

THE
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
TRANSITION PLAN

prepared for

THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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The Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan

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The Township of West Windsor, Mercer County, New Jersey

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Mercer County
New Jersey

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Windsor

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Plan of the Township of West Windsor

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Township of West Windsor

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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) has as one of its basic requirements for compliance, the careful and detailed review of all structural elements for which a particular entity is responsible.

All structural modifications required under the ADA Act to ensure accessibility by disabled individuals must be completed by January 26, 1995.

The Transition Plan identifies those structures/structural features requiring modification. The Plan for the Township of West Windsor includes the following sections:

- Municipal Building Exterior (including parking & walkways)
- Municipal Building Interior
- Senior Center Interior/Exterior (including parking & walkways)
- Health and Recreation Trailer Exterior
- Public Works Facility
- Parks
- Public Walkways/Sidewalks
- Emergency Services Facilities

While the extent of facilities review went far beyond the contents of this Plan, only those structures/structural features that would require modification in accordance with the ADA Act are incorporated here. Therefore, it is to be assumed that those structures/structural features not addressed in the Transition Plan are in basic compliance with the ADA Act.

For the purposes of this Plan, discussion of non-structural changes is limited to those cases where there is a direct relationship with a structural element. Non-structural compliance violations include such things as unacceptable placement of certain furniture, trash and recycling receptacles, and the unacceptable arrangement/placement of items in storage areas.

All recommendations for non-structural changes to remedy a structural compliance violation are in accordance with the guidelines of the ADA Act permitting such alternative approaches to compliance.

SITE 1

Facility: Municipal Building/Exterior
Municipal Complex Site

Address of Facility: 271 Clarksville Road, P.O. Box 38, Princeton
Junction, New Jersey 08550

Public Services Offered at this Facility/Location:

Administrative services
Voter registration
Election information services
Tax collection
Utility collection
Tax assessment
Building and construction services
Municipal court services *
Violations bureau services *
Planning and zoning services
Emergency services
Police services *

* Temporary until construction of new police & court facility.

Structural Modifications Required for ADA Compliance of this Facility/Location:

1. Main Public Entrance Doors:

The main public entrance doors of the Municipal Building are not in compliance with the ADA Act. These doors must be replaced with either automatic doors or power-assist doors, such as those in place at the public entrance of the West Windsor Township Library.

2. Main Public Entrance Handicapped Access Ramp:

The wheelchair access ramp length and basic design is not in compliance with the ADA Act. The ramp exceeds the maximum ramp length permitted under the Act, and is a straight gradual incline without any intermittent level areas as required for ramp design under the Act. The placement of the curb cut for the existing ramp is at a 90° angle from the ramp entrance and is located fifty (50') ft. from the ramp entrance making it difficult to maneuver a wheelchair in this area.

The current ramp wooden handrail is not in compliance. The wooden handrail is not of the design required under the ADA Act.

3. Municipal Complex Parking (exclusive of Senior Center):

The municipal complex parking lot, including those spaces directly in front of the Library, but exclusive of the lot beside the Senior Center, contains 116 parking spaces. Currently, only three (3) of the 116 spaces are handicapped-designated.

In addition, the design of the current handicapped-designated spaces is not in compliance with the ADA Act. Therefore, existing spaces must be re-striped in accordance with the Act, and two (2) additional spaces designated, in accordance with the Act.

4. Employee Entrance:

While the employee entrance need not also be wheelchair-accessible, it must still meet other basic requirements under the ADA Act. The step entrance-way is generally in compliance with the exception of the wooden handrails. Stairway handrails must extend a specified distance beyond the top and bottom steps. The handrails at the employee entrance stairway begin and end at the top and bottom steps, with little or no extension. In addition, the wooden railings are not of the design required under the Act.

These handrails must be replaced.

5. Entrance on East Side:

The compliance conditions of the stepped entrance at this location are the same as those for the employee entrance. Therefore, similar handrail modifications will also be required at this location. In addition, the center oval wooden handrail must be replaced. Inner handrails of landings that double back must be continuous and not extend into the landing or path of travel.

