



## CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**SUBMITTER:** Matthew Manley

**MEETING DATE:** May 28, 2025

**AGENDA SECTION:** Presentations

**DEPARTMENT:** Community  
Development

**TITLE OF ITEM:** Age-Friendly Community Action Plan - *Matthew Manley, AICP – Long-Range Planning Manager & Susan Enwright Hicks – MPA Western Carolina University*

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### SUMMARY:

*In February 2024, the City of Hendersonville was designated as an Age-Friendly Community by AARP. This designation not only reflects well on the City's efforts to serve our older residents and visitors, but it also opens up important funding opportunities - such as the recently implemented AARP Community Challenge Grant project which provided 3.7 miles of shared bike lane routes in key locations, 6 "petal rack" bike racks as seen downtown, and 2 bike repair stands (1 at MLK Park and 1 at Lennox Station).*

*In order to maintain this status as an AARP Age-Friendly Community, there are a couple of milestones that we are required to hit. One of these is to develop an Age-Friendly Community Action Plan. To this end, Planning Staff has been working with an MPA Candidate from WCU, Susan Enwright Hicks, to develop an Age-Friendly Plan for Hendersonville as her Capstone Project. Given how integrated older adults are in our planning processes, and for the sake of efficiency, the draft plan utilizes the recommendations that were developed for the Gen H Comp Plan and reorganizes them under AARP's 8 Domains of Livability (which is AARP's formula for establishing an age-friendly community). In addition to the list of implementation projects, the plan provides additional background info and resource links for each domain.*

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| <b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Draft City of Hendersonville 2025 Age-Friendly Community Action Plan</li></ol> |
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