Age-Friendly
LANCASTER CITY

MISSION STATEMENT

Age-Friendly Lancaster City connects generations, organizations and resources to enhance the lives of older adults and ensure an inclusive community where all ages flourish.
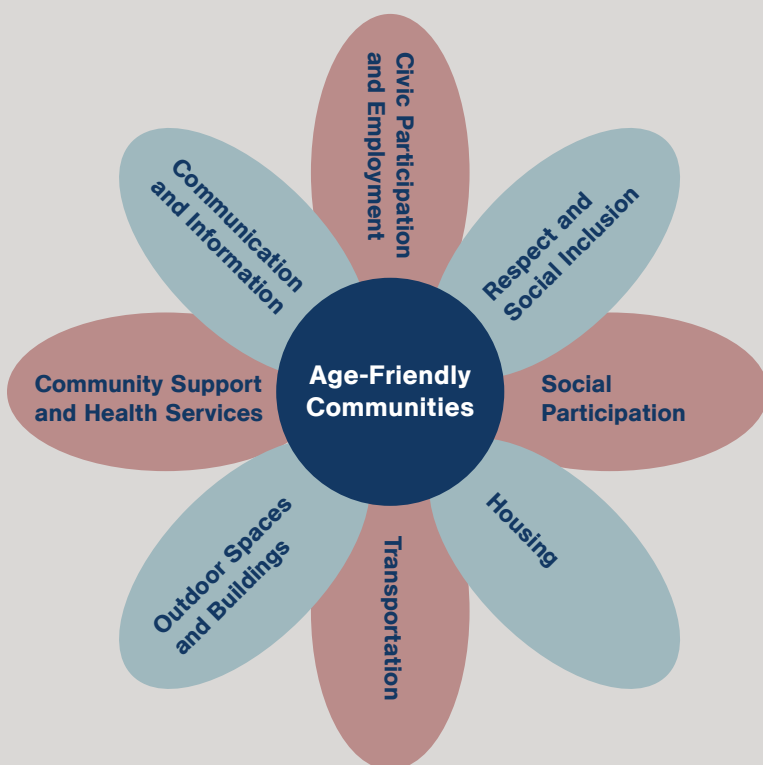
Age-Friendly Lancaster City connects people and possibilities to ensure city residents can continue to live in healthy homes and neighborhoods as they age. This initiative builds on what Lancaster already does well for older adults, and will continue to make Lancaster an attractive place for all ages to thrive and flourish.

WE DO THIS BY

- Collecting information
- Convening conversations
- Collaborating with organizations and citizen leadership
- Planning & Piloting
- Leveraging programs and funding sources

The World Health Organization's 8 Domains of Age-Friendly Communities

The availability and quality of these eight domains impact the well-being of older adults.

Civic Participation and Employment

Communication and Information

Respect and Social Inclusion

Community Support and Health Services

Age-Friendly Communities

Social Participation

Outdoor Spaces and Buildings

Transportation

Housing

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Much has been achieved since 2017 when Lancaster Area Senior Services first introduced the World Health Organization (WHO) Age-Friendly Communities and Cities Program to Lancaster County.

Throughout 2018, key stakeholders engaged in conversations and presentations led by Age2Age Consulting to learn about WHO's Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities. A strong belief emerged that seeking Age-Friendly designation "made sense" for Lancaster.

The City took the next steps forward when Mayor Danene Sorace and the City Council endorsed a membership application to WHO's Global Network.

In December 2018, the City of Lancaster was enrolled in the Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, joining the growing list of more than 1,000 communities worldwide committed to improving the quality of life for older people.

5-Year Cycle of Improvement

DISCOVERY PHASE

Age-Friendly Lancaster City leadership team, guided by Age2Age Consulting, conducted a Discovery Phase as the first step in the 5-year cycle of planning, implementing and evaluating continual improvements. Accomplishments have included:

■ AGE-FRIENDLY LANCASTER SUMMIT

The first Summit, produced by Age-Friendly Lancaster City and hosted by the United Way, convened representatives from 26 different organizations to collectively consider the concerns, opportunities and priorities of those people aging in our community.

■ ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

An environmental scan identifying and mapping supports available throughout Lancaster County was developed in a joint effort by Millersville University's Schools of Social Work and Geography. This analysis provides a comprehensive summary of services accessible to older adults in our community.

■ LEADERSHIP

Landis Communities agreed to be the lead organization for Age-Friendly Lancaster City, in collaboration with the City of Lancaster and the Lancaster Downtowners.
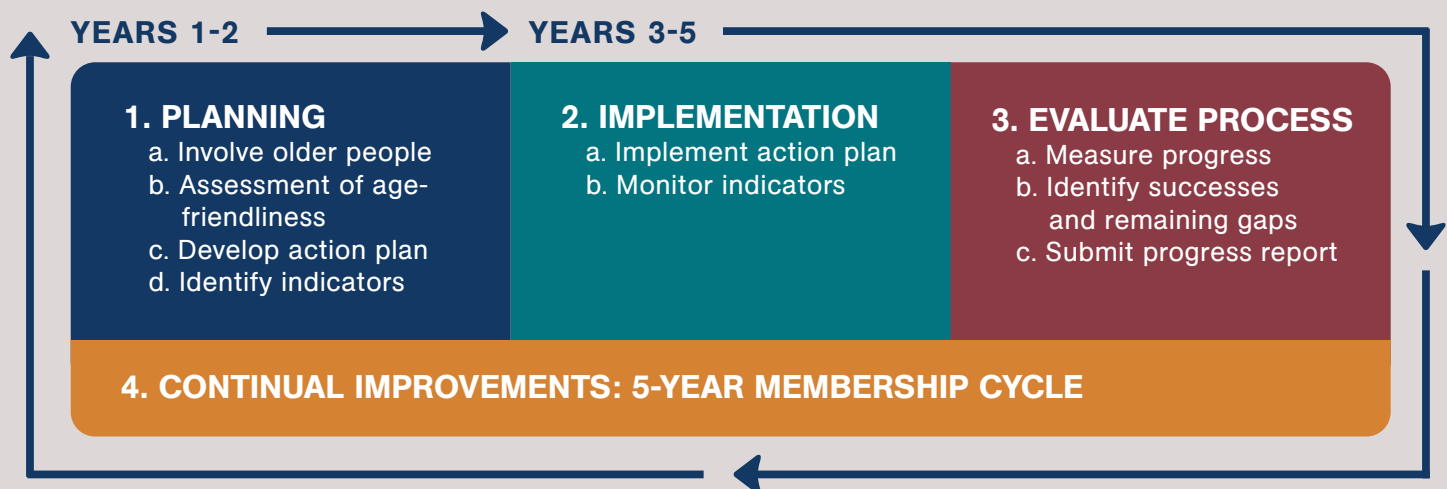
■ INFORMATION & EDUCATION

Conversations convened include focus groups with older adults, cross-sector meetings with key stakeholders and the Healthy Homes Symposium.

CITY OF LANCASTER
Age-Friendly Lancaster City Leadership Team
Landis Communities
LANCASTER downtowners

Advisory Group — Individuals — Organizations — Action Teams — Action Teams

Partner Organizations
Coalition for Sustainable Housing
Community Action Partnership
Community First Fund
Lancaster City Alliance
Lancaster REC
and growing

THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES CYCLE OF CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT

YEARS 1-2 → **YEARS 3-5**

1. PLANNING
a. Involve older people
b. Assessment of age-friendliness
c. Develop action plan
d. Identify indicators

2. IMPLEMENTATION
a. Implement action plan
b. Monitor indicators

3. EVALUATE PROCESS
a. Measure progress
b. Identify successes and remaining gaps
c. Submit progress report

4. CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENTS: 5-YEAR MEMBERSHIP CYCLE

GOING FORWARD

Age-Friendly Lancaster City will provide a lens to view the well-being of our community through the perspective of older adults. You are invited to join in connecting people and possibilities.

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