



# Aging in Place

Toward a community enriched  
by the contributions of all ages



# Aging-in-Place Task Force

- The mission of the Task Force is to formulate recommendations to Borough Council for measures to improve the quality of life and reduce barriers faced by residents of Swarthmore who desire to remain in the Borough throughout their lives, resulting in a community enriched by the contributions of all ages.

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# Key Findings

- The needs and values of those who wish to age-in-place often mirror those of all ages and include the love of living in Swarthmore, the desire to walk to various destinations, and the wish to reside in an active intergenerational community.
- There are a lot of resources available to Swarthmoreans to help them successfully age in place, but information about those resources is not centralized or easily accessible.
- There are far too many aging Swarthmoreans who are isolated, lonely, and could benefit from the recommendations the Task Force is making.

# Key Findings

- Many of the needs of those aging in place in Swarthmore could be filled by volunteer efforts of their fellow Swarthmoreans, but an organizing entity is needed to connect volunteers to persons with needs.
- There is not enough diverse, accessible, and affordable housing in Swarthmore to house those who want to age in place here.
- Work needs to be done by the Borough, homeowners, Swarthmore businesses, and SEPTA to make Swarthmore accessible and safe for persons with limited mobility.

# Key Findings

- Many of the resources needed to successfully age in place are located nearby—though outside of the Borough boundaries—and are difficult to connect to unless one can drive.
- With increasing numbers of baby boomers, the unmet needs of those over age 65 will accelerate the current trend of having to leave Swarthmore rather than remain in the community, as the majority wish to do.
- Addressing the recommendations of the Task Force will make Swarthmore a safer and more livable community for residents of all ages.

# Recommendations

- The Task Force offers 22 recommendations to address the key findings and to work toward a community enriched by the contributions of all ages.

# General

- Encourage Borough residents to make concrete plans for their futures.



# General

- **Involve older adults in planning and decision-making processes.**



# General

- Create a Livable Community Vision Statement.

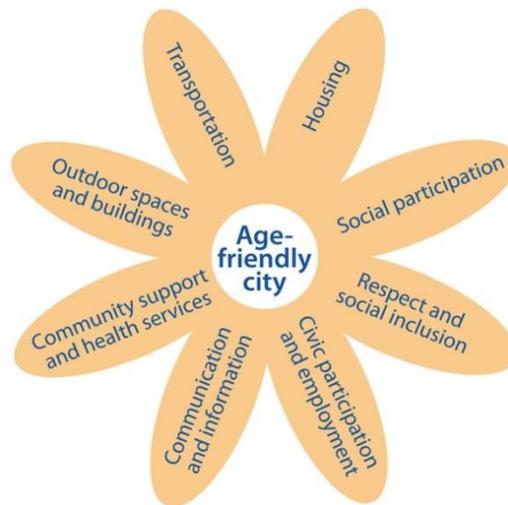


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# General

- Establish Swarthmore as an Age-Friendly Community.

## WHO Age-Friendly Themes



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# General

- Provide a full range of educational information and support services to older adults.

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# General

- ❷ Establish an implementation committee.



# General

- Hire a coordinator of services and programs for residents to age in place.



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- ❖ Create a volunteer-driven resource network for Swarthmore's older adults.



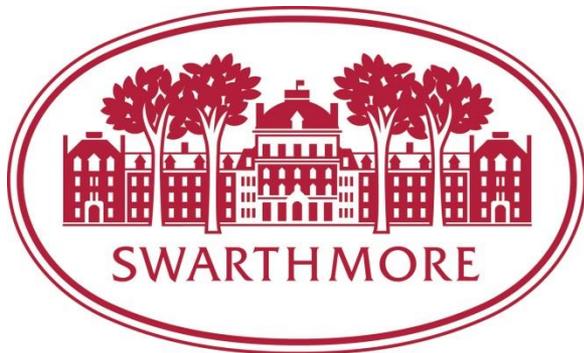
# Social Engagement

- Coordinate community spaces and programs to promote intergenerational social interaction.



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- Encourage synergies among local organizations to better serve older adults.

