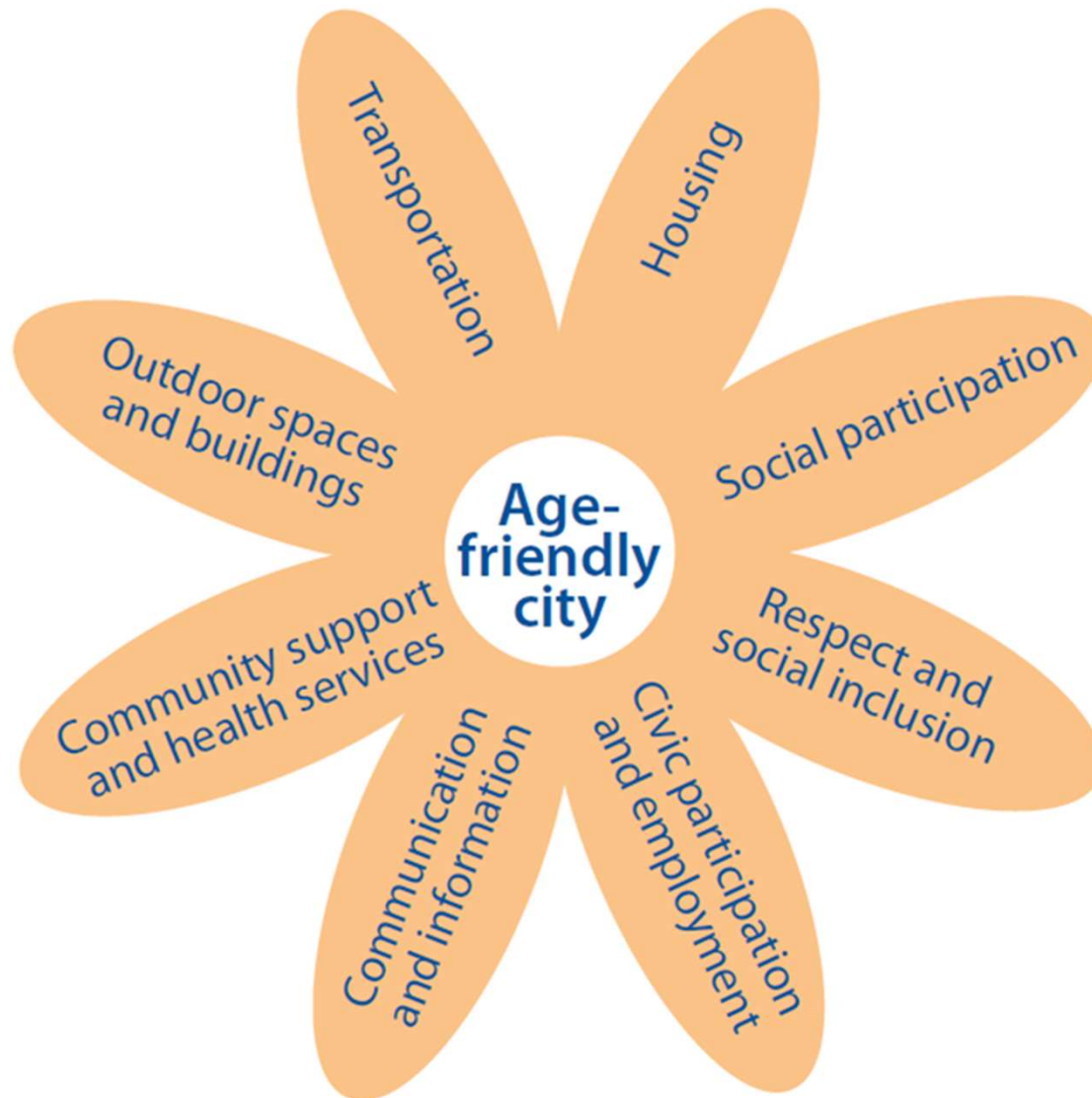
# Advisory Council Responsibilities

The Advisory Council is tasked with completing these requirements over a **five-year program cycle** to remain active in the Network:

- ✓ Conduct a baseline assessment of the *age-friendliness* of Fort Wayne
- ❑ Draft a community-wide Action Plan based on findings
- ❑ Identify indicators within the 8 Domains of Livability to monitor progress
- ❑ Oversee implementation of the Action Plan
- ❑ Conduct ongoing evaluation and submit progress reports to AARP, Inc.



# 8 Domain of Livability



# Priority Domain Goals



**Transportation**



**Housing**



**Community  
Support &  
Health  
Services**

**Respect & Social Inclusion; Communication & Information**

# Transportation

1. Ensure the Mayor's Age Friendly Advisory Council's priorities are reflected in the All-In Allen Plan and other transportation focused community planning initiatives.  
*Deadline: January 2024*
2. Improve bike and pedestrian infrastructure across the city, with initial focus on upgrading infrastructure on and around Clinton Street near the Turnstone campus.  
*Deadline: Turnstone project – January 2025; other projects – ongoing/indefinitely*
3. Increase the capacity of transportation providers for individuals to access their community which includes medical, educational, therapeutic, recreational, shopping, governmental, and other services.  
*Deadline: ongoing/indefinitely*





# Housing

1. Strengthen 2-1-1, 3-1-1, CONNECT Allen County, and Aging and In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana as primary referral hubs for housing needs.

Deadline: January 2023

2. Increase volume of accessible and stable housing through participating in planning processes and educating stakeholders on housing options.

Deadline: December 2026

3. Establish an Affordable Housing Trust Fund within the City's Community Development Department fund affordable housing, essential home repair needs, and accessibility modifications.

Deadline: January 1, 2025



# Community Support & Health Services

1. Strengthen 2-1-1, 3-1-1, CONNECT Allen County, and Aging and In-Home Services of Northeast Indiana as primary referral hubs for health and wellness needs.

Deadline: January 1, 2023

2. Decrease social isolation among older adults.

Deadline: January 1, 2023

3. Increase access to nutritious foods and healthy meal preparation.

Deadline: January 1, 2025



# Next Steps

- **Feedback on goals**
  - Meet with domain stakeholders/focus groups
  - Fort Wayne Age-Friendly Community Action Plan
- **How can we be most effective?**
  - Advisory group's role – facilitator, convener, education, communication, and advocate
  - Working with the Mayor going forward
  - Evaluating progress toward goals



# Thank You for your interest

## New member orientation materials

- Onboarding meeting with President, Tim Brown
- Membership contact list
- Previous minutes (most recent)
- Meeting schedule (4<sup>th</sup> Monday 2-4 via zoom unless otherwise determined)
- Full draft Fort Wayne Age-Friendly Community Action Plan