



# PROGRESS REPORT

## January 2021–February 2022

*Age-Friendly Delaware County has been hard at work implementing our strategic plan. While COVID-19 set us back on some initiatives, we are making great strides in the community. See inside for highlights.*





## HOUSING

### Collaborative Discussion

- ✓ The Delaware County Housing Alliance earned its nonprofit status.
- ✓ Drafted RFP for a consultant to do a professional housing assessment in the county.



## TRANSPORTATION

### Mobility Manager Services

- ✓ SourcePoint continues to evolve its partnership with Delaware County Transit.
- ✓ In 2022, we will increase access to demand-response transportation by increasing the number of trips we subsidize for older adults.



## OUTDOOR SPACES & BUILDINGS

### Age-Friendly Benches

- ✓ Preservation Parks replaced and modified 25 benches with an age-friendly design.

### Dementia-Friendly Business

- ✓ Worked with Ganzhorn Suites to create framework and employee training.
- ✓ Recruited First Citizens National Bank as the first Champion Business to increase awareness of program.



**Small Steps.**



## COMMUNITY SUPPORT, HEALTH & SAFETY

### Food Insecurity

- ✓ In partnership with Helpline and United Church Homes, a community vegetable garden was established at St. Michael's with funding from AARP, an anonymous family foundation, and the Delaware County Master Gardener Program.
- ✓ Installed a fence, laid an accessible crushed-gravel path, constructed 6 elevated cedar-garden beds, and engaged community members.



### Safety Awareness

- ✓ Hosted Senior Safety Day, which provided free education on scams, identity theft, mental health resources, severe weather preparedness, fire prevention, home safety checks, and driving.

### Mental Health Awareness

- ✓ Created a mental health PSA with Delaware Area Career Center: [youtu.be/ip01KAfJ6x4](https://youtu.be/ip01KAfJ6x4).



Age-Friendly Delaware County focuses on six areas to improve livability.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Positive Aging Campaign

- ✓ With support from Greif, Inc., created a positive aging video: [youtu.be/4KPtis6vGcY](https://youtu.be/4KPtis6vGcY).
- ✓ Launched a social media campaign that defined ageism and highlighted ageist language, ageism in the media, and ageism at work.

### Intergenerational Opportunities

- ✓ Helpline expanded its Sages & Seekers program to two local schools.



## COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION

### Age-Friendly Awareness

- ✓ With support from Greif, Inc., created an introductory video to Age-Friendly Delaware County: [MySourcePoint.org/age-friendly](https://MySourcePoint.org/age-friendly).

### Information Technology

- ✓ SourcePoint added accessibility features to website, including ability to increase font size, contrast, and readability.

**Big Impact.**

Housing	Transportation	Outdoor Spaces & Buildings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Create a directory of legal and financial housing resources and terms.</li> <li>▲ Promote awareness, education, and expansion of Nesterly.</li> <li>★ Expand home safety checks.</li> <li>● Engage in collaborative discussions with community stakeholders relating to affordable and accessible housing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Update the Mobility Manager website.</li> <li>● Provide ongoing safety education and training for alternative transportation options.</li> <li>▲ Promote awareness of the SourcePoint bus.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pilot an Age-Friendly Business program.</li> <li>● Pilot a Dementia-Friendly Business program.</li> <li>★ Incorporate age-friendly benches with handrails.</li> <li>▲ Promote Delaware County trails and parks.</li> <li>▲ Identify and expand awareness of age-friendly parking options.</li> <li>▲ Promote the safety and walkability of outdoor spaces.</li> </ul>
Support, Health & Safety Services	Community Engagement	Communication & Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Educate the community about falls prevention.</li> <li>★ Help prevent senior scams, fraud, and abuse.</li> <li>● Create a safety awareness toolkit.</li> <li>★ Increase awareness of mental health resources.</li> <li>● Fight food insecurity.</li> <li>● Coordinate services for those on an affordable housing waitlist.</li> <li>★ Expand local clinic hours for underinsured individuals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Promote positive aging.</li> <li>★ Engage community in intergenerational opportunities.</li> <li>● Provide volunteer opportunities to local 55+ living communities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Increase age-friendly awareness initiative.</li> <li>▲ Create an accessible-media toolkit.</li> <li>● Learn to better communicate with all Delaware County communities.</li> <li>● Expand audio reading services for low-vision community members.</li> </ul>

★ Completed  
 ● In progress  
 ▲ Not yet started