6. Municipal Complex Sidewalks (excluding Senior Center area):

The Municipal Complex sidewalks require leveling in spots where fill material has been used in spaces separating individual sidewalk sections. Where this condition exists, the fill material creates a bump that presents an obstacle to easy maneuvering of wheelchairs.

The portion of the sidewalk extending from the Employee Entrance of the Municipal Building, around the front portion of the building, to the handicapped-access ramp presents another problem. The design of the slope and incline of the

sidewalk in this area could prevent ease of maneuverability of wheelchairs. Certainly, the transition from this sloped portion to the entrance of the access ramp is not designed for ease of maneuvering, and presents an obstacle to ramp access. Modifications to this site should be made in conjunction with the redesign of the basic ramp structure.

Ninety-degree turns in the sidewalk at various locations present another difficulty to those who are wheelchair-bound. A broadened and curved section of sidewalk in place of the ninety-degree angles would eliminate this obstacle to ease of maneuverability.

Deadline for Compliance: January 26, 1995

Comments:

The Municipal Building (exterior) and Municipal Complex itself was clearly designed with a sensitivity to the needs of disabled individuals. The basic design of structures indicate the intent to make the site and all of its facilities fully accessible. However, the ADA Act was formulated to correct deficiencies in designs even where there had been the intent to ensure accessibility. Therefore, modifications to the Municipal Building (exterior) and Municipal Complex Site sidewalks are required.

SITE 2

Facility: Municipal Building/Interior
Municipal Complex Site

Address of Facility: 271 Clarksville Road, P.O. Box 38, Princeton
Junction, New Jersey 08550

Public Services Offered at this Facility/Location:

Administrative services
Voter registration
Election information services
Tax collection
Utility collection
Tax assessment
Building and construction services
Municipal court services *
Violations bureau services *
Planning and zoning services
Emergency services
Police services *

* Temporary until construction of new police & court facility.

Structural Modifications Required for ADA Compliance of this Facility/Location:

1. Upper Level Reception Area/Counter:

The ADA Act provides guidelines for the height of "sales and service counters" for businesses. It is recommended that the counter at the reception area be considered a "service counter" for the purpose of compliance with the Act. While the entire counter need not be reduced in height, either a portion of the counter must be lowered to a maximum ADA Act Transition Plan of 36" above the floor, or an auxiliary counter in close proximity to the main counter must be provided. The auxiliary counter may not exceed 36" in height. A third option would be to install a folding shelf (not to exceed 36" from the floor) as an attachment to the main counter.

2. Upper Level Reception Area/Counter Panels:

The wooden swinging panels in place at the front reception area constitute an obstruction to certain disabled individuals, particularly those who are wheelchair bound. The panels themselves are not the problem, rather it is the rapid swinging action of the panels that would make it difficult through which to maneuver a wheelchair. Either the panels must be replaced or a non-swing action mechanism

installed to correct this problem.

3. Lower Level Reception Area/Counter:

The same conditions exist for the lower level reception area counter as exist for the upper level reception area counter. Therefore, similar remedial measures, as described previously, are required.

4. Lower Level Reception Area/Counter Panels:

The same conditions exist for the lower level counter panels as exist for the upper level counter panels. Therefore, similar remedial measures, as described previously, are required.

5. Courtroom/Acoustics:

The acoustics in the courtroom are poor and make it difficult for hearing-impaired individuals, particularly, to hear and understand all discussions. Further study of this situation will have to be carried out to determine the best approach to correct the problem. While the physical structure of the courtroom interior is the cause of the acoustical problems, further investigation of non-structural remedies (such as the use of amplifying microphones) must be carried out.

6. Courtroom/Stepped Platform:

The platform in the Courtroom is stepped and lacks a wheelchair accessible ramp. At least one side of each stepped section should have ramp access.

