



Kansas City Region

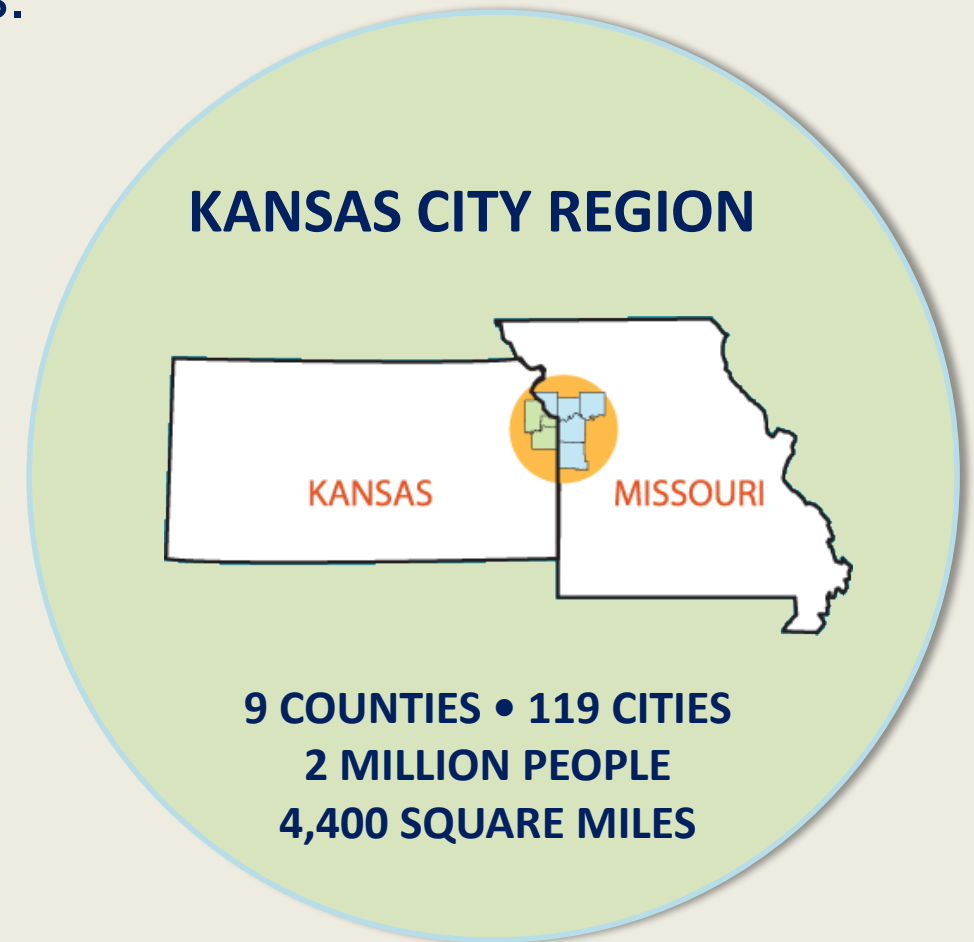
Age-Friendly City Experience

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Mid-America Regional Council

ICMA Conference - 2019

Mid-America Regional Council

- Association of city and county governments.
- Board of 33 locally elected officials.
- Founded in 1972.
- Roles: leadership, planning, action.
- Program areas:
 - Transportation Planning
 - Emergency Services and 9-1-1
 - Environmental Planning
 - Local Government Services
 - Research, Maps and Data
 - Aging/Adult Services and Head Start
- MARC CSC 501(c)(3)

