

# MCOA Regional Meetings

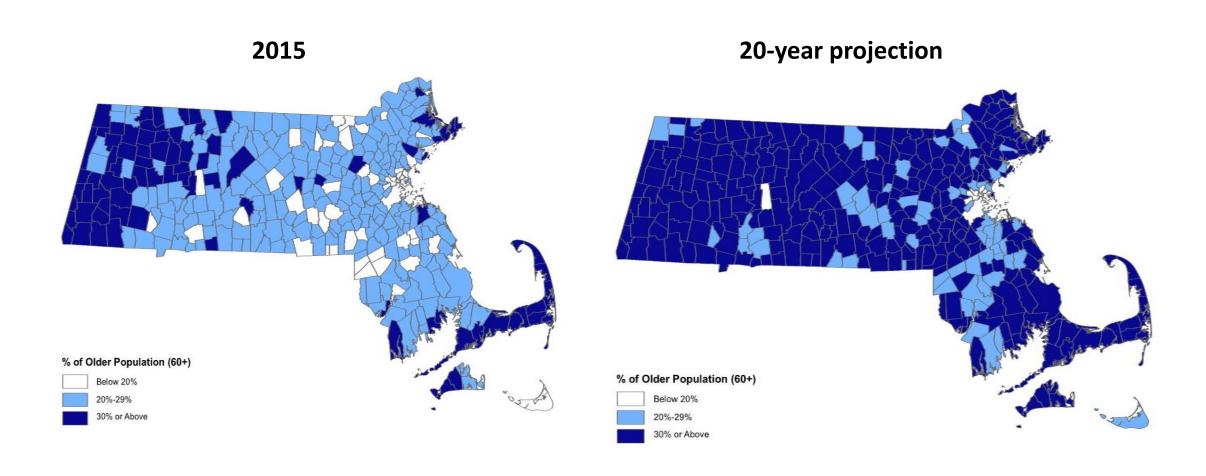
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### Aging Population in MA (60+)





Source: Center for Social & Demographic Research on Aging. Gerontology Institute. UMass Boston.

Based on data from the Donahue Institute. University of Massachusetts

### How we got here: Age/Dementia Friendly





Massachusetts:

WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities



AARP

Announced at WH Conference on Aging

becomes USA affiliate for WHO

2005 to Today









Massachusetts
Councils On Aging

+ Dementia

Convener/Steering Committee

+ Dementia Friendly MA

### **About MHAC**



The **Massachusetts Healthy Aging Collaborative** is a network of leaders in community, health and wellness, government, advocacy, research, business, education, and philanthropy who have come together to advance healthy aging.







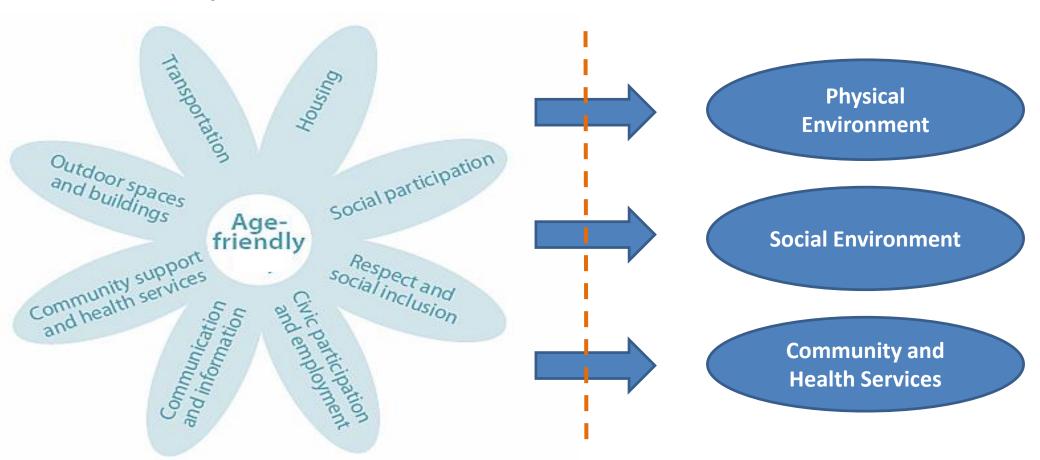


Develop and Promote a Policy and Advocacy Platform for Healthy Aging

### **Age-Friendly Communities**



- A continuous improvement process (assessment, action planning, implementation) focusing on improving communities in three areas:
  - Physical environment
  - Social Environment
  - Community and health services



