

Grey County Age-Friendly Community Strategy and Action Plan

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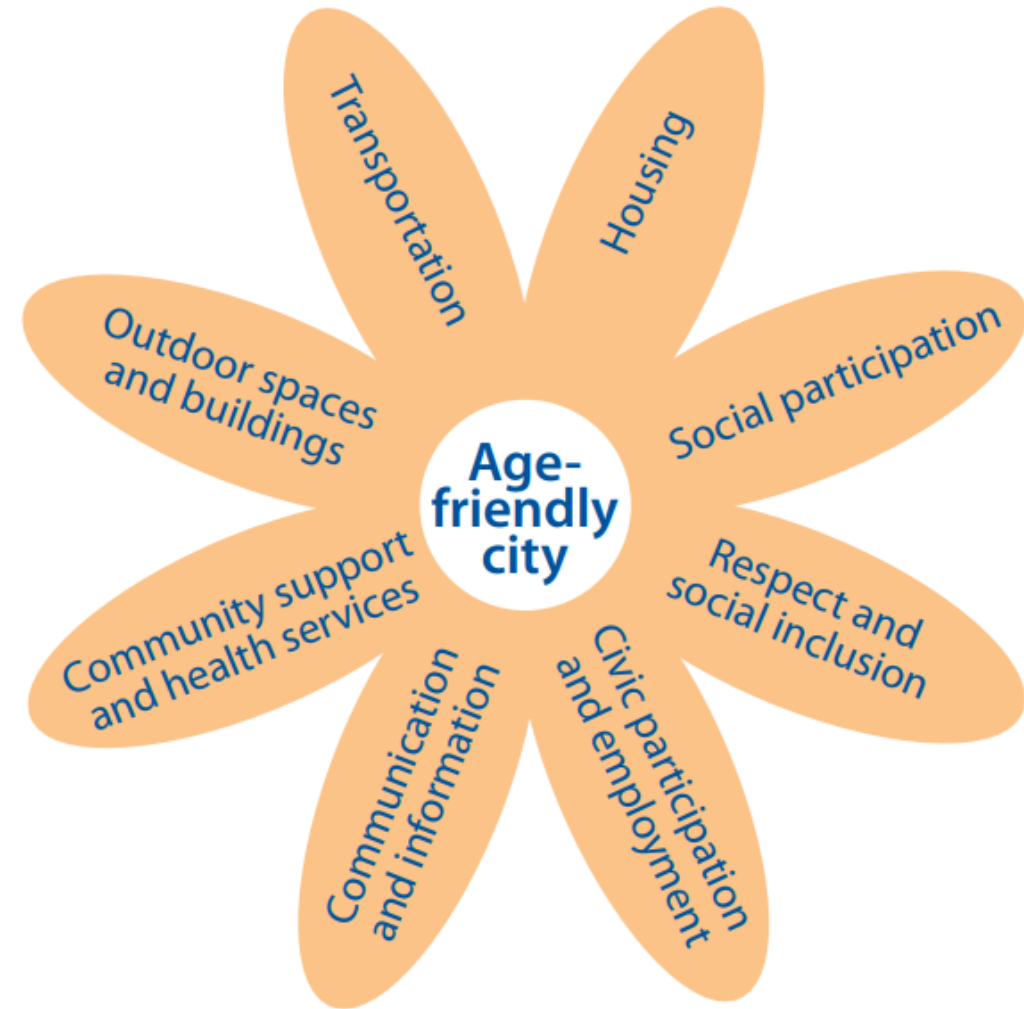
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What is an Age-Friendly Community?

“An age-friendly community encourages active aging by optimizing opportunities for health, participation and security in order to enhance quality of life as people age.”

– World Health Organization, Global Age-friendly Cities: A Guide (2007)



Source: WHO, 2007

Why Plan for an Age-Friendly Community?