7. Violations Bureau:

The Violations Bureau window (for payment of fines/tickets) is 50 1/2" high. For the purposes of compliance, the Violations Bureau window should be considered a "business service window." Under the ADA standards for such windows, the maximum height permitted is 36" above the floor. The current window (from floor to ledge) is 50 1/2" high. There are two options available under the ADA Act to correct this situation:

- (1) An auxiliary counter with a maximum height of 36" in close proximity to the main counter, or
- (2) Provisions for equivalent facilitation are provided such as a folding shelf attached to the main counter

that is accessible.

8. Upper Level Women's Restroom:

The restroom door is heavy and would be awkward for a wheelchair-bound person to open and maneuver past. The door also must carry the international symbol of accessibility (6" x 6") with "WOMEN" mounted below. (The design of the sign must be in compliance with standards established in the ADA Act.)

The wall-mounted side grab bar beside the toilet is in compliance with ADA Act requirements. However, the second grab bar is moveable and does not conform to the ADA Act standards. In addition, the Act requires a fixed, grab bar of a minimum of 36" in length, wall-mounted behind the toilet. Currently, there is no grab bar in place behind the toilet.

The placement of the flush valve is not acceptable. The present flush valve is a standard tank-mounted valve. The ADA Act calls for a wall-mounted flush valve at a maximum of 44" above the floor on the "wide side" of the toilet area.

In addition, the height from the floor of the sink counter is 36", which exceeds the ADA maximum by 2".

The toilet seat cover dispenser (handle) is 69" from the floor, exceeding the ADA maximum by 21".

9. Upper Level Men's Restroom:

The restroom door is heavy and would be awkward for a wheelchair-bound person to open and maneuver past. The door also must carry the international symbol of accessibility (6" x 6") with "MEN" mounted below. (The design of the sign must be in compliance with standards established in the ADA Act.)

The toilet height from the floor is 23": this exceeds the ADA maximum height by 4". The height from the floor of the handicapped accessible urinal is 20": this exceeds the ADA maximum height by 1". The wall-mounted side grab bar beside the toilet is in compliance with ADA Act requirements. However, the second grab bar is moveable and does not conform to the ADA Act standards. In addition, the Act requires a fixed, grab bar of a minimum of 36" in length, wall-mounted behind the toilet. Currently, there is no grab bar in place behind the toilet.

The placement of the flush valve is not acceptable. The present flush valve is a standard tank-mounted valve. The ADA Act calls for a wall-mounted flush valve at a maximum of 44" above the floor on the "wide side" of the toilet area.

In addition, the height from the floor of the sink counter is 36", which exceeds the ADA maximum by 2".

10. Lower Level Women's Restroom:

The restroom door is heavy and would be awkward for a wheelchair-bound person to open and maneuver past. The door also must carry the international symbol of accessibility (6" x 6") with "WOMEN" mounted below. (The design of the sign must be in compliance with standards established in the ADA Act.)

The wall-mounted side grab bar beside the toilet is in compliance with ADA Act requirements. However, the second grab bar is moveable and does not conform to the ADA Act standards. In addition, the Act requires a fixed, grab bar of a minimum of 36" in length, wall-mounted behind the toilet. Currently, there is no grab bar in place behind the toilet.

The placement of the flush valve is not acceptable. The present flush valve is a standard tank-mounted valve. The ADA Act calls for a wall-mounted flush valve at a maximum of 44" above the floor on the "wide side" of the toilet area.

In addition, the height from the floor of the sink counter is 36", which exceeds the ADA maximum by 2".

The toilet seat cover dispenser (handle) is 65" from the floor, exceeding the ADA maximum by 17".

The sanitary napkin dispenser (coin slot) is 54" from the floor, exceeding the ADA maximum by 6".

11. Lower Level Men's Restroom:

The restroom door is heavy and would be awkward for a wheelchair-bound person to open and maneuver past. The door also must carry the international symbol of accessibility (6" x 6") with "MEN" mounted below. (The design of the sign must be in compliance with standards established in the ADA Act.)

The men's room has several compliance violations. The toilet height from the floor is 23": this exceeds the ADA

maximum height by 4". The height from the floor of the handicapped accessible urinal is 20": this exceeds the ADA maximum height by 1".

The wall-mounted side grab bar beside the toilet is in compliance with ADA Act requirements. However, the second grab bar is moveable and does not conform to the ADA Act standards. In addition, the Act requires a fixed, grab bar of a minimum of 36" in length, wall-mounted behind the toilet. Currently, there is no grab bar in place behind the toilet.

The placement of the flush valve is not acceptable. The present flush valve is a standard tank-mounted valve. The ADA Act calls for a wall-mounted flush valve at a maximum of 44" above the floor on the "wide side" of the toilet area.

In addition, the height from the floor of the sink counter is 36", which exceeds the ADA maximum by 2".

12. Interior Stairway at North Side (Employee Entrance Side):

The basic stairway design is in conformance with the ADA Act. However, the continuous and non-continuous handrails do not comply with ADA standards regarding minimum handrail extension beyond the top and bottom steps. Both handrails must extend 12" beyond the top step and 12" plus the tread width beyond the bottom step.

13. Interior Stairway at West Side (Public Entrance Side):

The basic stairway design is in conformance with the ADA Act. However, the continuous and non-continuous handrails do not comply with ADA standards regarding minimum handrail extension beyond the top and bottom steps. Both handrails must extend 12" beyond the top step and 12" plus the tread width beyond the bottom step.

14. Public Telephone/Main Public Entrance:

The public telephone is in general compliance with the ADA Act regarding height and location. However, the phone itself lacks an amplification feature for the hearing impaired.

15. Upper Level Water Fountain:

The basic design of the water fountain is not in compliance with the ADA Act. The location of the activating device, the fountain height and other dimensions are in violation.

16. Lower Level Water Fountain:

The basic design of the water fountain is not in compliance with the ADA Act. The most obvious violation is that the design does not provide clearance for wheelchairs.

17. Upper Level Copy/Supply Rooms:

The height of shelves located in the copy/supply rooms generally exceeds the height permitted under the ADA Act. While changes will have to be made in how storage space is used in the copy and supplies rooms, structural modifications will not be necessary.

Similarly, though maneuverability is limited in these rooms, structural modifications are not necessary. However, the supplies and furniture in these rooms will need to be reconfigured in accordance with "reach range" standards of the ADA Act.

18. Lower Level Copy Supply Room:

The lower level copy/supply room is very spacious and allows for easy maneuvering. There is also ample low-level storage space. While there are shelves about the maximum height permitted by the Act, structural modifications will not be necessary.

19. Interior Building Signs:

The design, location and positioning of all interior building signs designating permanent rooms and spaces require modifications for compliance with the ADA Act. This includes signs identifying conference rooms.

20. Upper Level Eating Area:

Many of the modifications required in this area are non-structural in nature. However, the height of wall-mounted cabinets and the height of the sink counter exceed the maximum heights permitted under the ADA Act and require modification to ensure equal access.

21. Lower Level Eating Area:

Many of the modifications required in this area are non-structural in nature. However, the shelf and sink counter heights are high and will require modification to ensure equal access.

Deadline for Compliance: January 26, 1995

Comments:

Structural non-compliance of the courtroom and violations bureau is not of great concern. The planned new police facility will house both the a new courtroom and violations bureau. All new construction will be required to be in full compliance with the ADA Act; therefore, incurring of expenses for significant structural modifications in either the courtroom or violations bureau are unwarranted.

Employees who work in these areas should be sensitive to the obstacles to accessibility that currently exist, so that every effort can be made to accommodate disabled persons to the greatest extent possible until the construction of the new facility.

SITE 3

Facility: Senior Citizen Center
Municipal Complex Site

Address of Facility: 271 Clarksville Road, P.O. Box 38, Princeton
Junction, New Jersey 08550

Public Services Offered at this Facility/Location:

Municipal Welfare
Social Services
Senior Services

Structural Modifications Required for ADA Compliance of this Facility/Location:

1. Handicapped - Access Ramp to Main Entrance:

The design of the ramp itself is in compliance with the ADA Act. However, because the ramp length exceeds six feet (6') and the rise exceeds six inches (6"), handrails on both sides of the ramp are required.

