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## The City of Columbus and MORPC Kick Off Age-Friendly Columbus Initiative

**(Columbus-March 22, 2016)** The City of Columbus and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) announce *Age-Friendly Columbus*. This initiative is a major step in ensuring that older adults can remain in their own environments and live an active and safe lifestyle in our region. *Age-Friendly Columbus* is supported and funded by The Osteopathic Heritage Foundation, the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, the Franklin County Office on Aging, The Columbus Foundation, National Church Residences, and AARP Ohio.

Over the period of 2 years and through the lens of the eight domains as outlined by AARP in partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO), this project will assess the age-friendliness of the City of Columbus through research, field work, and outreach to create a 3-year city-wide action plan that ensures Columbus embraces age-friendliness as a core value of their work and services to residents. The city-wide assessment will provide a clear picture of where the City needs to improve. The plan will include both site and service-specific action items for Columbus, but also recommendations that are broader, policy-based, and applicable to other communities around the region. *Age-Friendly Columbus* will create broad collaboration among cross-sector stakeholders and a strong foundation for continuous improvements.

**WHO:** Mayor Andrew J. Ginther  
Columbus City Councilmember Michael Stinziano  
City of Columbus Senior Advocate Fran Ryan  
MORPC Executive Director William Murdock  
AARP State Director Tamara James

**WHAT:** *Age-Friendly Columbus*

**WHEN:** 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, March 23, 2016

**WHERE:** Columbus City Council Chambers  
90 West Broad Street

**WHY:** Kick off of *Age-Friendly Columbus* initiative

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