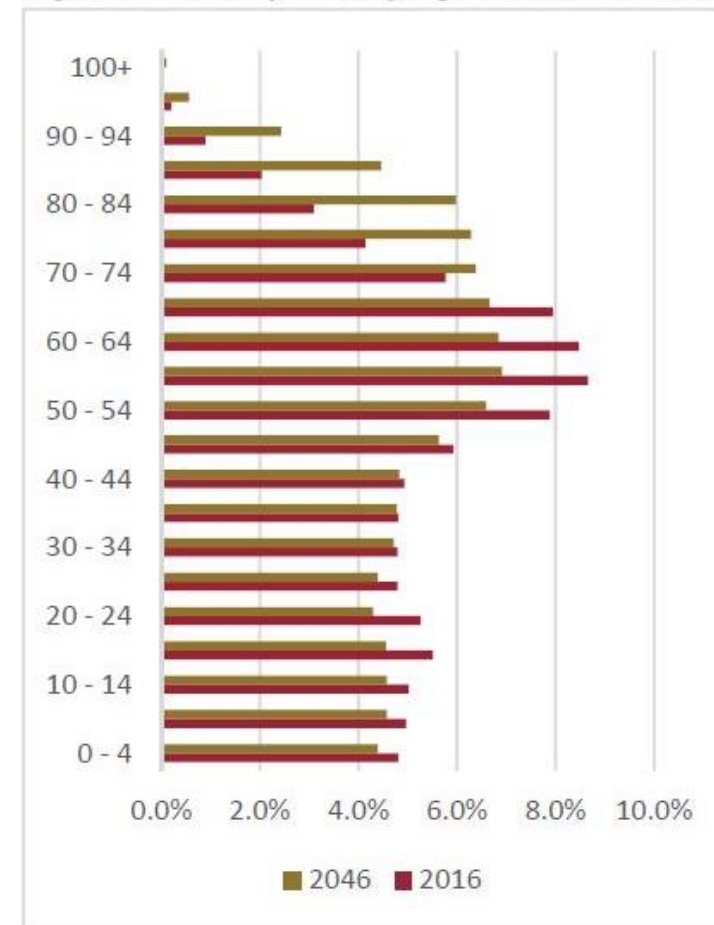
- Grey County’s population is continuing to age
 - 65+ will soon be the largest population group if current trends continue
 - Identified need to support and retain youth and young families

Grey County Population Distribution, 2016

Age	Sum of Male	Sum of Female	Sum of Both Sexes
0-14	10%	9%	10%
15-29	16%	15%	16%
30-49	21%	20%	20%
50-64	30%	30%	30%
65+	23%	25%	24%

