



The
**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**
of the New River Valley

AGING IN COMMUNITY NETWORK

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Established in 2013 to address demographic shifts in the region and support the housing and support services needed for an aging population.



Continuum of Policy & Advocacy Strategies

Participate in public task forces and commissions

Fund nonpartisan policy research and analysis

Convene stakeholders and decision makers

Advocate for policy change



Fund data sources

Respond to proposed policies

Fund policy and advocacy organizations

Implementation

EARLY COMMUNITY CONVENINGS



Session 1: 2013

- **Goal:** Identify housing preferences and needs for urban, suburban, and rural communities to promote aging in place.
- **Result:** Home Matters publication detailing design strategies shared with area developers and government officials.



HOME MATTERS

Lifespan Friendly Homes, Neighborhoods and Communities:
Design Strategies & Implementation Guidebook
for the New River Valley



"This house is perfect for both my baby in the stroller and my dad with his walker."

"This is my community and I can't imagine leaving it."

"I love living in the country—but it feels scary to be alone now."

"I'd like less house to keep up with, but can't find a place that feels like home."

This Guidebook is the product of the New River Valley Livability Initiative, Community Housing Partners Design Studio, the Aging in Place Leadership Team, and the New River Valley HOME Consortium.

EARLY COMMUNITY CONVENINGS



Session 2: 2014

- **Goal:** Explore the financial, policy, and decision-making obstacles that have traditionally gotten in the way of making homes and communities lifespan friendly
- **Result:** Aging in community action plan to address obstacles.

Aging in Place in the New River Valley

Next Steps towards Building
Lifespan Friendly Communities



Prepared by the Aging in Place Leadership Team

June 2015

LIFESPAN FRIENDLY HOMES PROGRAM



Funders Network Partners for Places Grant

- **Overview:** A pilot program that provided home modifications and energy upgrades in the homes of low-income older adults.
- **Results:**
 - 24 home modifications of about \$5,000 each.
 - Report with recommendations for service providers and policymakers.



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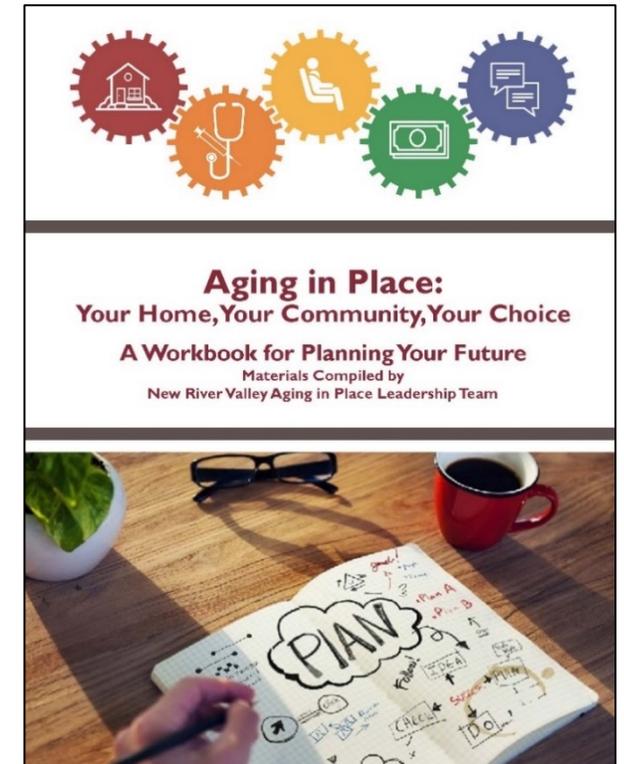
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AGING IN PLACE SERIES

- **Goal:** Support individuals in planning for successful aging in place.

- **Results:**

- Interactive workbook and workshop to help individuals plan for their housing, health, financial, transportation, and social needs as they age.
- Train the trainer series to expand reach beyond the initial team.



SERVING SENIORS EVENTS



- **Goals:**
 - Convene older adults, service providers, and decision-makers around the topics in the workbook.
 - Expand the network of individuals and organizations involved in this work.
 - Provide a forum for older adults and service providers to share needs that can inform future programs and policy.

OUR ROLE



- **Funding for:**
 - Workshop venues
 - Workbook printing
- **In-Kind Support:**
 - Staff time on the leadership team
 - Leveraging our financial planning relationships
 - Fiscal agent for grants
 - Event registration management
 - Meeting facilitation
- **Learn More:**
 - Aging in Community Website: nrvaooa.org/aging-in-place/
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