

**Item Title:** Application to Establish Wake County as an Age Friendly Community

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners directs the County Manager to submit an application to American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to establish Wake County as an Age Friendly Community.**

**Item Summary:**

In 2012 AARP established the Network of Age-Friendly Communities with a goal of encouraging states, counties, cities, towns and rural areas to prepare for the rapid aging of the US population by paying increased attention to the environmental, economic and social factors that influence the health and well-being of older adults. To date 92 communities are participating in AARP's Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

The focus of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities is to help participating communities become great places for all ages by adopting such features as safe, walkable streets; better housing and transportation options; access to key services; and opportunities for residents to participate in community activities. Once selected as an Age Friendly Community, the expectation is that communities will show continuous improvement in the following domains: outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, social participation, respect and social inclusion, civic participation and employment, communication and information, and community support and health services.

Once selected as an AARP Age Friendly Community, staff will begin the year one planning stage that will include; engaging with existing stakeholders, and conducting an assessment to determine the County's baseline and identify areas for improvement.

**Attachments:**

1. Application Form