### Dementia Friendly: Cross-Sector Approach

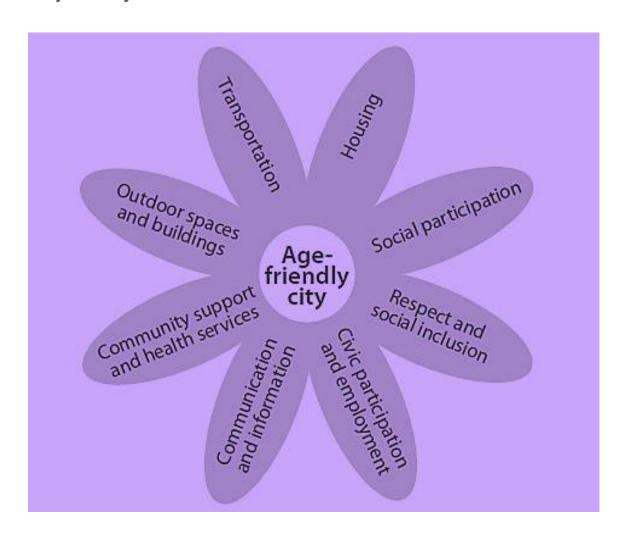




### Alignment with Dementia Friendly



Build capacity of local communities to embark on the Age/Dementia Friendly designation journey

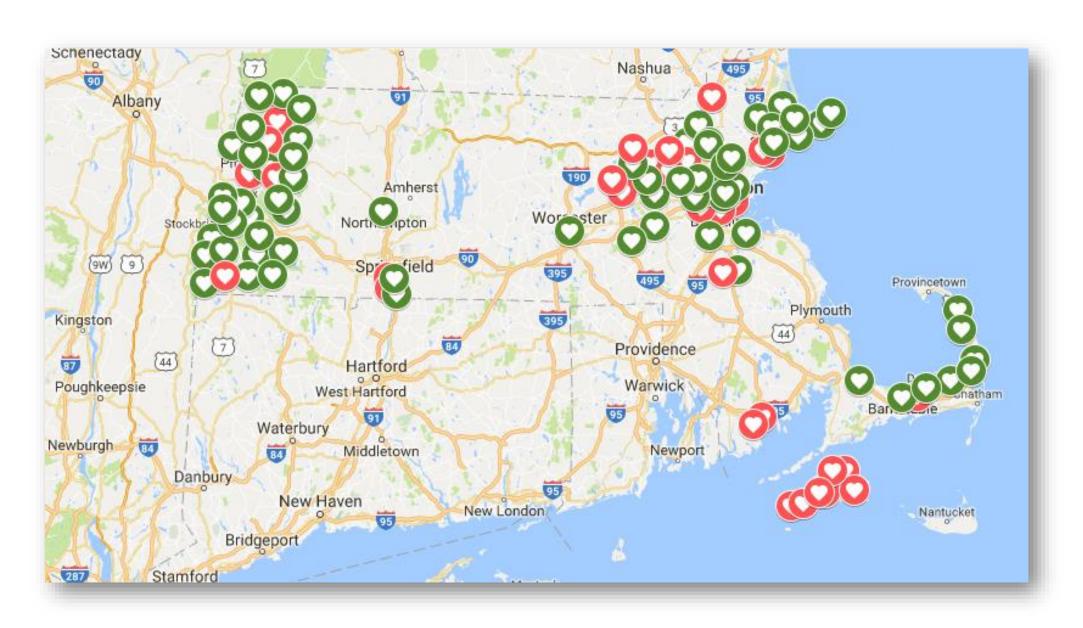


#### Age-Friendly Community efforts...

- Include people living with Dementia, caregivers, and service/support providers on task force
- A Dementia Friendly advisory group that can focus on raising awareness and working through sectors in coordination with Age-Friendly

### Age-Friendly Communities in MA





### Where to Begin...



#### It all starts with CONVENING: Active Age- and Dementia Friendly models

#### Age-Friendly Berkshires:

- Countywide effort began with regional planning agency and private-pay home care company that lead "planning" and "people" sides of the work, respectively.
- All volunteers and volunteer organizations

#### • MAGIC Sub-Region:

- MAPC Coordinator and municipal planners lead regional approach focused on housing and transportation.
- First all-suburban Age-Friendly Region in the country

#### • Age-Friendly Boston:

- City's Elderly Commission have dedicated staff to convene groups, liaise between city departments and carry out action plan.
- Support came from THPF and UMass Boston

#### • Salem for All Ages:

- Volunteer, retired professor leads "people" side of the work with support from Mayor's office and local volunteers/volunteer orgs
- Support from UMass Boston

