WHAT MAKES A COMMUNITY AGE-FRIENDLY?



8 DOMAINS OF LIVABILITY





OUTDOOR SPACES & BUILDINGS

Indoor & outdoor spaces to gather - green spaces, seating, accessible buildings with elevators, zero-step entrances, staircases with railings

TRANSPORTATION

Mobility friendly, crossable streets, safe walking/biking paths, accessible & affordable public transportation (buses, taxi, shuttle, ride-share services, volunteer driver program)







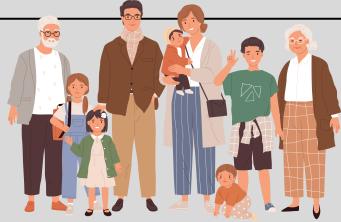


HOUSING

Homes modified for aging in place or housing options that are suitable for differing incomes, ages, and all life stages

SOCIAL PARTICIPATION

Opportunities to socialize & the availability of accessible, affordable, and fun social activities





RESPECT & SOCIAL INCLUSION

Intergenerational gatherings for all ages to learn from each other, honor each other, & feel good about themselves

WORK & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Opportunities to work for pay or volunteer their skills to engage in civic life and have a place to convene and connect



COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION

Information shared through a variety of methods since not everyone is tech-savvy, has a smartphone, or home-based access to the internet

COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES

Affordable access to healthcare services and assistance nearby for home support, help with chores, and respite care

WABASHA-KELLOGG AGE-FRIENDLY COLLABORATIVE







WHO?

The W-K Age-Friendly Collaborative comprises local organizations & individuals:

Engaged citizens, City of Kellogg, City of Wabasha, Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota, Elder Network, Great River Homes, Gundersen St. Elizabeth's Hospital and Clinics, Hiawatha Valley Mental Health, Southeast MN Area Agency on Aging, Three Rivers Community Action, Wabasha County Public Health, Wabasha County SHIP, Wabasha Rotary, United Church of Christ, GrandPad, and Wabasha Public Library

WHAT?

Through assessment & action, we strive to make our communities more livable and better able to support people of all ages.



WHEN?

Launched in 2023, a five-year program cycle encompasses assessment, action planning, implementation, and evaluation.

WHERE?

Impacts residents of every age in Wabasha & Kellogg.

WHY?

To improve the quality of life for the very old, the very young, and everyone in between. Age-friendly communities enable residents to thrive at any age & every life stage.

HOW?

By joining the AARP Network of States and Communities, we leverage knowledge, expertise, and resources that support the work of our local collaborative.