

Draft Village of Romeoville Americans with Disabilities Act Facility Transition Plan August 2019

INTRODUCTION

Accessibility of Village buildings and recreational facilities is a priority of the Village of Romeoville. In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), the Village of Romeoville has developed this Facility Transition Plan. The Village recognizes the importance of remedy and fully intends to continually assess accessibility in any renovations and future developments. The modifications identified in the ADA Facility Transition Plan will take place over a period of years based on priority and available funding.

BACKGROUND

This Facility Transition Plan is based on comprehensive inventories and self-evaluations of buildings and recreational facilities owned by the Village of Romeoville. The inventories include the <u>ADA Buildings Transition Plan 2019</u> conducted by Dewberry and <u>The Romeoville Recreation Department Transition Plan prepared</u> by Accessibility Consultation and Training Services, Inc. Village Staff will utilize these documents to annually develop specific work prioritization plans for the Capital Improvement Plan and General Fund budgeting and work toward the completion of the inventoried items. This document serves as a supplement to the Village's Transition Plan for Public Rights of Way and Sidewalks.

ABOUT THESE DOCUMENTS

The Facility Transition Plan includes accessibility deficiencies within Village buildings and recreational facilities. The process of establishing two structured self-evaluation plans for projects began with the creation of spreadsheets compiling all locations/deficiencies, solutions and estimated costs.

The recreation projects were prioritized on four matters:

<u>Priority 1</u> (Highest Priority-from parking up to and though a door of a building or up to specific areas such as a picnic shelter, playground building, entrance, etc.). Removal of barriers related to elements such as or related to parking, sidewalks, drop-off area, accessible routes, curb ramps, surfaces, ramps, stairs, protruding objects, doors, entrances, etc.

<u>Priority 2</u> (From entrance of a building to different elements within the structure or within a specific area, such as a building's rooms, playground, garden, golf course, etc.). Removal of barriers to elements such as or related to accessible routes, protruding objects, ground and floor surfaces, ramps, stairs, lifts, elevators, signage, doors and entrances.

<u>Priority 3</u> (Within a restroom and shower area). Removal of barriers such as or related to accessible routes, water closet, toilet stalls, urinals, lavatories, shower stalls, toilet rooms, handrails, sinks and signage.

<u>Priority 4</u> (Lowest Priority-Elements not critical to participating in a program but noted in the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG)). Removal of barriers to elements such as or related to mirrors, drinking fountains, telephones, etc.

The buildings projects were evaluated also on four matters:

<u>Priority 1</u> High: Findings that have little or no cost, were in violation of the codes at the time of construction, or pose an imminent safety threat.

<u>Priority 2</u> Important: Findings that would remove barriers to the greatest number of people to goods and services.

<u>Priority 3</u> Moderate: Findings that have a high financial impact on the entity in relationship to the degree of access provided.

<u>Priority 4</u> Low: Findings that are technically violations but provide a moderate to low increase in accessibility compared to the financial impact to the entity.

The ADA Facility Transition Plan will be updated each year to show completion of work and to insert newly discovered conditions of non-compliance with 2010 ADA regulations. The timing of this review will coincide with the budget preparation cycle. A progress report will be published annually.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

The purpose of releasing the plan to the public is to garner public input. The Village staff will be responsible for making a recommendation to The Village Board on the Transition Plans. The timing of the next step, which is the adoption of the Plans, will be dependent on the comments received and the need to take further action.