

## **Dakota County Communities for a Lifetime, City Profiles Project**

- Dakota County's Communities for a Lifetime (CFL) Initiative has completed **City Profiles** for the eleven major cities in Dakota County. The profiles **highlight key components that demonstrate an Age-friendly community**, including a city's changing population data, housing performance score, types of housing, transit options, land use, walkability score, and other indicators.
- To view each city's profile and **What Cities and Counties Can Do – Recommendations** go to **City Profiles Project**:  
<https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/publiccommittees/CFL/Pages/city-profiles-project.aspx>
- Age-friendly policies, such as **Accessory Dwelling Unit policy, Complete Streets policy, Mixed-Use Land policy, and Bike Walk policy** are also highlighted.
- Additionally, the profiles incorporate a few indicators from **AARP's Livability Index**:  
<https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/>
- **City profiles will be a resource, a strategic planning tool to assist cities/communities** in gauging their progress in becoming more age-friendly as they undertake a **comprehensive planning process starting in 2016**.
- **Dakota County Communities for a Lifetime Initiative** brings together residents, business owners, local officials, and staff from community organizations, cities, and the county to create networks of vital, accessible communities.
- The aging initiative's main objective is to increase awareness of future demographic changes and their implications, along with providing a menu of options for how communities can respond to the changes based on their strengths and gaps.
- The CFL Initiative engages communities in active planning, sharing best practice models, and by partnering on age-friendly projects.

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