2. Double Doors to Main Entrance:

These doors are not in compliance with the Act; however, new motion-sensitive automatic-opening doors will be installed. ~~These doors have already been included in next year's budget.~~

3. Curb Cut (A) at Ramp Entrance:

This curb cut is not flush with the parking lot pavement, having a ledge of approximately 1/2" - 3/4". Paving of the Senior Center parking lot is still underway; therefore, this may be a problem that will be corrected upon completion of the paving. Follow-up will be required to determine the status of this project and its impact on the curb cuts.

4. Curb Cut (B) in front of Exterior Stairway:

The same conditions and circumstances exist for curb cut (B) as do for curb cut (A).

5. Curb Cut (C) in front of Senior Center:

The positioning of this curb cut is questionable as it offers access to and from the parking lot where there are no handicapped spaces in close proximity. The curb cut at this particular juncture would make it difficult to maneuver a wheelchair beyond since the curb cut causes a downward slope of the sidewalk (entire width) in this area and is located on a 90° turn. A person maneuvering a wheelchair around this sloped corner would find the one side of the wheelchair dropped substantially below the other side resulting in an overall unsteadiness. It may be necessary to remove this curb cut or widen the sidewalk at this corner so that the sloped walk due to the curb cut does not interfere with the overall accessibility of the sidewalk.

6. Women's Restroom/Handicapped Compartment

The handicapped compartment and its fixtures are generally in compliance with ADA guidelines. There are only three minor areas of concern: (1) the grab bars located to one side of the toilet and behind the toilet are 37" from the floor, this is one inch (1") higher than the permitted maximum under the ADA Act. (2) the height of the toilet from floor to top of seat is 20", which is one inch (1") higher than the maximum permitted under the ADA Act. (3) the flush lever is currently mounted on the toilet itself; the ADA guidelines call for a wall-mounted flush lever. The restroom door must carry the international symbol of accessibility (6" x 6") with "WOMEN" mounted below it. The design of the sign must be in compliance with the standards set forth in the ADA Act.

7. ~~Men's Restroom:~~

The basic restroom design, including the one stall area and sink area are in compliance with the ADA Act. The urinal height is one-half inch (1/2") higher than that permitted in the ACT. Also, the urinal flush valve is 44 1/2" from the floor -- 1/2" higher than that permitted by the Act. The restroom must carry the international symbol of accessibility (6" x 6") with "MEN" mounted below it. The design of the sign must be in compliance with the standards set forth in the ADA Act.

8. Kitchen:

The Senior Center kitchen has one wall-mounted cabinet: its height is 52" from the floor. The ADA Act calls for a maximum height of 48" from the floor of wall-mounted cabinets. The countertops and sink are 37" from the floor which exceed by 3" the 34" maximum height permitted in the ADA Act.

While these heights slightly exceed those permitted in the ADA Act, the kitchen itself is well-designed for use by wheel-chair bound individuals. The kitchen area is very open and spacious with the majority of cabinet space at a low and very accessible level.

9. Handicapped Designated Parking:

The finished parking area outside of the Senior Center must contain a proportional number of handicapped parking spaces. For example, a lot containing 26-50 spaces must have two (2) handicapped designated spaces. Upon completion of the paving and striping of the Senior Center lot, parking spaces must be designated. The parking space design of the handicapped-designated spaces shall be in accordance with the requirements of the ADA Act.

Deadline for Compliance: January 26, 1995

Comments:

The overall design of the Senior Center is very sensitive to the needs of disabled individuals. Modifications required to be made to this site are relatively minimal, with some likely to be made upon the completion of work still in progress.

SITE 4

Facility: Trailer - Health and Recreation Departments
Municipal Complex Site

Address of Facility: 271 Clarksville Road, P.O. Box 38, Princeton
Junction, New Jersey 08550

Public Services Offered at this Facility/Location:

Health Department: Marriage Licenses
Dog and Cat Licenses
Radon Kits
Health Dept. Permits (sewer/septic)

Recreation: Township Recreation Programs
Youth Activities
Adult Activities
Trip Programs

Structural Modifications Required for ADA Compliance of this
Facility/Location:

Comments:

The main entrance to the trailer which houses the health and recreation departments is inaccessible to disabled (wheelchair-bound) individuals. However, this does not present a compliance problem since the services provided at the trailer site can also be provided in the accessible Municipal Building. Providing services at an alternate accessible site in lieu of making structural modifications to an existing inaccessible site is permitted under the ADA Act.