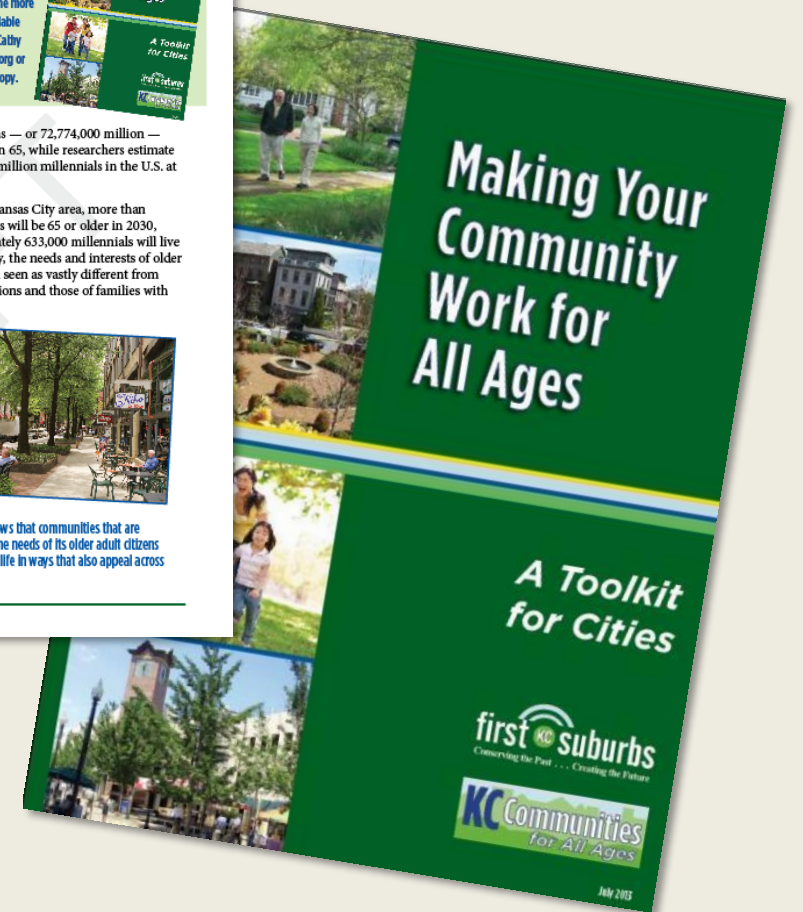


Communities for All Ages Recognition Program



Checklist

- Public Spaces.
- Transportation/Mobility.
- Housing and Commercial Development.
- Social Inclusion, Communication and Participation.
- Civic Participation and Employment.
- Community and Health Services.



