



Spotlight on Transportation and Mobility Management

What: One phone number access to transportation information and reservations for public, private and volunteer transportation services. Coming: Vouchers for income-eligible riders.

Where: Starting in Northeast Westchester and spreading across upper Westchester.

For Whom: First -- older adults, people with disabilities, low income riders, and workers who don't drive (for example, home health aides) who are willing to travel to work in Northeast Westchester.

When:

- Summer, 2009 and ongoing – outreach to groups and organizations across upper Westchester willing to work collaboratively on transportation issues. Begin discussions about best practices in Mobility Management across the country and local preferences.
- Fall/winter, 2009-10 – volunteers collect and publish information online about existing public, private and volunteer transportation services in upper Westchester.
- Spring, 2010 – outreach to employers of workers without cars who are willing to travel to work in northeast Westchester from Peekskill, Brewster, Danbury and elsewhere.
- Spring/Summer, 2010 – expand access to driver education training for older drivers and expand sensitivity training for volunteer, public and private livery drivers.
- Summer/Fall, 2010 – select Mobility Management technology system to enable a small staff to handle requests/reservations and to administer vouchers for income-qualified riders.

Why: Older adults are leaving their homes and communities in northeast Westchester for a number of reasons. Taxes and the cost of living are two of them. But if older adults want to stay in their homes, lack of reliable and affordable mobility becomes the number one safety concern. Because homecare workers who don't drive cannot reach the rural corners of the county, lack of access to home health aide and personal care worker assistance is another large safety concern.

How: By bringing together groups and organizations to share information and preferences about mobility and to build sustainable, collaborative strategies to connect riders with rides.

We welcome new volunteers and partners!



Agenda for Action

Creating mutually supportive, intergenerational, elder-friendly communities to keep older residents in their homes & communities in Bedford, Lewisboro, Mount Kisco, North Castle, North Salem, Pound Ridge and Somers.

2007-2008: For entire community: Raised awareness about issues and opportunities through education and discussion as a Livable Communities connection, provided information & referral, organized community development task forces, mobilized home safety & repair resources, and provided intergenerational technology training.

2009-2010: Same as above, plus:

- Launched mutually supportive membership and volunteer opportunities, while expanding member-only benefits with merchants, trips, concerts, lectures, tours both regionally and within each town, starting in Katonah and Bedford Village.
- Obtained grants and other support to develop one call, arm-through-arm regional transportation and mobility management system. Working to increase availability of direct personal healthcare workers, expand home repair staffing and supervision, and raise funds to provide membership subsidies.

Building the ALOFT Circle of Support 2009-2010

