

# creating an Age Friendly Northfield

## Age-Friendly Northfield Steering Committee

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## Age-Friendly

Age-friendly communities have been called good places to grow up and grow older. They deliberately consider well-being of residents at every stage of life, especially older age, and recognize that cities have a big role in helping us fulfill the tremendous potential of aging. In 2016 the City of Northfield joined the World Health Organization and AARP Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities.

Northfield is well-positioned to take on the work of becoming an age-friendly city and already has many strengths as a community for older residents. More deliberate action must be taken now to ensure that the growing number of older adults have the housing, transportation, community information, services and other resources as needed to live engaged and independent lives.

Following a survey of 50+ Northfield Residents in 2017, data was analyzed and the 2020-2023 Action Plan was developed.

The Age-Friendly Northfield Steering Committee is a grassroots group of community volunteers working towards common goals.

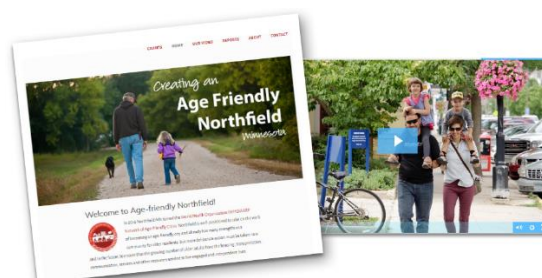
**WE ARE:** Committed to making Northfield a place where all community members can thrive at every stage of life.

**WE HEARD:** Through the community engagement process that the biggest gaps exist in four key areas: Housing, Health and Wellness, Community Information, and Outdoor Spaces and Buildings.

**WE ENVISION:** Teams of community leaders, with special expertise or interest, and civic-minded residents to refine and implement each domains goals and strategies.

**WE WILL:** Take on the work of Northfield becoming an age-friendly community – where policies, services and structures related to the physical and social environment are designed to support and enable older people to “age actively”.

Learn More



What is an Age-Friendly community?  
Check out our video:

[agefriendlynorthfield.com/our-video](https://agefriendlynorthfield.com/our-video)

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