

For Immediate Release
Feb. 4, 2020

Contact: Alisa Jackson,
Communications Director, AARP Georgia
404-870-3785 | atjackson@aarp.org

Jones County Receives Age-Friendly Designation from AARP Middle Georgia Community Becomes the 8th in Georgia

Jones County Joins National Network of Communities Pledged to Make Services and Neighborhoods More User-Friendly for People age 50 and Older

Jones County has joined an elite nationwide network of Age-Friendly communities. In presenting Jones County with its membership certificate in the [AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities](#), AARP Georgia acknowledged Jones County's commitment and its multi-year plan to become more accessible, convenient and, ultimately, more user-friendly for older Americans.

“As Jones County’s boomer population ages, the area’s businesses, services, and residents are affected,” AARP Georgia State Director Debra Tyler-Horton said. “However, by understanding the ongoing shift in demographics, we are able to address the needs of those who are 50+ by being proactive in managing current and future infrastructure.”

According to Jones County Commissioner Jonathan Pitts, “Jones County is committed to enhancing the quality of life for our seniors. We believe the work that we do as an Age-Friendly Community will benefit our older population, as we adopt policies and programs that promote a healthy, productive lifestyle.”

On becoming a member of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities, a community’s first step in the planning process is to establish an advisory citizens’ committee to identify the needs of older adults.

Jones County’s engagement in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities will also qualify it as a member of the World Health Organization Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. This membership will make a host of proven Age-Friendly strategies, planning tools and other resources available to Jones County.

###

Jones County/Page 2

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization with a membership that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole. AARP does not endorse candidates for public office or make contributions to either political campaigns or candidates. AARP Foundation is an affiliated charity that provides security, protection, and empowerment to older persons in need with support from thousands of volunteers, donors, and sponsors. We have staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. AARP serves nearly 1 million members in Georgia from its state office in Atlanta.