Checklist

● Bronze

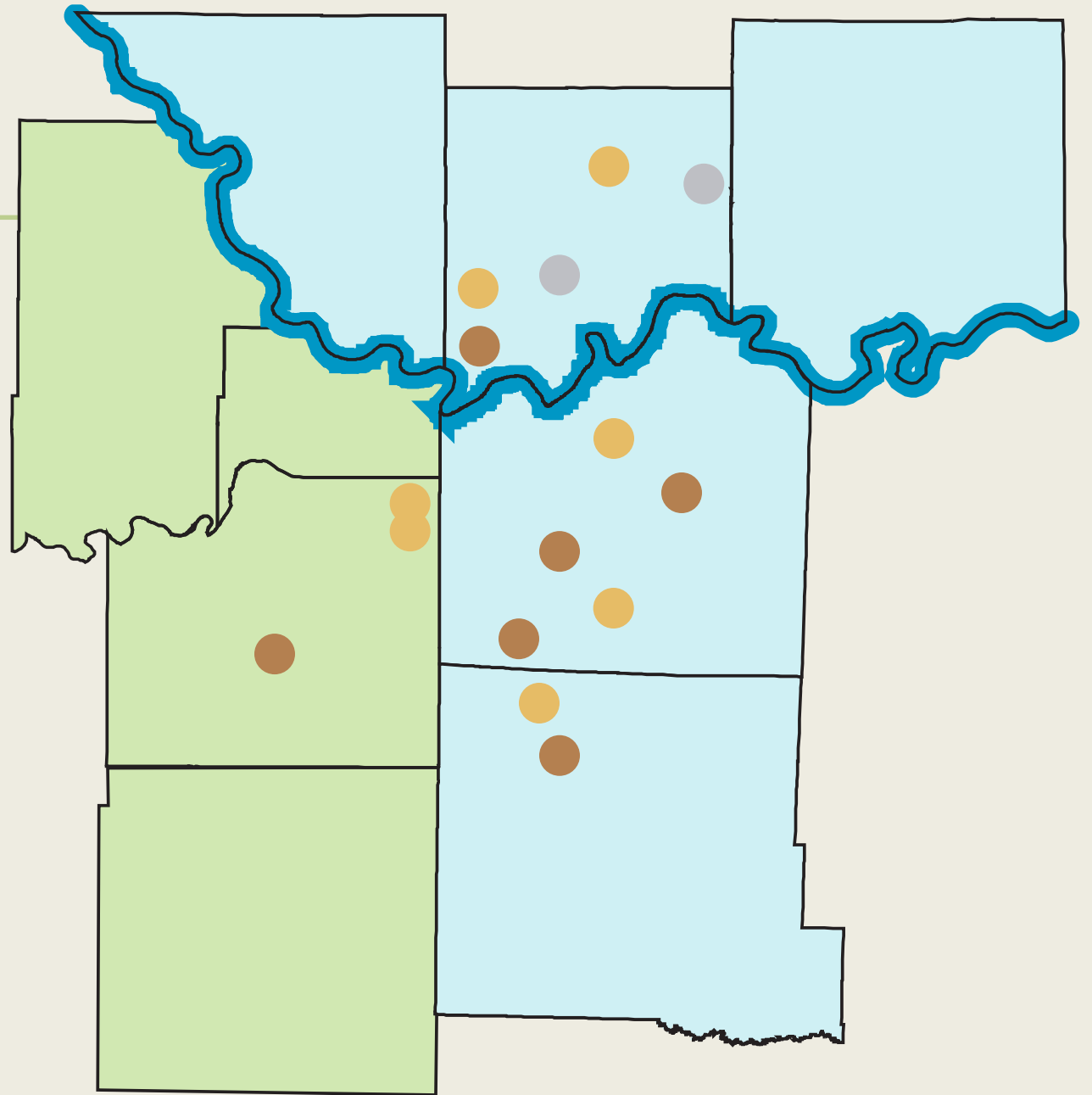
- Blue Springs, Missouri
- Grandview, Missouri
- North Kansas City, Missouri
- Olathe, Kansas
- Peculiar, Missouri
- Raytown, Missouri

● Silver

- Excelsior Springs, Missouri
- Liberty, Missouri

● Gold

- Gladstone, Missouri
- Independence, Missouri
- Kearney, Missouri
- Lee's Summit, Missouri
- Mission, Kansas
- Raymore, Missouri
- Roeland Park, Kansas



Gold Level Communities — Policy Adoption

- **Communities for All Ages Master Plan**
 - Lee's Summit and Raymore, Missouri
- **Updated Comp/Strategic Plan:**
 - Gladstone, Independence and Kearney, Missouri
- **Updated Parks Plan**
 - Mission, Kansas (updated Park Plan) and Roeland Park, Kansas (R Park Phased Development Plan)

Examples of embedded practices

- City council resolutions.
- Seven communities have applied an “age-lens” to a major city plan (City Council approval)
- Three communities are engaging local high schools to become involved, for example, adding students to committees and commissions.
- One community applied an “age-lens” to a new farmers market.
- Two communities place a “CFAA Impact” statement on all Council agenda items.
- Two communities established a CFAA Advisory Committee (oversee implementation).



Embedded Practices – Planning / Zoning

- Two communities participated in a universal design (UD) Park Charrette and plan to incorporate UD principles in future outdoor projects.
- Accessory Dwelling Ordinance expanded and adopted.
- One community applied an “age-lens” to a neighborhood revitalization plan.
- Elevated understanding of universal design (one community currently researching with intent to adopt a policy).
- Intergenerational parks.



Examples of embedded practices



Embedded Practices – Professional Development

- **Mandatory Educational Sessions (Bronze Level)**
 - City council.
 - Department heads.
 - Planning/zoning commission.
- **Communities for All Ages Professional Network**
 - National speakers.
- **Bi-monthly meetings – recognition city representatives**
 - Best practice sharing.
 - Local content experts.
 - Site visits.



Educational sessions



Resources and links

- **KC Communities for All Ages**

All materials are available on the KC Communities for All Ages website:
www.kccfaa.org

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