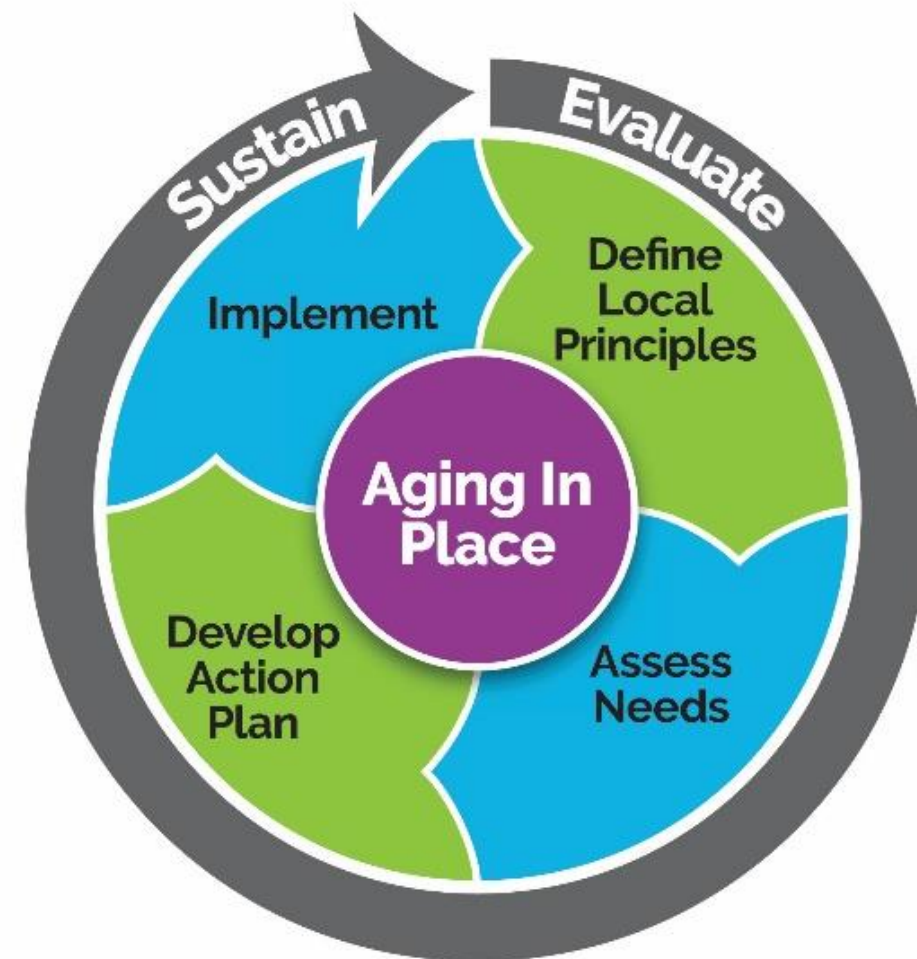
Source: 2016 Census Data from Statistics Canada

Grey County Age Structure, 2016 and 2046

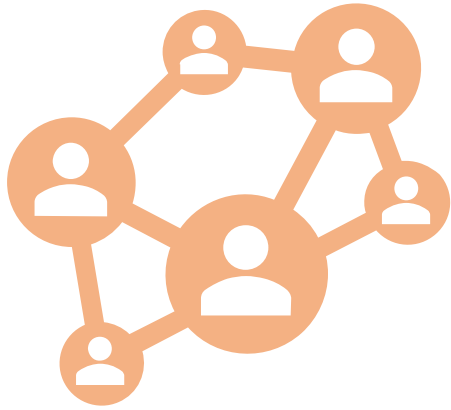


Source: Hemson Consulting, Ltd., 2021

- In 2021 the Province of Ontario released the **Age-Friendly Community Guide for Municipalities and Community Organizations**
- Focusing on:
 - Breaking down barriers in the built environment
 - Government leading by example
 - Increasing participation in the economy for people with disabilities
 - Improving understanding and awareness about accessibility
- Four phases of development (see right)



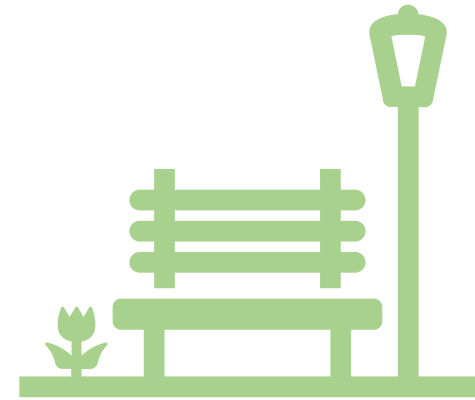




Engagement



Visioning



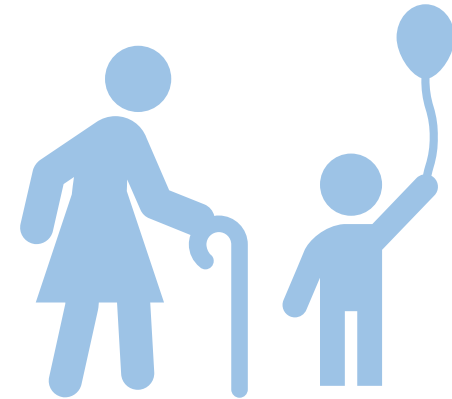
Community
Assessment



Discussion
Series



Action
Items



Implementation
Plan

How are we Engaging?