### Age-Friendly Lens: Municipal Gov't



- Accounting
- Animal Control
- Assessing Department & Board of Assessors
- Board of Selectmen
- Capital Projects & Facilities Management
- Conservation Commission
- Community & Economic Development
- Council on Aging
- Cultural Council
- Finance Division
- Fire
- Health Department
- Human Resources
- Human Services
- Inspectional Services
- Library

- Licensing
- Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs
- Planning Board
- Police
- Public Schools
- Public Works
- Purchasing
- Retirement Board
- Technology Services
- Town Clerk
- Town Manager
- Treasurer / Collector
- Veterans Services
- Zoning Board of Appeals

### Age-Friendly Lens: Stakeholder Orgs



### Focus on linking **Social Determinants of Health**

Economic Stability	Neighborhood and Physical Environment	Education	Food	Community and Social Context	Health Care System
Employment Income Expenses Debt Medical bills Support	Housing Transportation Safety Parks Playgrounds Walkability	Literacy Language Early childhood education Vocational training Higher education	Hunger Access to healthy options	Social integration Support systems Community engagement Discrimination	Health coverage  Provider availability  Provider linguistic and cultural competency  Quality of care

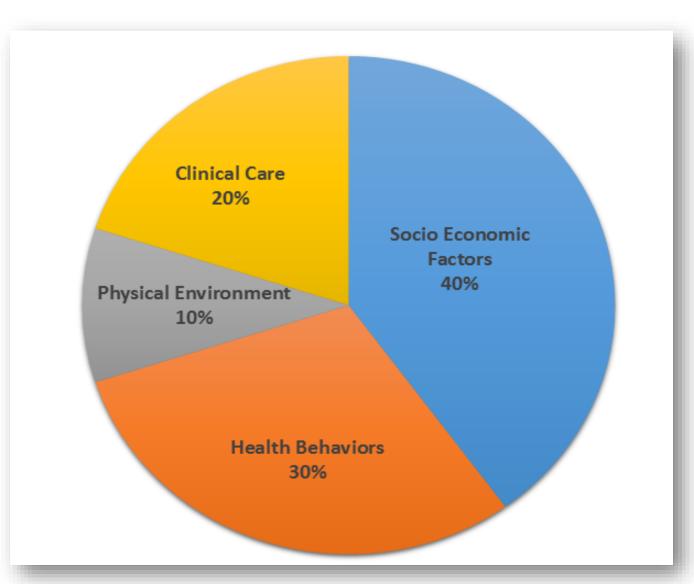
#### **Health Outcomes**

Mortality, Morbidity, Life Expectancy, Health Care Expenditures, Health Status, Functional Limitations



## What Determines Population Health?





Source: Countyhealthrankings.org

### Age-Friendly State





- Governor announced that Massachusetts has been designated by the AARP as only the second state in the country to join that organization's Age-Friendly Network.
- This designation commits our state to a continued path of progress in making Massachusetts more livable and welcoming for older adults and people of *all ages*.

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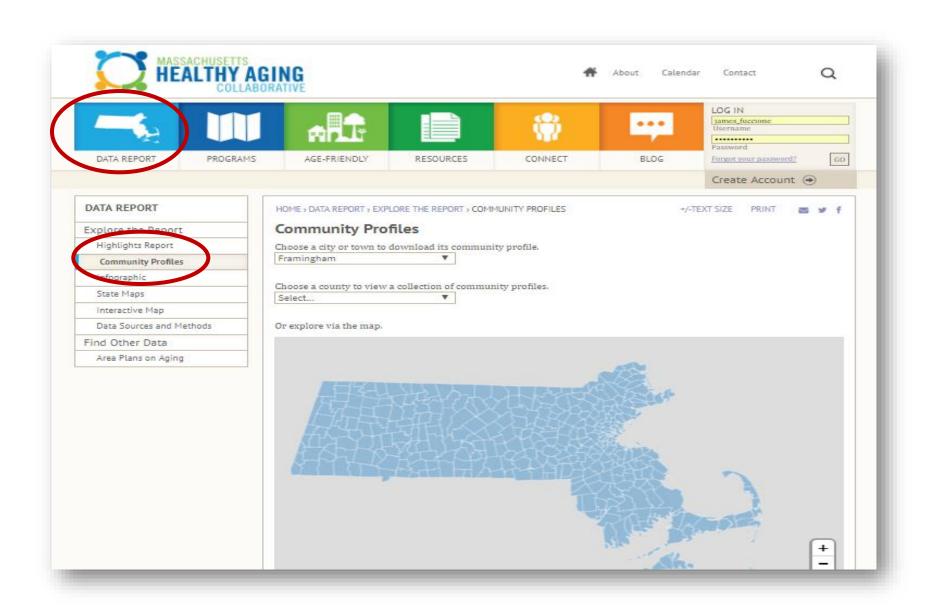