Since the trailer building is intended to be a temporary structure, expenses should not be incurred to make structural modifications. However, employees must be made aware of the inaccessible nature of the building and should ensure that the needs of disabled individuals who need or desire health and/or recreation services are adequately addressed.

In addition, a qualified individual with a disability eligible for employment with the Township in a position currently located at the trailer site, must not be disqualified based on the limitations of that structure.

Facility: Public Works

Address of Facility: 70 Southfield Road, RD #1
Cranbury, N.J. 08512

Public Services Offered at this Facility/Location:

The Public Works facility is not a site from which service is provided directly to the public. Public services related to township road and sewer work is primarily generated from this site.

Structural Modifications Required for ADA Compliance of this Facility/Location:

1. Parking Area:

The parking area at the main entrance of the facility is unpaved and would prevent building access by certain disabled individuals, particularly the wheelchair-bound. In addition, individual parking spaces are not identified and, therefore, no handicapped spaces are designated.

2. Main Entrance to Office:

The door at the main entrance would constitute another obstacle to building access for the disabled. The high lip on the step at the base of the door would make it impossible to maneuver a wheelchair beyond.

3. Other Doorways within Building:

The design of doors found within this facility would make access difficult for certain disabled persons.

4. Women's Restroom:

The handicapped-access compartment requires the addition of a wall-mounted grab bar located behind the toilet, in accordance with the specifications of the ADA Act. The placement of the flush lever on the toilet tank does not comply with the Act; the lever must be mounted in an accessible location on the wide side of the compartment.

5. Men's Restroom:

The handicapped-access compartment requires the addition of a wall-mounted grab bar located behind the toilet, in accordance with the specifications of the ADA Act. The placement of the flush lever on the toilet tank does not

comply with the Act; the lever must be mounted in an accessible location on the wide side of the compartment.

Comments:

Other modifications required at this site are strictly non-structural in nature. Modifications to this site for compliance purposes should be of lower priority than those required at other sites, given the unique nature of this facility and given that direct public services are not provided at this site.

The non-compliant features of this site would have the greatest impact upon a qualified individual with a disability who may be eligible for employment at the site. In that event, the nature of the position may be examined and alternative work arrangements made for such an individual, should that be deemed appropriate.

SITE 6

Facility: Parks

Address of
Facility: West Windsor Township

Public Services Offered at this Facility/Location:

Recreation

Structural Modifications Required for ADA Compliance of this
Facility/Location:

1. Van Nest Park:

The Van Nest Park is basically inaccessible to disabled individuals. The unpaved parking lot, which lacks designated handicapped spaces, prohibits independent park access by certain disabled persons, particularly the wheelchair-bound. In addition, there are no walkways to and from the parking lot to the recreational areas of the park. Large wooden poles designating the boundaries of the parking lot are impossible to pass in a wheelchair.

The covered picnic area is on a raised platform lacking an access ramp. Other picnic tables and facilities are generally positioned in inaccessible locations.

Deadline for Compliance: January 26, 1995

Comments:

Improvements to the Van Nest Park site are proposed, and offer the potential for correcting handicapped-access deficiencies of the existing park. Any plans approved for park modification should be carefully examined to ensure that all features will comply with the requirements of the ADA Act.

2. Proposed Community Park:

All new construction is required to be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the ADA Act. Final approved plans for construction of the proposed community park must be examined carefully to ensure full compliance with the Act.

Deadline for Compliance:

Full compliance is required at the time the park, or any part thereof, is opened to the public for recreational use for which it is intended. Features required for compliance

have been incorporated in to the current design documents for the park.

