



# **An Introduction to Livable Communities and The AARP Network of Age-Friendly States & Communities**

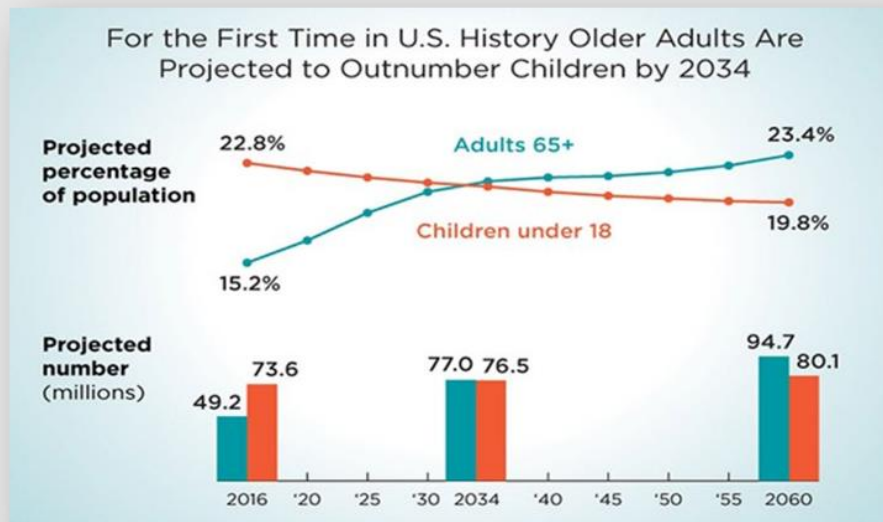


## The Chicken Coop Story That Led to AARP



## Preparing for an Aging Population

- By 2060, nearly 1 in 4 people in the United States will be at least 65 years old.
- Knowing this turning point is on the horizon is, in many ways, an opportunity.
- For the last seven decades, the dominant development paradigm has been one primarily focused on meeting the perceived needs of families with children.





## Opportunities for Growth

**AARP Study:** Two-thirds (67%) of all adults — and 79% of those 50-plus — want to stay in their current communities. Adults primarily value communities that foster good health, promote street safety, and provide good opportunities for community engagement and social interaction.

**Take a moment to think about your community!**

**Can you age in place? Can your community support its growing aging population?**

## Livable Communities Benefit All Ages!

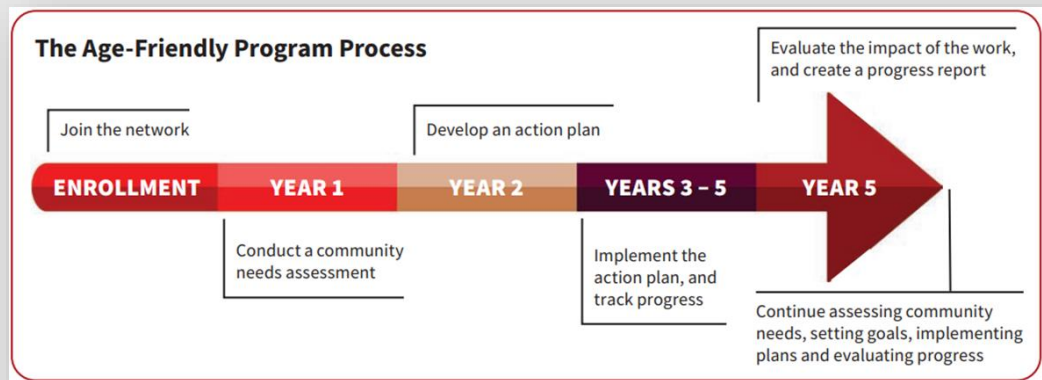
A livable community is one that is safe and secure. It offers choices in where to live and how to get around. And it equitably serves residents of all ages, ability levels, incomes, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and other backgrounds.

**What's good for an  
80-year-old is good  
for an 8-year-old!**



## The AARP Age-Friendly Network:

- The AARP NAFSC supports the work of 800+ local, regional and state governments as they prepare for the nation's changing demographics.
- The program's framework equips local leaders and residents with resources for assessing the needs of older adults.
- FREE to join



## The 9 Domains of Livability

### Built Environment



Housing



Outdoor Spaces  
and Buildings



Transportation



Communication  
and Information



Disaster  
Resilience

### Social Environment



Social  
Participation



Health Services and  
Community Supports



Respect and  
Social Inclusion



Civic Participation  
and Employment

Building on AARP's 8 Domains of Livability, AARP CA  
has added a 9th Domain relevant to Californians.

A growing body of evidence confirms that **older adults are disproportionately impacted during disasters**, often representing the majority of fatalities resulting from extreme weather, natural hazards and public emergencies.



**Improved emergency planning** and **community-wide resilience** at the local level can go a long way toward addressing the impact of disasters on older adults.



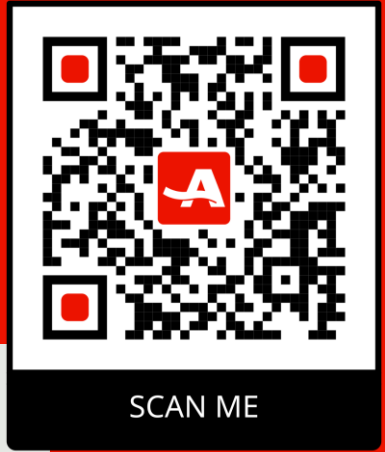


## Planning Academy

AARP California launched the Planning Academy for civic minded individuals looking to get involved and serve as a voice for people ages 50-plus in their community. This free, educational program equips participants with the knowledge, skills, and connections to be an impactful leader in their community's planning efforts.



# The AARP Livability Index



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## How livable is your community?

The AARP Livability Index scores neighborhoods and communities across the U.S. for the services and amenities that impact you the most.

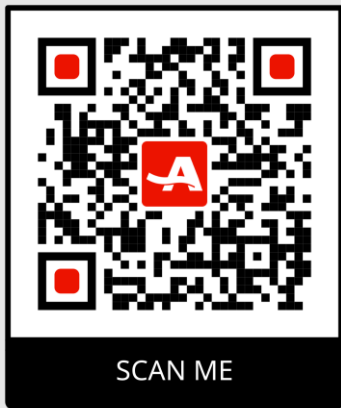
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