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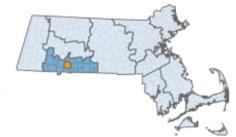




#### MASSACHUSETTS HEALTHY AGING COMMUNITY PROFILE

#### West Springfield (Hampden)

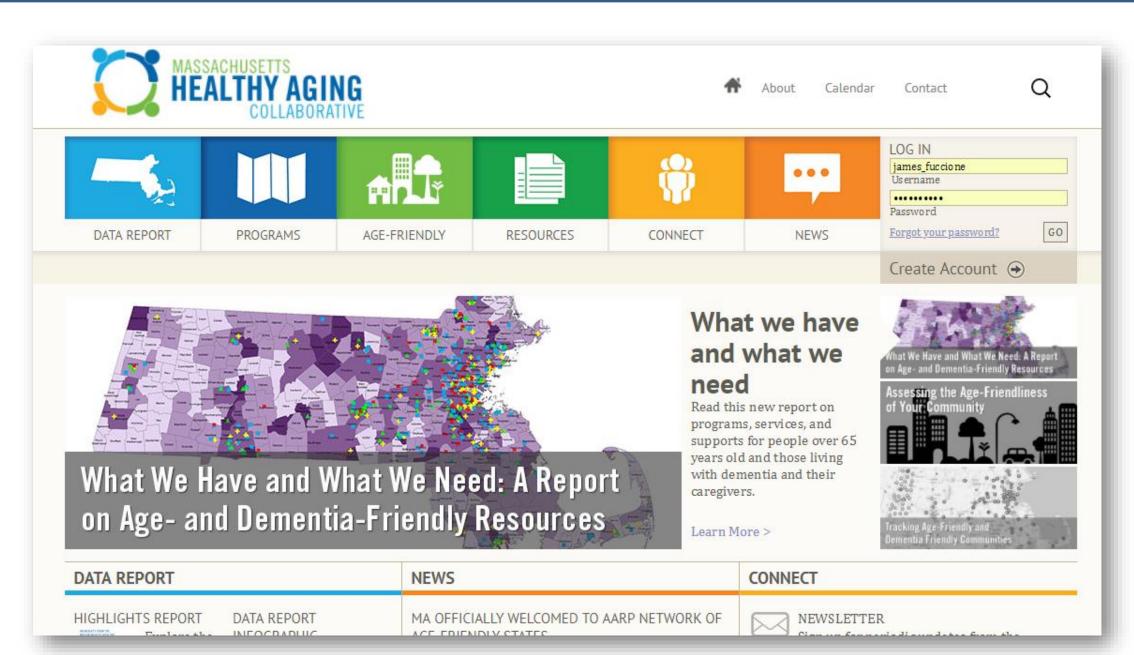
West Springfield is a town in western Massachusetts with 4,175 residents aged 65 or older. Compared to state averages older residents in West Springfield do better on several healthy aging indicators with lower rates of: colon cancer, prostate cancer, hospital stays, emergency room visits, and prescription medication use. The % of adults 65+ living in poverty is less than the state rate. However, older residents of West Springfield do worse on a number of indicators: Alzheimer's disease, stroke, osteoarthritis/rheumatoid arthritis, cataracts, hypothyroidism, BPH, kidney disease, and hip fracture. They are less likely to follow the health promotion behavior of annual physician visits and taking a shingles vaccine. The voter participation and



property crime rates are worse than state rates. Community resources to promote healthy aging include: a walking club, a Council on Aging, a Senior Center, an arts & cultural department, and lifelong learning opportunities.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	COMMUNITY ESTIMATE	STATE ESTIMATE
Total population all ages	28,391	6,547,629
Population 60 years or older as % of total population	21.3%	19.2%
Total population 60 years or older	6,031	1,249,723
Population 65 years or older as % of total population	14.7%	13.7%
Total population 65 years or older	4,175	891,303
% 65-74 years	44.3%	49.8%
% 75-84 years	42.5%	34.3%
% 85 years or older	13.2%	15.8%
Gender (65+ population)		
% female	59.8%	58.5%
Race/Ethnicity (65+ population)		
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### **Thank You!**

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