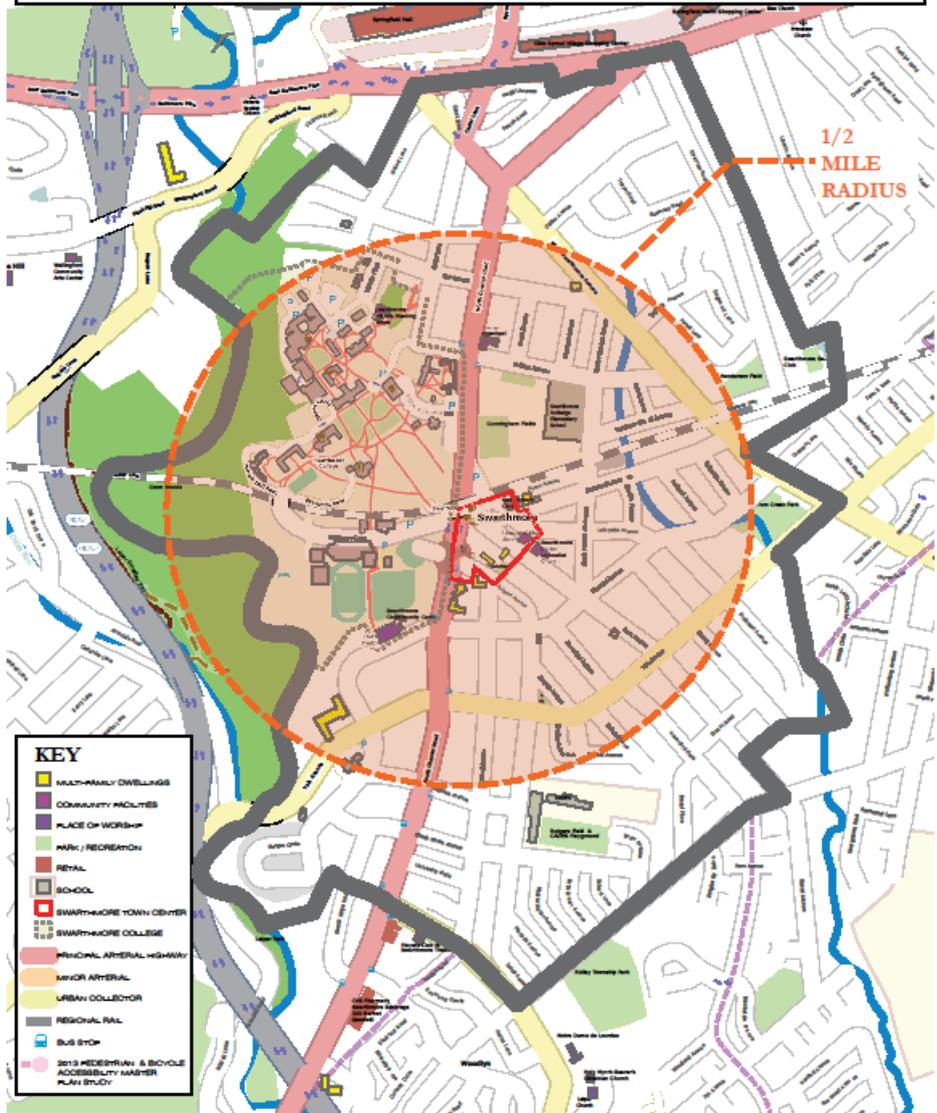


# Health and Safety

-  Promote the health and safety of older residents.



 Swarthmore Aging-In-Place Task Force Map



# Transportation and Mobility

- ❖ Improve pedestrian connections with improvements to existing pedestrian routes and creation of new ones.



# Transportation and Mobility

- ❖ Increase accessibility in the Town Center and throughout Swarthmore.



# Transportation and Mobility

-  Improve and promote public transportation and accessibility.



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# Transportation and Mobility

- Improve pedestrian and driver safety.



# Transportation and Mobility

- Provide vehicular transportation to key destinations within and just beyond Swarthmore.



# Housing

- ❖ Encourage the creation of a range of affordable housing options near downtown.



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- Provide opportunities for diverse housing options throughout Swarthmore.



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# Housing

- Improve accessibility of homes.



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# Planning and Zoning

- Add new sections to the zoning and subdivision ordinances to permit new housing options in residential districts.



# Planning and Zoning

- ❖ **Modify Swarthmore's ordinances to create more housing and mixed use opportunities close to the Town Center.**



# Planning and Zoning

-  **Make all planning and zoning documents consistent with the Borough's vision and policies regarding aging-in-place.**



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# There's more!

- Read the [full report](#).
- Talk to any Task Force member.
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