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**St. Mary's County Department of Aging & Human Services Invites
Community Input for the 2027-2030 Area Plan**

LEONARDTOWN, MD – St. Mary's County Government's Department of Aging & Human Services (DAHS) is **inviting older adults, caregivers, and all residents of St. Mary's County to share their perspectives on services for older adults by completing the Area Plan Survey.**

The Maryland Department of Aging requires each planning and service area to develop a comprehensive four-year Area Plan, with updates completed during each cycle. As the designated Area Agency on Aging for St. Mary's County, DAHS is responsible for preparing and implementing this plan.

The Area Plan outlines the scope of programs and supports available to older adults in the community. This plan serves as a roadmap for program development, service delivery, advocacy, and resource allocation throughout the 2027–2030 planning period.

The plan aligns with the principles of the Older Americans Act, which focus on assisting individuals aged 60 and older live independently, safely, and with dignity in their homes or communities for as long as possible.

Community input is a vital part of this process. Feedback gathered through the survey will help identify service gaps, evaluate current programs, and establish priorities to better serve older adults and their families.

The plan also incorporates the Longevity Ready Maryland approach, which outlines the following key goals:

- Building a Longevity Ecosystem
- Promoting Economic Opportunity
- Preparing Marylanders to Afford Longevity
- Optimizing Health, Wellness, and Mobility

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Community members are encouraged to learn more about the 2027–2030 Area Plan and complete the questionnaire by visiting: www.stmaryscountymd.gov/Aging/AreaPlan.

The survey will be available from Thursday, April 16, 2026, through Thursday, April 30, 2026.

For those unable to access the online survey, print copies are available at the Garvey, Northern, and Loffler Senior Activity Centers.

To learn more about Maryland's vision for aging services, visit the Longevity Ready Maryland initiative at <https://lrm.maryland.gov>.

For additional information on DAHS, please visit www.stmaryscountymd.gov/aging.

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