Stakeholder Committee

- Selected in partnership with county staff
- 6 total meetings (workshop-style and collaborative)
- Key partners to broaden the reach of the project

Partner agencies and community groups

- Likely to be involved in the implementation of the Action Plan
- Community visioning workshops, key representative interviews, focus groups, community workshops

Members of the public

- Interest in enhancing quality of life
- Community visioning workshops, focus groups, community workshops, online survey and discussion board

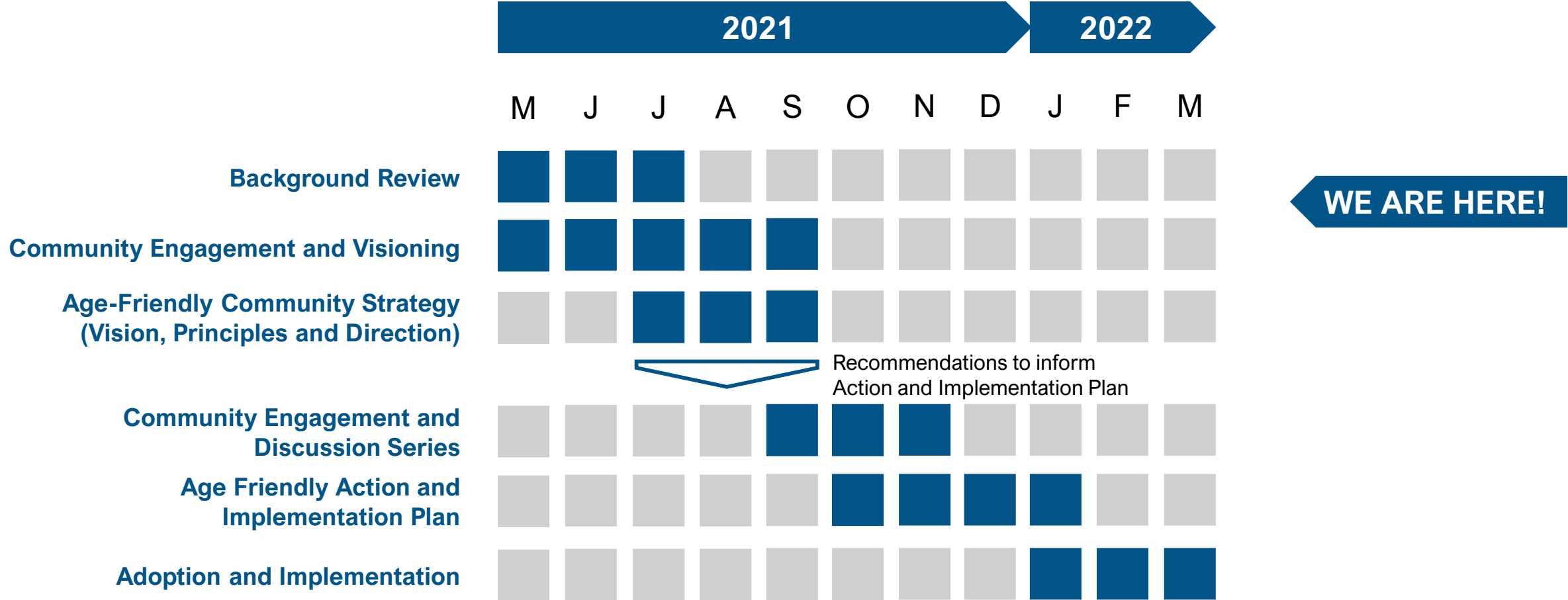


What is the Outcome?

An Age Friendly Strategy and Action Plan informed by extensive community consultation that:

- Reflects Grey County residents' needs and interests,
- Supports community partnership and dialogue to enhance implementation; and,
- Models best practices (as per the WHO, federal, and provincial guidance).

Next Steps



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