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## **Input Wanted for Age-Friendly Community** *OFA Asking Residents to Fill Out Survey*

(BINGHAMTON, NY) The Broome County Office for Aging is looking for feedback from Broome County residents on their needs in our community. In the summer of 2018, Broome County submitted an Age-Friendly application to the [AARP](#). The application was approved, allowing Broome County to move forward with the process.

The Broome County Office for Aging is now seeking participation in a Community Needs Survey that will be distributed throughout the county. The information residents provide will help guide the community planning process and improve community features for people of all ages.

Surveys will be available at a variety of locations including senior centers, municipal offices, local DMV locations, libraries and more. A complete list of locations where you can pick up a printed copy of the survey will be published on the Broome County Office for Aging website at <http://gobroomecounty.com/senior> or you can call 607-778-2411.

Completed surveys may be returned by:

- Dropping in a drop box at the location where you picked up the survey.
- Mailing it to or dropping it off at the Broome County Office for Aging, 60 Hawley street, PO Box 1766, Binghamton, NY 13902.
- Dropping it off at your local senior center.

You can also complete the survey online by visiting <http://gobroomecounty.com/senior>.

“As the Director of the Office for Aging I am often asked, ‘What are you doing to plan for the number of baby boomers aging in this community?’” said Lisa Schuhle, Director of Office for Aging. “Through the process of becoming an Age-Friendly Community, we will be working with community partners and invite area municipalities to formulate and implement a plan to make Broome County an Age-Friendly community.”

Broome County, like many counties in New York state, is seeing an increase in the 60+ population. Understanding the social, economic and intellectual value of older adults is important in creating an attractive community for people of all ages.

“Our county residents are getting older, their needs are changing,” said County Executive Jason Garnar. “I want to make sure they have a community that changes with them. We need to hear from them and learn how to best implement this plan in Broome County.”

Age-Friendly communities make a commitment to actively work together to become a great place for people of all ages to live. A framework of [eight domains](#) of livability is used by the AARP Age-Friendly Communities Network to help organize and prioritize the work required to become age-friendly.