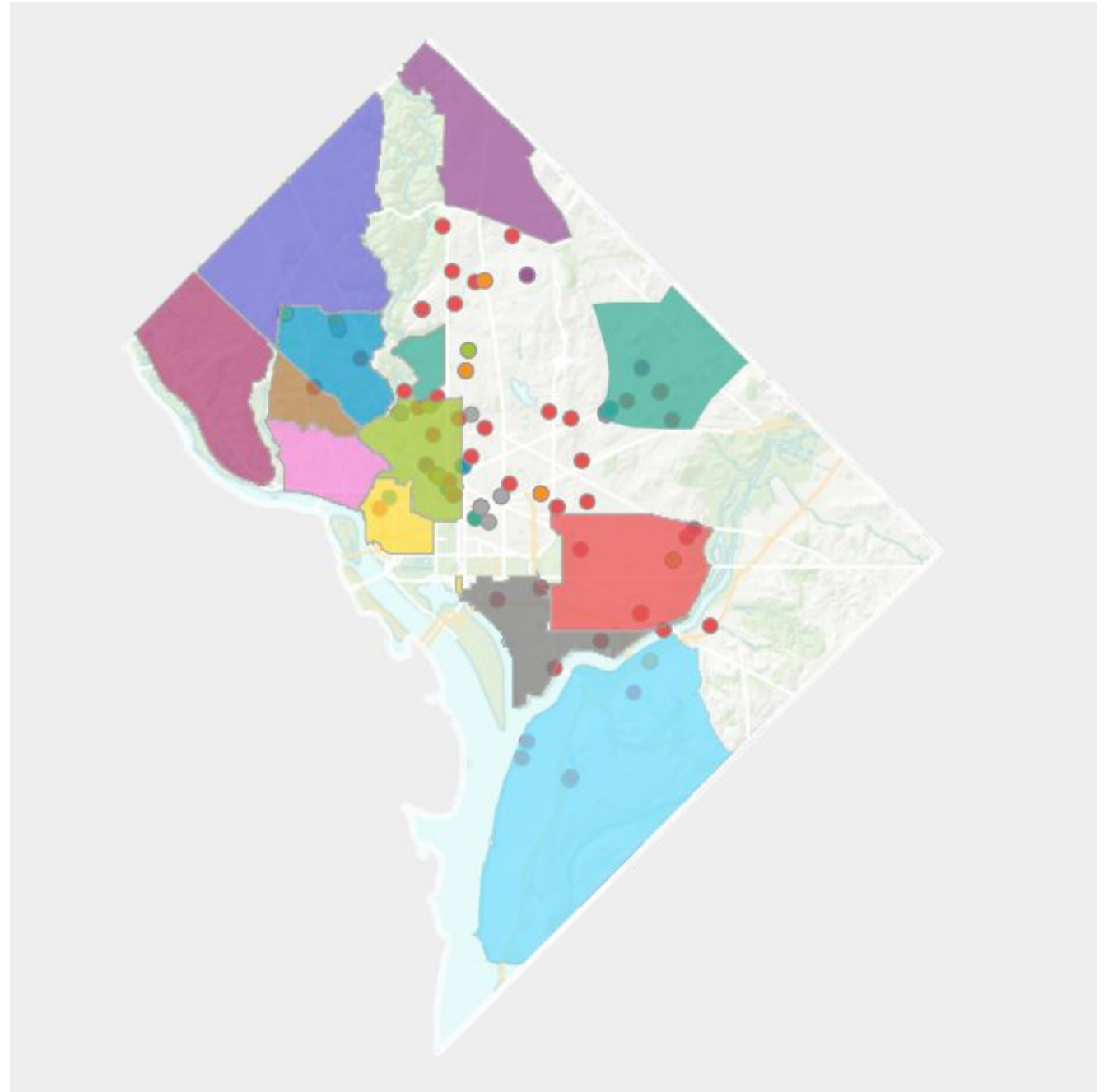


## 13 Villages in Washington, DC

- Total of 2,526 members, 688 active volunteers
- Mostly concentrated in wealthier neighborhoods
- Receive substantial funding from local DC government through its AAA



## **DC Villages' Collaborative Goals**

- **Improve policies, funding, and programs for older adults in DC**
- **Offer cross-Village programs and services to members of all participating Villages**
- **Help spread Villages and access to comparable services across DC**
- **Involve and serve a more diverse cross-section of DC's older adults**
- **Strengthen all DC Village Collaborative members**

# Challenges

- **Fear of change:** How will this affect our Village? Will we lose control?
- **Building consensus:** different Village sizes, budgets, structures (e.g., all volunteer vs. paid staff), *personalities*
- **Re-thinking “Villages”:** Accepting that the classic Village model (paid members and local volunteers) might not work in every community



# **Village Collaboration for Advocacy**

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# Virginia Villages Collective (VVC)

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Informal collaboration among 16 Virginia Villages

Purpose: enable more older Virginians to safely age in place

- Increase awareness of the benefits of the Village model
- Promote development of new Villages
- Foster growth and sustainability of existing Villages
- Maintain and grow partnerships with other organizations serving older Virginians and their caregivers

# Virginia Village Locations

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## Northern Virginia

**At Home in Alexandria**

Alexandria

**Arlington Neighborhood Village**

Arlington

**Fairfax Village in the City**

Fairfax City

**Herndon Village Network**

Fairfax County

**Lake Barcroft Village**

Falls Church

**Mount Vernon at Home**

Fairfax County

**Reston Useful Services Exchange**

Fairfax County

**Spring Hill Community Village**

Fairfax County

## Eastern Virginia

**Colonial Beach Village**

Westmoreland County

**Mathews PATH**

Mathews County

**Village Neighbors**

Chincoteague

## Central Virginia

**CvilleVillage**

Charlottesville

**Here to Stay Wintergreen**

Nelson County

**LOWLINC**

Orange County

**Rapp at Home**

Rappahannock County

**Valley Village**

Harrisonburg

# Problem to Solve

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- Include a pilot program to promote Village development in the State Plan for Aging Services
- Identify partners for Village formation and capacity building

# Identifying Partners

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- Reached out to senior Village leaders to form Steering Group
- Involved all Villages in the state for data collection and comment on documents
- All Villages were signatories on documents submitted to the state office on aging
- Collaborated with WAVE to communicate with Villages and engage mentor program



# Villages in the State Plan

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## 2023-2027 Virginia State Plan for Aging Services

Goal 4: Bolster awareness of, and increase access to, person-centered long-term services and supports.

***Objective 4.3 – Older Virginians have access to accessible, affordable, integrated, and safe housing in the community and across the continuum of long-term services and supports.***

***Strategy: Share information about Villages, which facilitate and support aging in place and in the community.***

# Strategies to Foster Village Development: Education

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VVC conducting Village outreach to:



# Strategies to Foster Village Development: Action

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- The 2021 Virginia Joint Commission on Health Care recommended a grant program to develop and expand community-based organizations such as Villages.
- **VVC 2023 proposal: A pilot program to expand and support Villages as a cost-effective strategy to complement and extend the work of AAAs and other community-based organizations in reaching underserved populations and combatting social isolation in older Virginians**



## **Two objectives:**

1. Support the formation of new Villages
2. Build the capacity of existing Villages