

Raising the Discussion:
Visions for an Age-Friendly Bay Street Corridor

Located in downtown Staten Island, a portion of Bay Street is set to be rezoned, a process that will shape the street and its surrounding communities for years to come. During this process, it is important to integrate livable features for all ages, including seniors. By emphasizing the importance of zoning for age-friendly communities, local elders are more likely to lead longer, healthier lives.

When thinking about Bay Street's current level of Age-friendliness, and how zoning could help make improvements, **ask yourself the following questions:**

- Are *sidewalks* and *crosswalks* even-surfaced?
- Are there opportunities for *affordable housing* that do not create an extreme rent burden? Are these options accessible to seniors (i.e. no stairs)?
- Are there opportunities for culturally appropriate *social engagement* such as arts, senior centers, and libraries?
- Is there an adequate supply of *healthcare* providers?
- Is there adequate access to *food*? *Parks*?
- Are *transportation* options available and accessible?
- Do you feel seniors are *welcome* in the community?



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For other resources to learn about the importance of fostering Age-Friendly Communities:

livabilityindex.aarp.org/

nyam.org/institute-urban-health/policy-programs/healthy-aging/age-friendly-nyc/

For more on the Bay Street Corridor planning process:

www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/bay-street-corridor/bay-

Whether utilizing this resource at a community planning event or as an independent user, it is important to **share input with your representative.**

Representing the portion of Bay Street that is set to be rezoned is Council Member Rose of the 49th Council District.