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Cleveland Welcomed into the AARP Network of Age – Friendly Communities

CLEVELAND – On Friday, October 2, Jeannine English, President of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) welcomed the City of Cleveland into the organization’s Network of Age Friendly Communities. As a member, The City of Cleveland will be part of a growing national movement of cities and communities striving to better meet the needs of their older residents. Ms. English made the announcement during a forum at The City Club of Cleveland on the topic: “Communities of All ages: A Critical Time for Leaders.”

The Cleveland Department of Aging’s efforts to increase age friendly aspects of the City of Cleveland in the following eight domains are supported by The Cleveland Foundation, the McGregor Foundation and the Saint Luke’s Foundation: social participation, respect and social inclusion, outdoor spaces and buildings, transportation, housing, civic participation and employment, communication and information, community support and health services.

The Cleveland Department of Aging is charged with ensuring Cleveland is an elder friendly community by enhancing the quality of life for older adults through advocacy, planning, service coordination and the delivery of needed services.

The City of Cleveland has previously been accepted into the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Global Network of Age Friendly Cities in 2014. Cleveland’s application to the WHO resulted from collaboration between the Cleveland Department of Aging and the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences.