

Appendix B: Equal Access in the City of Newton

A. COMMITMENT TO EQUAL ACCESS

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336, 1990) requires state and local governments to address the issue of accessibility for people with disabilities. It states that “...no individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity.”

The City of Newton is committed to adhering to the rules and regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and ensuring that public facilities, programs, services, and activities are accessible to all citizens. The City will make a concerted effort to provide equal access to its facilities to all citizens and not, through neglect or failure to act, deny its facilities to anyone.

The City of Newton seeks to provide open space that is accessible to all residents of the City. Open space within the City will include public recreation areas, public parks, and public conservation lands. Thus, the City will attempt to create accessibility to all its open space areas that are available to the public in as many of these park, recreation, and conservation areas as feasible, terrain permitting within geographic constraints, and within reasonable financial constraints.

The City will continually assess its open space areas and make on-going efforts to provide accessibility for people with disabilities in public lands that have public uses and that are not now accessible. The needs of each publicly supervised and maintained park, recreation area, and conservation area will be addressed with a goal of providing access to as many of these areas as possible. Access planning shall include accessible parking facilities, pathways, trails, play areas, signage, equipment, and toilet facilities so that, wherever possible, they will be readily available to, and usable by, individuals with disabilities.

B. REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF AN ADA SELF-EVALUATION REPORT

Part I: Administrative Requirements

Designation of an ADA/Section 504 Coordinator

The City of Newton hired its first part-time ADA/Section 504 Coordinator in 2013, based upon the findings of the Ramping Up Report and the recommendation of the Newton Commission on Disability. About a year later, recognizing that more hours are needed to devote to the updating of the Self-Evaluation and ADA/504 Transition Plan, in May of 2015, the city hired its first full-time ADA/504 Coordinator, Jini Fairley, who is currently in this position. A self-evaluation of the city’s parks, recreation areas, and conservation lands was undertaken and presented to the public in 2017. This Self-Evaluation is constantly updated as accessibility improvements continue and informs the updated ADA/Transition Plan, currently in draft. The 2011 Ramping Up Report: Planning for a More Accessible Newton remains a valuable resource. This report covers the accessibility framework and evaluates Newton’s implementing organizations. The City of Newton recognizes that in order to grow as a community, it needs the full participation of persons with disabilities. In order for this to happen, ongoing and improved accessibility must be provided.

Grievance Procedure

The Newton Disability Discrimination Grievance Procedure

This Grievance Procedure is established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act and the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board 521 CMR. It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in

employment practices and policies or the provision of services, activities, programs, or benefits by the City of Newton.

The complaint should be in writing (preferably email) and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number of complainant and location, date, and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint, will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request. The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than 60 calendar days after the alleged violation to:

Jini Fairley
ADA/Section 504 Coordinator
jfairley@newtonma.gov
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the complaint, the ADA coordinator will meet or speak with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting, the ADA coordinator will respond in writing, and, where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille, or audio tape. The response will explain the position of the City of Newton and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by the ADA coordinator does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or his /her designee may appeal the decision of the ADA coordinator, within 15 calendar days after receipt of the response, to the Mayor or his or her designee. Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the appeal, the Mayor or his or her designee will meet or speak with the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within 15 calendar days after the meeting with the Mayor or his or her designee, the Mayor will respond in writing, and, where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.

All written complaints received by the ADA/Section 504 coordinator, appeals to the Mayor or his or her designee, and responses from the ADA/Section 504 coordinator and Mayor or his or her designee will be kept by the City of Newton for at least three years.

Public Notification Requirements

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION POLICIES

Public Notice 2020

This notice is provided as required by the Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

In accordance with the ADA: The City of Newton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs, services, or activities.

The City of Newton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices.

Individuals who need auxiliary aids for effective communication in programs and services of the City of Newton are invited to make their needs and preferences known to the ADA Coordinator.

Questions, concerns, complaints, or requests for additional information regarding the ADA may be forwarded to the City of Newton’s ADA Coordinator:

Jini Fairley
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459
Phone: 617-796-1253
TDD: 617-796-1089
Email address: jfairley@newtonma.gov
Days/Hours Available:
8:30 am-5 pm Monday-Friday

This notice is available in large print, on audio tape, and in Braille, from the ADA Coordinator.

In addition, for all city-sponsored events, programs, meetings, and activities, the following Reasonable Accommodation statement is required to be included on all agendas, announcements, flyers, brochures, etc.

“The location of this meeting is wheelchair accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton’s ADA/Sec. 504 Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. The city’s TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.”

Participation of Individuals with Disabilities

The Newton Commission on Disability (formerly the Mayor’s Committee for Persons with Disabilities) has continuously and actively been addressing accessibility issues City-wide since its formation as a special mayoral committee in 1975. Many accessibility improvements have been implemented in public as well as in private facilities and buildings as a result. This Mayoral Committee became the Commission on Disability when the city adopted Ordinance Z-74, on January 18, 2011, and this Commission is organized under Chapter 40, 8J of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Part II: Program Accessibility – See C. and D. below.

Part III: Employment Practices

Any person having inquiries concerning the City of Newton's adherence to the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, or other civil rights laws should contact the Director of Human Resources at Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave, Newton, MA 02459, (617) 796-1260, or the ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Ave, Newton, MA 02459, (617) 796-1253.

ADA Statement - City of Newton

The City of Newton is committed to the fair and equal employment of all people. The City of Newton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, disability, genetic information or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era, Iraq War or Afghanistan War.

The City will follow applicable Federal and State guidelines and statutes as they relate to reasonable accommodation of individuals with disabilities and their capabilities to perform essential job duties. It is the policy of the City of Newton to reasonably accommodate qualified individuals with disabilities unless the accommodation would impose an undue hardship. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, accommodations will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities when such accommodations are directly related to performing the essential functions of a job, competing for a job, or to enjoy equal benefits and privileges of employment. This applies to all applicants, employees, and employees seeking promotional opportunities.

The City’s Employee Orientation Handbook

Americans with Disabilities Act

The City of Newton is committed to providing equal access to employment and educational/training opportunities for persons with disabilities. The City recognizes that individuals with disabilities may need reasonable accommodations to have equally effective opportunities to participate in or benefit from training/educational programs, services and activities, and to have equal employment opportunities.

The City of Newton adheres to all applicable federal and state laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as necessary to afford equal employment opportunity and equal

access to programs for qualified persons with disabilities. Questions regarding reasonable accommodations and/or discrimination on the basis of disability regarding employment should be directed to the Human Resources Department at 617-796-1260 or the City's ADA/504 Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at 617-796-1253.

The City's Collective Bargaining Agreement

4.01 As sole collective bargaining agent, the UNION will continue its policy of accepting into voluntary membership all eligible persons in the unit without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex, marital status, or disability as defined in the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA). The UNION will represent equally all persons without regard to membership, participation in or activities in the UNION.

4.02 The CITY agrees to continue its policy of not discriminating against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, disability, marital status or participation in or association with the activities of the UNION.

C. PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT ACCESSIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Facility Inventory

For all Parks, Recreation, and Culture Department parcels, a facility inventory is provided in **Section E**.

Priority Parcels

Parcels listed below are considered a priority for accessibility improvements by the PRC Department. More detail on each priority parcel can be seen in the ward breakdown below.

- Levingston Cove
- Officer Bobby Braceland/Newton Upper Falls Playground, Phase II
- McGrath Playground
- Rev. Ford Playground/ 70 Crescent Street
- Lyons Park
- River Street Playground

Parcels by Ward

Ward 1

1. **Stearns Playground**, Jasset Street (Nonantum): Using CDBG funds, the tennis court area was completely renovated along with an adjacent accessible route (dedicated "Alice Webber Walkway") from the neighboring low-income housing. In 2005 a master plan was prepared for this park that details a park-wide accessible pathway network and accessible amenities. Funded by ARRA, Phase A-2, the entire multi-age play area was renovated and made accessible in the Fall of 2010. Some cracked pathway segments remain to be repaved.
2. **Joanne C. Pellegrini Playground**, Hawthorn St. (Nonantum): In 2005 a master plan was prepared by a landscape architecture firm that outlined all proposed accessible pathways and amenities throughout the park. In 2008 a City-modified version of Phase I, the parking lot/seating area/pedestrian entrance, was funded by ARRA. Construction began Fall 2010 and was completed in Spring 2011. The existing field house building is accessible via a ramped entrance and the bathrooms (CDBG-funded) are also accessible. Phase II Improvements of the master plan included new play equipment with rubber surfacing, basketball half court, accessible water bubbler and lawn area, along with accessible route to each. A large shade shelter with picnic tables was also added onto an extension of the accessible route.
3. **Charlesbank Playground**, Nonantum Place (Newton Corner): While this park had an accessible entrance, all other elements within this small run-down, sloped pocket park, north of the Mass Pike, were

inaccessible. In 2008 a master plan was completed for this park, and the Commission on Disability committed \$30,000 toward a new ramped and railed entrance. A landscape architect developed construction documents for the rehabilitation of the entire park. Funded by CDBG, construction of Phase I improvements was completed in the Fall of 2010. Phase II Improvements, a priority of the Newton Corner Advisory Board, consisting of a retaining wall with fencing and accessible sidewalk, was completed in 2012.

4. **Boyd Park Playground**, Jackson Road (adjacent to Lincoln Eliot School, N. Corner): A CDBG funded project provided for an accessible path to the basketball court, play structure area, and water bubbler. There is one accessible parking space in the school lot with curb cut that leads to a path into this portion of the park. A path extending from the playground to the ball fields has been paved. Boyd Park has no field pathways.
5. **Hunnewell Playground**, Grasmere Rd. (Newton Corner): Hunnewell Playground is not accessible; there are no paths, and it would be difficult to make it accessible as the Grasmere entry is steeply sloped with steps. It ranks low on the list due to the low usage of the park, although a fenced off-leash dog area has been added here with access from Brighton.
6. **Carleton Park** Carleton Street (Newton Corner): This is a small, .1-acre level pocket park with low usage. The Newton Corner Advisory Group hired a landscape design and construction firm to design a master plan for the park. The group then voted to spend \$5000 for Phase I and another \$8000 for Phase II construction. The rehabilitation of this small neighborhood pocket park is complete.
7. **Coletti-Magni Park**, Watertown Street, (Nonantum): Using CDBG funds, this entire park and adjacent sidewalk has been renovated, making it fully accessible with paths throughout the park, an accessible water bubbler, a curb cut and crosswalk at the corner of Watertown Street and Bridge Street.
8. **Richard J. Forte Park**, California Street (Nonantum): Forte Park is accessible with perimeter stone dust pathway/life course, accessible parking spaces with corresponding curb cuts and accessible water bubbler. The stone dust perimeter pathway has worn down over time. There are plans to restore the stone dust path in the near future. The park abuts DCR's Charles River Pathway.
9. **Farlow and Chaffin Parks**, Eldredge Street, (Newton Corner): There is a new play structure near Underwood School that is on an accessible route. The play structure is also accessible. There are accessible pathways throughout both these parks. Farlow Tot Lot was constructed by the community, and it, too, is accessible. Recently, a new accessible pedestrian bridge was constructed over the restored historic pond basin area using a combination of CPA and CDBG funds and an accessible route with bench and companion pad were added at the path from Eldredge Street.
10. **Burr Park**, 142 Park Street, (Newton Corner): Burr Park in Newton Corner has citywide usage, with Bigelow Middle School, a preschool, and summer camps all frequent users. Accessibility has been improved from the Park Street side and the driveway, turnaround, and parking area on Waverley Ave. recently completed by the City. Still needed is an accessible parking space on Park Street and an accessible route from the Waverley Ave. sidewalk into the park. An accessible spray pad has been added to this park behind the building.

Ward 2

1. **Cabot Park**, Eastside Parkway (Newtonville): This heavily used 11.6-acre park is largely inaccessible and would benefit from an accessibility plan to provide accessible routes to the other amenities in the park. In 2019, two new accessible pathways were added to run east-west from Eastside Parkway to the recently rebuilt Cabot School and its new play structures. Any existing paths are in poor condition and do not connect to the other park facilities. A segment of sidewalk was added by the off-leash dog area at the northern end of the park.

2. **Horace Mann School** (formerly Carr School), Nevada Street (Newtonville): While this building has been used as a swing space, permanent residence has now been given to the Horace Mann School. The front and rear entries and play structures are accessible but the park that abuts the school has limited paths. Plans are in the works for new play structures.
3. **Russell J. Halloran Sports Complex**, Albermarle Road (Newtonville): The play area, community classroom (and its gazebo) and Gath pool are all accessible along Albemarle Road. The pool has a lift for people with physical disabilities. Rubber surfacing has been added to the pool decking. The sidewalk running the length of the park helps make this park, which is heavily used, accessible for people with disabilities. The facility also has accessible parking spaces near the pool, near the play area and community classroom.
4. **Bullough's Pond Park** (Newtonville): The stone dust pathway halfway around the pond park perimeter is accessible, as well as the new pondside seating area, formerly the foundation of the skate house that was once present.
5. **Newton North High School**, Walnut Street, (Newtonville): The school and its grounds have all been designed and constructed to meet current accessibility standards.
6. **Edmands Park**, Blake Street, (Newtonville): This is a large natural wooded open space used for passive recreation; also heavily used by dog owners. Dramatic grade changes and the naturalization of the area over time have rendered the open space inaccessible. Such constraints make it impossible to retrofit the area to meet current accessibility standards.

Ward 3

1. **Richard J. McGrath Playground**, aka Warren Playfields, 1600 Washington Street (West Newton): This park is mostly inaccessible, except for the newly restored southeast corner that consists of an accessible route that runs from accessible parking spaces to three new tennis courts and a fenced off-leash dog area with stone dust surfacing, adjacent to Washington Street. It is a large 10-acre park, primarily used for active recreation, with an adjacent parking area that would benefit from a perimeter access route. The park ranks high in accessibility needs due to the adjacent housing facility, which includes housing for the elderly and people with disabilities.
2. **Tom Torchia Playground** (aka Davis Playground), Eden Street, (West Newton): The playfield is not accessible as there are no paths, but opportunities exist to create accessible routes.
3. **Franklin School Playground**, Derby Street (West Newton): Play apparatus at the school is not accessible and the limited paths to the playfields make for difficult access. Both playgrounds adjacent to the school are not accessible.
4. **River Street Playground**, River Street, (West Newton): In 2004, CDBG funds went toward improvements at this small .5-acre playground that included an accessible entrance, bench and pathway. The play structure is not accessible. The swings are accessible.
5. **Wellington Playground**, Kilburn Road, (West Newton): Accessible tennis and basketball courts, benches, drinking fountain and pathways have been completed using Community Preservation Act funds. An additional pathway along the border garden was added using CDBG funds. One of the park's 3 entrances is not accessible.
6. **West Newton Common**, Elm Street, (West Newton): Accessible path to the play structure planned and to be completed in 2020.

Ward 4

1. **Auburndale Park** (aka The Cove), West Pine Street (Auburndale): Auburndale Park, "The Cove," on the banks of the Charles River, is heavily used for picnics, summer concerts, ice-skating in the wintertime

and many other passive and active recreational activities. New play structures have been added on an accessible route, and a new fully accessible area with fitness stations has been added alongside the parking lot. A design to rehabilitate DCR's Marty Sender Path starting at Lyons Park and leading through the wooded area of The Cove is currently underway and is to be constructed using CDBG funds during the Fall of 2020.

2. **Lyons Park**, Commonwealth Ave (Auburndale): DCR's Marty Sender Path extends from Islington Rd. to the Cove and then to the City of Waltham line. Access to the Little League field from Comm. Ave. is steep, and while there are stairs and a vehicular ramp, no accessible route for pedestrians exists. Recently, state funds have been granted for the design and construction of an accessible route. The area is currently undergoing a field survey. An accessible entrance and path connecting parcel trails and parking areas to the concession and restrooms are planned.
3. **Lower Falls/Hamilton**, 545 Grove Street (Lower Falls): While there is an accessible route to the building, front and back, the fields and tennis courts lack an accessible route. Recently, the play structure has been made accessible.
4. **Peirce School Playground**, 170 Temple Street (West Newton): There are limited paths to the playfields. Behind the school, in the courtyard, there is play equipment that needs an accessible route from the school building's parking lot. The new play structures are fully accessible with rubber surfacing and an accessible route.
5. **Burr School Playground**, 171 Pine Street, (Auburndale): The school has accessible parking spaces and paths. The play equipment is also accessible.
6. **Williams School**, 141 Grove Street, (Auburndale): There's an accessible pathway around the playfield. The play structure is accessible.
7. **Reverend Louis E. Ford Playground/70 Crescent St**, Curve Street (West Newton): Difficult to find, this underutilized playground is not accessible and serves mostly as a tucked away neighborhood playground with no paths. A route through the abutting Eversource electric substation is in the design phase.

Ward 5

1. **Cold Spring Park** (New Cold Spring & Old Cold Spring), Beacon Street (Ward 5): New Cold Spring Park has citywide usage for tennis, basketball, soccer, softball and lacrosse and is extremely popular. Also 17 days a year the Farmers Market sited there can draw hundreds of people over the course of a day. An accessible route around the tennis courts, connects the far side parking to the Farmers Market area. Currently there are no paths through or around the fields and basketball court making those facilities inaccessible. In 2008 the City paved a short accessible route into the park from the Beacon St. sidewalk to improve access to the Farmers Market. Reconstruction of portions of the Life Course trail at Old Cold Spring is set for Spring and Summer of 2020. The trail system is not accessible due to topography and natural obstacles. One field area is currently the City's largest off-leash dog area and one area is a ballfield. There are no accessible pathways to these amenities.
2. **Emerson Playground**, 45 Pettee Street (Upper Falls): The playfields are not accessible and need to be done. Funded by a state grant, the play structure area was fully renovated with and made accessible with an accessible route, new equipment, benches and rubber surfacing. The basketball court, too, was made accessible. The adjacent housing facility and the number of senior programs run by the recreation department at this site make it a high priority.
3. **Hyde Park Playground**, Lincoln Street, (Newton Highlands): Playfield and new play structures, renovated in 2019, have accessible routes and an accessible picnic table. There is one accessible checkerboard table. The Hyde Playground/Taiwan Garden area on Lincoln Street, constructed fall 2010, has an accessible route and benches.

4. **Newton Upper Falls Playground** (aka Officer Robert Braceland Playground) Chestnut Street (Upper Falls): This is a largely inaccessible park. A master plan for this park was completed in 2008 that addressed the need to make the entire park accessible. Phase 1A of the master plan included the reconstruction of the two (2) tennis courts, and addition of an accessible pedestrian entry with benches and a re-lined parking lot with two (2) van accessible spaces was completed spring 2012, and a crosswalk at Chestnut Street was also added. The park has an unfenced off-leash dog area at the lower tier of this park. A short, paved accessible route is planned for access to the play equipment from Pennsylvania Street.
5. **Warren Lincoln Playground**, Montclair Street (Waban): There are no paths in this park. The community built a play area alongside the ballfield. An accessible route was explored; however, topography deemed this intervention unfeasible.
6. **Angier School**, 1697 Beacon Street, (Waban): The school was recently replaced with an all new building and accessible play areas.
7. **Zervas School**, 30 Beethoven Street, (Waban): The school was recently replaced with an all new building and three different accessible play areas.
8. **Richardson Playground**, Allen Ave (Waban): The play area is scheduled to be rebuilt. The playground and fields are not accessible.

Ward 6

1. **Newton Centre Playground**, Tyler Terrace (Newton Centre): Newton Centre Playground is a 17-acre heavily used historic, designed park with difficult access issues related to its topographic limitations. The park is used for city-wide events, summer camps, nearby preschools and the Mason-Rice elementary school and its aftercare program. One segment remains to be completed for accessibility improvements at this park from the Little League ballfield to the senior league ballfield and the universal play area. The Hut Recreation Facility on Tyler Terrace is inaccessible from all directions; there is no accessible parking related to the building.
2. **Newton Highlands Playground** (AKA Joseph Lee Playground), Dedham Street (Newton Highlands): This formerly largely inaccessible park with no paved pathways was completely rehabilitated 2014-2016, based on a 2008 master plan. The project, including an accessible pathway system throughout, was both CPA and CDBG-funded. The parking lot has accessible spaces including one for a van. One last piece of the remains undone, a pre-fab support building designed to house accessible restrooms and storage.
3. **Thompsonville Playground**, Langley Path (Thompsonville): The park, adjacent to Bowen School, is set lower than the street, lacks accessible pathways, though the play structure at Bowen School is accessible. .
4. **John W. Weeks Playground**, Locksley Road (Newton Centre): This heavily used park would benefit from an access study and plan; there are no pathways. A short, accessible path to the tot lot has been planned and due for installation in the Spring/Summer 2020.
5. **Crystal Lake**, Rogers Street, (Newton Highlands): A Master Plan titled *Crystal Lake Bathhouse Public Park Task Force Master Plan* was completed for the bathhouse, its site, the adjacent park, the newly acquired shoreline easement of 230 Lake Avenue is intended to connect the bath house to Levingston Cove. The *Plan* contemplates a range of accessibility upgrades commensurate with the high intensity use of the site. Refer to Levingston Cove, below.
6. **Mason-Rice Playground**, 149 Pleasant Street (Newton Centre): There is an accessible play area alongside the new school-age playground that is accessible. The accessible pathway has been completed per the Newton Centre Playground master plan. The existing basketball court has been renovated and includes

two adjustable hoops that provide varying heights for multiple abilities and small path to access the court surface.

7. **Louise Levingston Cove**, Rogers Street, (Newton Highlands): This lakeside park has a stabilized stone dust path with benches that has eroded over time. This lakeside park is currently in design development and will be renovated so that amenities are made accessible.
8. **Cronin's Cove**, Lake Ave. (Newton Centre). : This lakeside park on the north side of Crystal Lake is to be revisited for accessibility assessment.

Ward 7

1. **Ward School Playground**, 10 Dolphin Road, (Newton Centre): No pathways connect the playfields in the adjacent park and the school. Accessible water bubbler area was designed and donated by the Parent Teacher Organization. Other amenities are not accessible.
2. **Webster Field**, Warren Street, (Newton Centre): This is a natural open space lawn area with wooded perimeter, adjacent to Webster Conservation Area. There are no pathways and minimal parking.
3. **Heartbreak Hill Park @ Waban Hill Reservoir**, Ward Street, (Chestnut Hill): This is a 5-acre park that formerly served as an MWRA reservoir that fed the Boston water system. The site is currently under construction and set for completion in Spring of 2020. The new park provides ¼ mile, accessible loop path around the top of the reservoir dam, code compliant stairs, one accessible parking space, concrete plaza with reclaimed granite from existing stairs, and limited site seating with companion pads.

Ward 8

1. **Newton South High School**, 140 Brandeis Road, (Newton Centre): The soccer field, artificial turf football field, track, and stadium seating are all accessible. A restrooms/concession building has been built to current accessibility standards.
2. **Charles E. Brown & Oak Hill Middle School**, Wheeler Road (Newton Center): The School site needs accessible pathways connecting to its playfields and subsequently to Newton South High School fields.
3. **Countryside School**, 191 Dedham Street, (Newton Highlands): Play area is not accessible. An accessible route to the ball field would be beneficial.
4. **Memorial Spaulding Playground**, 250 Brookline Street (Newton Centre): New play structure is accessible, but an accessible route is needed. Fields need accessible routes, too.
5. **Solomon Schecter Memorial Playground**, Stein Circle (Newton Centre): The playground has accessible perimeter pathways. Accessibility within the play structures is forthcoming.
6. **Nahanton Park**, Nahanton Street (Newton Highlands): Florrie's Pathway is an accessible riverside pathway. There is an accessible route through the woods connecting both halves of the park; a new accessible parking space and pathway segment was constructed fall 2010.
7. **Kennard Park**, Dudley Road, (Newton Centre): Natural open space with accessible Parks, Recreation and Culture headquarters. Passive recreation area with low usage; all inaccessible.

D. CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCESSIBILITY PROGRESS REPORT

Improvement Goals

The Newton Conservation Commission Management Plan states the following:

- Management Goals: Provide universal accessibility to a variety of habitats in selected areas where feasible. (para 2.b.)
- Maintenance Goals and Policies: For accessibility, maintain compliance with ADA requirements – keeping to ADA minimums where it benefits environment/natural conditions. (para 1.f.)

Progress since 2014

Despite many challenges to overcome in providing accessibility in natural areas, improvements have been made since the 2014-2020 OSRP at the Dolan Pond Conservation Area, and upkeep to maintain accessibility has continued at Houghton Garden.

- **Dolan Pond Conservation Area:** The boardwalks were improved with an accessible ramp, allowing access to the natural trail that runs alongside Dolan Pond.

A review of all Conservation Areas in 2019 found that terrain limits the ability to create accessible trails and parking at most sites. Where general public use could be improved, there are often constraints associated with topography, construction costs, and the need to minimize disruption of sensitive natural areas. As a result of this review, it was determined that further improvements can still be made to allow access from the new ramp to the accessible ramp providing access to the Dolan Pond overlook. This will involve moderate grading changes and new surfacing materials for the section of existing trail between the boardwalk ramp and the overlook ramp and continuing on to the Auburndale Ave trailhead.

In 2020, two additional areas have been designated for accessibility improvements and will be further reviewed to identify, design, and implement specific accessibility measures suitable to these locations:

- **Charles River Pathway at Williams St.**
The Charles River Pathway Conservation Area and Restriction currently provides a short, level, wood-chipped trail, adjacent to the Charles River. Separated from the densely developed area, and heat island, of Needham Street, this parcel provides a great opportunity to provide additional accessible open space resources to an EJ community. Improvements needed at this parcel include root removal, resurfacing with stone dust/dense grade, and increasing trail width in select locations where turnarounds and passing areas are needed. Trail head improvements should include resurfacing and curb removal to allow for level access from the street.
- **Norumbega Conservation Area**
Norumbega Conservation Area currently provides a large, level loop trail around a now shrub-filled old field, spotted with specimen trees. The trail is currently wood-chipped. As one of the few level trails in Newton's Conservation Areas, this parcel provides a uniquely easy opportunity to provide an accessible trail as the only improvement needed is conversion of the trail surface to stone dust/dense grade. Parking improvements could be made to the Woodbine Rd. trailhead, but the majority of the parcel's use comes from the surrounding neighborhood residents.

Many of the Conservation areas are unsuitable for access because they are hilly, rocky, rooted, and/or wet, or they serve as sanctuaries for the benefit of wildlife, and access by the general public is not appropriate. However, the Conservation Commission will continue to assess the areas under its jurisdiction and develop access improvements where feasible and subject to availability of financial resources.

E. PRC AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION FACILITY INVENTORIES

Facility Inventory: Parks, Recreation and Culture Department Managed Parcels

Below (**Table 19**) is a summary of the accessibility features of every parcel of land under the care and custody of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department. The complete facility inventory, as of 2021, can be found online in **Appendix D** at <http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/lrplan/os/default.asp>.

There are both PDF and Excel versions of the document uploaded for accessibility, but if there are any issues, please reach out to concom@newtnoma.gov. As part of Action 61 (**Section 9: Seven Year Action Plan**), the staff of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department will be working throughout the first 2-3 years of this Plan’s duration to continue expanding on the full facility inventory found in **Appendix D**.

Table 19. Parks, Recreation and Culture Department Managed ADA Facility Inventory				
Facility Name	Ward	Location	Facility Size (acres)	Current Accessibility Notes
Albemarle Field 'Russell J. Halloran Sports and Recreation Complex'	2	250 Albemarle Road, Newtonville (Adjacent to Day Middle School and Horace Mann Elementary School)	24.9	Accessible playground area (3-5-yr & 5-12-yr), raised planters & gazebo near Horace-Mann (future Newton Early Childhood); ballfield bleachers, tennis courts, basketball courts, field house on accessible route; Albemarle Rd. sidewalk runs the length of the park; accessible on-street parking near playground and pool; includes the wooded Avery Estate (not accessible).
Angier School Playground	5	1697 Beacon Street, Waban	4.7	Recent school rebuilt and accessible play equipment areas in 2016; no accessible pathways in the field area.
Auburndale Park “The Cove”	4	West Pine Street, Auburndale	29.9	Accessible asphalt pathway to picnic area, and fieldhouse. Portions of stone dust path through undeveloped wooded area to Waltham and Flowed Meadow are accessible; tot lot is accessible; 5-12 play apparatus required accessible path; fitness equipment stations on accessible route; accessible parking lot; acreage includes contiguous Lyons Park.
Bobby Braceland Playground	5	Chestnut Street, Newton Upper Falls	8.8	Van accessible parking spaces, accessible park entry and route to tennis courts and benches constructed in 2012; no accessible pathways at ballfields, off-leash dog area, tot lot and basketball court.
Boyd Park	1	Jackson Road, Nonantum	4.8	Accessible parking at the Lincoln-Elliot School; accessible pathway to courts; steep stairs down from Pearl St; playfield and softball field have no accessible pathways (including the portion in Watertown). Park bisected by Watertown and Newton city line.
Bullough’s Pond Park	2	Bullough Park	1.4	On-street parking; sloped, perimeter park along pond shore; stone dust sidewalk running the length of the park on Bulloughs Park Rd. is not accessible; skating hut demolished in 2017. Sitting area accessible from on-street parking with two benches and companion space on a concrete outlook constructed from the existing skating hut foundation in 2018.

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Burr Playground	1	Waverly Ave. or Park Street, Newton Corner (across from Bigelow Middle School)	5.1	Accessible pathways to the building and splash pad from both Park St. and Waverly Ave.; accessible splash pad constructed in 2017; Play structures are not accessible; Burr Playground serves Bigelow Middle School.
Burr School Playground	4	171 Pine Street, Auburndale	10.0	Accessible outdoor classroom; accessible route to playground area.
Cabot Park	2	101 Eastside Parkway, Newtonville	11.6	Sidewalk along Eastside Pkwy provides accessibility to tennis courts and off-leash dog area.; no accessible pathways in the park; no accessible route connecting amenities; 2019 Cabot School Construction added two accessible pathways to the park, connecting the school playground to Eastside Pkwy.
Cabot School Playground	2	101 Eastside Parkway, Newtonville	11.6	2019 school construction included accessible play structures, basketball court, and other schoolyard pavement games; new path connections to new sidewalk and curb ramps at Eastside Pkwy.
Captain Ryan Park	3	Washington Street and Cherry Street, West Newton	0.4	Small passive pocket park; accessible pathways with benches.
Carleton Park	1	Carleton Street, Newton Corner	0.1	The city's smallest park; level lawn area; no on-street parking; accessible stone dust seating area with benches and picnic table; amenities are accessible from sidewalk.
Chaffin Park	1	Corner of Vernon Street and Centre Street, Newton Corner	0.75	Paved accessible asphalt path from Centre St. and Vernon St. corner through park to Farlow Park tot lot and its pathways; contiguous to Farlow Park.
Charles Brown and Oak Hill Middle Schools Playfields	8	Wheeler Road, Newton Centre	11.3	Ballfields and soccer fields; no accessible pathways to or within field areas.
Charlesbank Park	1	Nonantum Place, Newton Corner	0.5	Small pocket park; accessible route with ramp to benches and picnic table and new accessible play equipment area.
City Hall & War Memorial Grounds	6	1000 Commonwealth Avenue	10.0	Stone dust pathways loop around the ponds and lead to parking; stone dust path and historic pond bridges in need of accessibility improvements including curb cuts; City Hall grounds include Millennium Park on Homer St. which is accessible and leads to the building's accessible entrance; accessible concrete sidewalk around the building and grounds.
Clafin Playground	2	Lowell Avenue, Newtonville	1.2	Small level grassy area with wooded slope and stairs to Oak Cliff Rd.; sidewalk and entrance at Lowell Ave.; no accessible pathways within the park; current off-leash area; used for sledding; formerly Clafin School.
Cold Spring Park	6	Beacon Street, Newton Highlands (main entrance)	65.0	Accessible parking and path around tennis courts and to seasonal Farmers Market from Beacon St.; portions of the trail through the woods are accessible; outdoor exercise equipment is not accessible; steep paved maintenance road with pedestrian access into the park from Duncklee street not accessible; off-leash area and ballfield not accessible; Acreage includes Old Cold Spring Park and New Cold Spring Park; adjacent to Zervas Elementary School; includes portions of the Cochituate aqueduct.

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Coletti-Magni Park	1	Corner of Watertown Street and Bridge Street., Nonantum	4.6	Accessible pathways w/benches and bus stop; new Watertown St. crosswalk at Bridge St. corner.
Countryside School Playground	8	191 Dedham Street, Newton Highlands	2.0	No accessible pathways in the playfield and play structure area.
Cronin's Cove	6	Lake Avenue, Newton Highlands	0.5	Steps down from street to a sloped, inaccessible path w/benches; no accessible entrance; access to Crystal Lake shoreline and canoe launch.
Crystal Lake Park	6	30 Rogers Street, Newton Highlands	Park area: 2.0 Crystal Lake: 24.0	Parking lot currently not accessible; portions of the bathhouse are accessible; steep slope down to the lake beach area; a ramp from the bathhouse to beach area is not accessible; accessible dead-end stone dust pathway runs behind 230 Lake Ave. to Levingston Cove; asphalt sidewalk along Rogers St. constructed in 2016; acreage breakdown: bathhouse and parking lot: .7 acres; newly acquired 20 Rogers: 1.0 acre; portion of 230 Lake Avenue plus easement behind house: .2 acres.
Davis 'Tom Torchia' Playground	3	Eden Street, West Newton	2.0	Softball field with no accessible route, basketball court and playground with accessible route from the 'Family access parking lot; accessible pathway from Eden Ave. sidewalk; no curb ramp at entrance; accessible playground area with splash pad; formerly the Davis School.
Edmands Park	2	Blake Street, Newtonville	32.6	Large, natural, wooded area with meadow and uneven dirt trail throughout; unofficial off-leash dog area; park is inaccessible.
Education Center Playground	2	Walnut St., Newtonville	1.5	Small raised playground area still exists but most play equipment has been moved; playground is inaccessible.
Eliot Memorial Park	7	Eliot Memorial Road, Newton Centre	0.2	historic memorial overlook area; not accessible.
Elmwood Park	2	Lowell Avenue and Elmwood Avenue, Newtonville	1.5	large, rectangular-shaped traffic island; trees, shrubs and lawn only; no pathways; two new benches in lawn area; not accessible.
Emerson Playground	5	Pettee Street, Newton Upper Falls (adjacent to Emerson Community Center)	1.0	no internal pathways on the playfield; accessible playground area with poured in place safety surfacing; accessible pathways and benches; accessible picnic table; accessible basketball court; accessible parking in adjacent building lot; adjacent to Emerson Community Center.
Farlow Park	1	Corner of Eldredge Street and Church Street, Newton Corner	5.0	accessible parking space in adjacent pkg lot on Vernon St.; renovation of the pond, accessible pathway and pedestrian bridge constructed in 2018. Accessible play area constructed in 2017; bench with companion pad along accessible route.
Franklin School Playground	3	125 Derby Street, West Newton	2.7	Accessible path to playground area and basketball court; tot lot is not accessible; playfield has no accessible pathways.
Hamilton Playground (aka Lower Falls)	4	545 Grove St. (Lower Falls Community Center)	4.3	Accessible play apparatus area constructed in 2013; level sidewalk circumvents playfield; no internal pathways; Lower Falls Community Center building accessible with lift and accessible parking; formerly Hamilton School.

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Harry Gath Memorial Pool and Bathhouse	2	250 Albemarle Road, Newtonville	building	Interior renovation in 2013 included: updated accessible bathrooms, accessible pool deck, and pool accessible with lift access; accessible bubbler; kiddie pool not accessible; adjacent fieldhouse is accessible; on-street parking on Albemarle Rd.
Heartbreak Hill Park @ Waban Hill Reservoir	7	Manet Road, Chestnut Hill	5.1	Full renovation of the park constructed in 2019 to 2020; 1/4 mile perimeter stabilized stone dust path is accessible; new stair and handrail meet MAAB requirements; accessible parking space at entrance of park; two benches with accessible companion pad; timber curbing around outside perimeter of path installed as guide to the visually impaired; new plaza surface is accessible; path to plaza lacks a curb cut from Ward street.
Horace Mann School Playground	1	Nevada Street, Newtonville	7.8	building made fully accessible in 2012; there are no internal pathways to ball fields; play area accessible through parking lot; play area not accessible.
Hunnewell Playground	1	Grasmere Street, off Hunnewell Avenue, Newton Corner	4.6	Park is inaccessible; no accessible route to tot lot; no accessible route to ballfield or fenced off-leash area; no accessible parking; stairs at the end of Grassmere St. do not meet MAAB requirements.
Hyde Playground	6	Lincoln Street, Newton Highlands (adjacent to Hyde Community Center)	1.0	Accessible garden area w/benches on Lincoln St.; accessible pathway from Lincoln to Erie; accessible concrete walkway to play structure and accessible playground area constructed in 2019.
Islington Oval	4	Islington Road, Auburndale	1.5	Inaccessible oval island; no pathways; site furniture not accessible.
Joanne C. Pellegrini Memorial Playground	1	Hawthorn Street, Nonantum	4.2	Community center with accessible parking lot; park entry from street and ramp to building entrance; accessible playground and basketball half-court , shade structure with picnic tables constructed in 2013.
Kennard Park	8	Dudley Road, Newton Centre	14.0	Lawn and natural wooded area; inaccessible dirt footpaths throughout the wooded areas; accessible parking; building is Parks, Recreation & Culture HQ and has accessible ramped entrance; contiguous to Kennard Conservation Area and the Town of Brookline.
Lincoln-Eliot School Playground	1	Jackson Road, Nonantum	0.97	Set behind the school building; accessible path connects basketball court, playground equipment and pkg lot contiguous to Boyd Park.
Louise Levingston Cove	6	Lake Avenue, Newton Highlands	0.5	Accessible stone dust portion of pathway eroded and inaccessible; wheelchair ramp with non-continuous handrail at the Berwick Rd. and Lakewood Rd. entrances; renovation of the park set to begin in the Summer/Fall 2021; Park Renovation will provide accessibility throughout.
Lowell Park	2	Watertown Street and Walnut Street and Lowell Avenue, Newtonville	0.6	Large, triangular traffic island; accessible pathways with benches from sidewalk constructed in 2012.
Lyons Park	4	Commonwealth Ave., at Islington Road, Auburndale	29.9	Little League field/bleachers not accessible; Marty Sender Pathway (DCR) leads to park down from Islington Rd.; conditions of the trail render it inaccessible; Bathrooms/concession are accessible but no accessible path to the building. Accessible path to concession stand from Commonwealth Ave. planned for 2020-2021 construction; contiguous to Auburndale Park; accessible stone dust trail from Lyons to Auburndale Park to be constructed in 2020-2021.

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Linwood Park	2	Linwood Ave. and Walnut St., Newtonville	1.25	Large traffic island with perimeter sidewalks; accessible route through the park; site furniture accessible.
Mason-Rice School Playground	6	149 Pleasant Street, Newton Centre (contiguous to Newton Centre Playground)	4.0	Accessible rout from parking lot to two accessible play structure areas; four accessible parking spaces in school's parking lot; two adjustable basketball hoops installed in 2019; contiguous to Newton Centre Playground.
Memorial Spaulding School Playground	8	250 Brookline Street, Newton Centre	2.0	No accessible route from parking or school to ballfields and play structure; accessible pathway in Kayla's Garden in need of repairs; accessible entrance to front of school.
Nahanton Park	8	Nahanton Street and Winchester Street entrances, Newton Highlands	57.0	Accessible parking in lot; no accessible route to Nature Center building; accessible stone dust river path (Florries Path); bridge at Florrie's path not accessible; accessible stone dust path from lower Winchester St. parking lot to Nahanton St. side; community gardens not accessible; formerly Infirmary Land/Alms House Park.
Newton Centre Common/Green	6	Centre Street, Newton Centre, (divided by Langley Road)	2.0	Accessible pathways and sidewalk; new benches (Total of 7) with companion pads (Total of 3) added along pathways in 2019.
Newton Centre Playground	6	81 Tyler Terrace, Newton Centre (contiguous to Mason Rice School)	17.9	Master plan for accessibility in 2006; Olmsted-designed historic park; steeply sloped bowl-shaped park; accessible pathway network; large, universal play equipment area in center of park with accessible route; accessible parking on Bowen St. and in Mason-Rice parking lot; formerly Brewer Playground.
Newton Highlands Playground	5	Winchester St., Newton Highlands	12.6	Large park renovated in 2018/2019; fully accessible; includes accessible trail and path network throughout and into the wooded section of the park; accessible parking lot.
Newton North High School	2	Walnut Street, Newtonville	18.4	School grounds with accessible route network; new facility opened fall 2010.
Newton South High School	8	140 Brandeis Road, Newton Centre (contiguous to Oak Hill Middle School playfields)	7.0	Accessible pathways to ballfields, football field, fieldhouse and track; Lift to bleachers; new facility opened fall 2009.
Newton Veterans Memorial Park	1	Washington Street, opposite Newton History Museum, Newton Corner	0.1	Small memorial park area alongside Washington St.; sidewalk; benches and one short pathway to memorial markers.
Pierce School Playground	3	170 Temple Street, West Newton	2.0	Accessible route to playground and court areas; accessible play equipment area constructed in 2014; inner courtyard play area not accessible.
Richard J. Forte Memorial Park	1	235 rear California Street	6.0	Accessible route connecting exercise equipment stations, bocce courts, basketball court, & tot lot; accessible parking; accessible route abuts but does not connect to adjacent DCR Charles River Reservation multiuse path.
Richard J. McGrath Park	3	Washington Street, West Newton (behind Warren Apartments)	10.1	No accessible route from parking lot to soccer fields, ballfields and one set of tennis courts (east side); tennis court and off-leash dog area (west side of the park) renovation completed in 2018 with accessible route from Washington St. and the parking lot; formerly Warren Jr. High Playground.

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Richardson Playground	5	Allen Avenue, Waban	5.4	Inaccessible little league field; no accessible paths; inaccessible tot lot near Beethoven.
River Street Playground	3	River St., West Newton	0.5	Inaccessible play equipment area with sand safety surface; accessible pathway with bench and companion pad from entrance.
Solomon Schechter Playground	8	Stein Circle, Oak Hill	3.0	No pathways to play equipment; formerly Memorial/Solomon Schechter School.
Spears Park	1	Corner of Washington Street and Walnut Park, Nonantum	0.25	pen lawn on corner lot with no pathways; no amenities.
Stearns Park	1	Jasett Street, Nonantum	3.4	2006 master plan; phase 1: accessible tennis courts with ramp to adjacent housing project; accessible playground and half-court area on Jasset St constructed in 2012; accessible route from the street to play structure and courts; park is sloped and not all pathways are accessible.
The Reverend Louis E. Ford Playground	4	Behind Baptist Church on Curve Street, West Newton	2.0	inaccessible playground area; park expansion and renovation with all accessible amenities planned for 2022-2023.
Thompsonville-Bowen Playground	6	Langley Path and Cypress Street, Thompsonville (adjacent to Bowen School)	8.8	No accessible route to ballfields; steep pathway from Langley Path down to adjoining Bowen School; no designated accessible parking on Langley Path; accessible playground in Bowen schoolyard.
Upper Falls Greenway	5	Easy St. to Oak St.	1 mi.	1 Miles accessible stone dust rail trail with accessible parking on-street on Oak Street; accessible entrance from Oak Street.
Ward Park	7	Montrose Street, Newton Centre (contiguous to Ward School Playground)	3.5	ballfield and soccer field not accessible; contiguous to Ward School Playground.
Ward School Playground	7	Dolphin Road, Newton Centre	3.1	Large playground area behind school not accessible; tennis and basketball court area not accessible; no accessible route from school or parking lot to play structure.
Warren Lincoln Playground	5	Montclair Street, Waban	5.4	Playground area, ballfield and soccer field not accessible from street; park slopes down from Montclair Rd.
Washington Park	2	Washington Park, Newtonville	1.0	Historic park; large, rectangular traffic island; trees and lawn only; no pathways; benches are not accessible.
Webster Park	7	End of Warren Street, Newton Centre (adjoins Webster Conservation Area)	1.0	Oval level lawn area surrounded by woods; no pathways; little parking with no accessible parking space; adjoins Webster Conservation Area.
Weeks Park	6	Hereward Rd. or Paul St. or Cedric St., Newton Centre (adjacent to Weeks Housing),	11.1	Soccer fields, ballfields, and bermed passive area in the middle not accessible; accessible route from parking lot to tot lot constructed in 2020.

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Wellington Playground	3	Kilburn Road, West Newton	1.9	Accessible pathways connecting two of the three entrances to the tot lot; one entrance on Kilburn St. not accessible; play equipment area accessible.
West Newton Commons Playground	3	Elm Road and Webster Street	3.7	Circumvented by sidewalks on 3 sides; no internal pathways; no accessible parking; accessible route from sidewalk to tot lot constructed in 2020.
Williams School Playground	4	141 Grove Street, Auburndale	1.1	Accessible route to the playground area; no accessible routes to ballfield.
Zervas School Playground	5	30 Beethoven Street, Waban	1.0	Accessible parking at school Beacon street lot; new school and three accessible playground areas constructed in 2017; all amenities are accessible; accessible route from parking lot to play structures.

Facility Inventory: Conservation Commission

Below (Table 20) is a summary of the accessibility features of the infrastructure of every parcel of land under the care and custody of the Conservation Commission. There are a number of facility types listed on the state’s template that are not applicable to Newton Conservation Area parcels; these include picnic facilities, swimming facilities, play areas, game areas, boat docks, fishing facilities, programming, services and technical assistance, ramps, entrances, door, restrooms, floors, drinking fountains, telephones, signs, signals, and switches, swimming pools, shower rooms, and picnicking.

Table 20. Conservation Commission ADA Facility Inventory																						
	Auburndale Yard	Baldpate Meadow	Ch River Pathway	Dolan Pond	Flowed Meadow	Frank Barney	Goddard-Christ.	Hahn Brook	Helen Heyn	Houghton	Hunnewell	Kennard	Kerry Court	Kesseler	Martin	Norumbega	Oakdale	Saw Mill Brook	Varick Hill	Webster	Wilson	
Trails	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
Surface B = boardwalk NS = natural surface SD = stone dust			NS	SD/NS/B	NS	NS			NS	SD/NS	NS	NS/B			NS	NS	NS	NS/B		NS	NS	
Dimensions (width)			3-4'	3-4'	3-4'	3-4'			3-4'	3-4'	3-4'	3-4'			3-4'	3-4'	3-4'	3-4'		3-4'	3-4'	
Rails			No	No	No	No			No	No	No	No			No	No	No	No		No	No	
Signage for visually impaired	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Benches	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	
Parking (L=lot, ST=street)	N/A	N/A	ST	L	L	ST	N/A	N/A	*	ST	ST	ST	N/A	N/A	N/A	ST	L	L	N/A	ST	ST	
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance			No	Yes	No	No			No	Yes	No	No			No	No	No		No	No	No	
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle			No	Yes	No	No			No	Yes	No	No			No	No	No		No	No	No	
Minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8' wide + 8' aisle.			No	No	No	No			No	No	No	No			No	No	No		No	No	No	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space			No	Yes	No	No			No	Yes	No	No			No	No	No		No	No	No	
Sign 5'-8' to top of sign			No	Yes	No	No			No	Yes	No	No			No	No	No		No	No	No	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks) Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%			No	No (cracks)	No	No			No	Yes	No	No			No	No	No		No	No	No	

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Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space if sidewalk (curb) is present .			N/A	N/A	N/A	No			No	N/A	No	No			No	N/A	N/A		N/A	No	No
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow						No			No		No	No			No					No	No
Site Access	N/A	N/A					N/A	N/A					N/A	N/A	N/A				N/A		
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance			No	Yes	Yes	No			No	Yes	No	No				No	No	No		No	No
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed			No	Yes	No	No			No	Yes	No	No			No	Yes	No	No		No	No
Ponding of water?			Yes	Occasional	No	No			No	No	No	Yes			No	No	No	No		No	No
Disembarking area at accessible entrance			No	Yes	No	No			No	Near	No	No			No	No	No	No		No	No
Path of Travel	N/A	N/A					N/A	N/A					N/A	N/A	N/A				N/A		
Path does not require the use of stairs			No	No	No	No			No	Yes (for accessible section)	No	No			Yes	Yes	No	No		No	No
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant			Yes	Yes	No	No			No	Yes	No	No			No	No	No	No		No	No
3 ft wide minimum Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).			Yes	No	No	No			No	Yes (for accessible section)	No	No			No	Yes (for Loop Trail)	No	No		No	No
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than ½ inch			Yes	No	No	No			No	Yes (for accessible section)	No	No			No	Yes (for Loop Trail)	No	No		No	No

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Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane			No	No	No	No			No	No	No	No			No	No	No	No		No	No
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
Stairs	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	1	1	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
No open risers				Y						Y		Y			Y	Y		Y			
Nosings not projecting				Y						Y		Y			Y	Y		Y			
Treads no less than 11" wide				Y						N		Y			Y	Y		Y			
Handrails on both sides				N						N		N			N	N		N			
Handrails 34"-38" above tread				N						N		N			N	N		N			
Handrail extends a minimum of 1' beyond top and bottom riser				N						N		N			N	N		N			
Handgrip oval or round				N						N		N			N	N		N			
Handgrip has a smooth surface				N						N		N			N	N		N			
Handgrip diam. 1¼" - 1½"				N						N		N			N	N		N			
1½" clearance between wall and handrail				N						N		N			N	N		N			

*All parking for this site is lot parking maintained by businesses on Wells Avenue and not managed or maintained by the City.