

AGE-FRIENDLY

Age-Friendly
Athens
County



ATHENS COUNTY



Age-Friendly Athens County Mission Statement

Age-Friendly Athens County will create an environment that allows our citizens to age gracefully, actively, and comfortably in a sustainable, supportive, and inclusive community.

History

- Born out of an initiative started by the College of Health Sciences & Professions called Aging in our Community in 2018 – responsive to community need.
- After presentations from experts to inform a plan targeted on issues for older adults in Athens, a resource guide was established, and more organizational partners and community members became involved.
- In 2019, the group connected with Age Friendly Columbus/Franklin County.
- After overwhelming support from the members and community, in winter/spring 2020 resolutions were passed for both the city of Athens as well as Athens County to enter the assessment process.



Why Age-Friendly?

AARP Age-Friendly is an affiliate of the World Health Organization and falls within their Livable Communities programming.

There are many Age Friendly communities across the nation and in Ohio!

We have the structure, support and resources from AARP to guide the process while making a unique plan for Athens County

Building Age-Friendly Communities

- Make communities more welcoming and livable as people age.
- Identify needs, implement projects, and establish places and programs where people can grow gracefully, actively and comfortably in a sustainable, supportive and inclusive community

Domains of Livability

Age-Friendly assesses and develops action plans to improve quality of life for older adults:



Age-Friendly Process & Timeline

1. Identify partners and community members to lead effort: On-going
2. Community Needs Assessment (various methods to survey residents): 2020-2023
3. Develop an action and evaluation plan based on results of the assessment: 2024
4. Implement and work toward the goals: 2024-2025
5. Repeat

Long term goal: Collaborate with regional partners and communities around shared goals, projects, best practice around aging.

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