3. Chamberlain Park:

This site currently lacks required curb cuts, designated handicapped parking spaces, and an accessible paved path to the park site.

Deadline for Compliance: January 26, 1995

4. Henderson Park:

This site also lacks required curb cuts, designated handicapped parking spaces, and an accessible paved path to the park site.

Deadline for Compliance: January 26, 1995

5. Ward Field:

This site lacks designated handicapped parking spaces and a paved access path to the field.

Deadline for Compliance: January 26, 1995

Site 7

Facility: Public Walkways/Sidewalks

Address of Facility: West Windsor Township

Public Services Offered at this Site/Location

Not applicable.

Structural Modifications Required for ADA Compliance of this Facility/Location:

1. Curb Cuts:

All crosswalk locations will require curb cuts designed in accordance with the Act, where they are not already in existence. Curb cuts which are flush with the street are required at all public walkways throughout the Township. In addition, existing curb cuts that are not flush with connecting streets must be notified. For example, sidewalks located along Edinburg Road do not have adequately designed curb cuts. Estimated cost: 40 intersections @ \$3,500.00 = \$140,000.00

2. Sidewalk Routing:

Sidewalk paths must be accessible (usable) by disabled individuals, including wheelchair-bound persons. The design of certain sidewalk systems within the Township may compromise the accessibility of the walkways. For example, "winding" sidewalk systems, such as those located along parts of South Mill Road and along the Weatherstone development on Southfield Road, may present an obstacle to easy maneuverability by the wheelchair-bound.

3. Signalized Intersections:

Pedestrian signal activation at handicapped accessible height may be required.

Deadline for Compliance: January 26, 1995

Comments:

Further detailed assessment of the sidewalk systems, curb cuts, and signalized intersections located throughout the Township will be required to determine all instances where compliance violations exist.

Deadline for Further Study: January 26, 1995

SITE 8

Facility: Twin "W" Rescue Squad Headquarters
Princeton Junction Firehouse
West Windsor Firehouse

Address of
Facility: West Windsor Township

Public Services Offered at this Site/Location:

Fire Prevention Services
First Aid Services

Structural Modifications Required for ADA Compliance of this
Facility/Location:

Deadline for Compliance: January 26, 1995

Comments:

Each of the emergency services facilities will require further detailed site studies to determine the existence and extent of ADA Act compliance violations. Currently, all three sites have main entrances that are inaccessible to varying degrees. Modification of the entrances to all three facilities, at a minimum, is required.

Should new facilities be constructed in the future to house any of these services, those facilities must be in full compliance with all applicable provisions of the ADA Act. Therefore, all final plans presented for approval should be carefully examined to ensure compliance prior to construction.

Deadline for Further Study: January 26, 1993


RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) became effective January 26, 1992 for all government employers; and
- WHEREAS, the ADA guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in the areas of employment, transportation, public accommodations, State and Local Government services and telecommunications; and
- WHEREAS, as one of its provisions, the American with Disabilities Act requires that all structures - public and private - be reviewed in detail for compliance with the Act to ensure accessibility by disabled persons; and
- WHEREAS, the findings of the review must be compiled into a Transition Plan ("the Plan"), identifying all areas of non-compliance which will require structural modification; and
- WHEREAS, all structural modifications required under the ADA Act to ensure accessibility by disabled individuals must be completed by January 26, 1995; and
- WHEREAS, the Transition Plan for the Township of West Windsor identifies those structures/structural features requiring modification; and
- WHEREAS, the Township of West Windsor shall assume financial responsibility for modifications required under the ADA for all sites for which it is directly responsible, which does not include those owned by others even though they receive funding from West Windsor; and
- WHEREAS, the Township of West Windsor shall seek financial assistance, where appropriate, from contractors, developers, etc., who may rightfully be required to share in the financial responsibility associated with ensuring structural compliance of the sites outlined in the Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that West Windsor Township does fully elect to approve the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan prepared for the Township of West Windsor.

Adopted: July 13, 1992

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted by the West Windsor Township Committee at their meeting held on the 13th day of July, 1992.



Barbara G. Evans
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township