

Disability Rights of West Virginia (DRWV) is the federally mandated protection and advocacy system for people with disabilities in West Virginia. One of DRWV's grants is PAVA - Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access. The PAVA program allows DRWV to ensure that individuals with disabilities can access full participation in the election process.

Title II of the ADA requires state and local governments (public entities) to ensure that people with disabilities have a full and equal opportunity to vote. The ADA's provisions apply to all aspects of voting, including polling places. People with disabilities must have the opportunity to be full participants in an integrated civic event.

From March 27-29, 2018, DRWV completed exterior accessibility monitoring of all 23 polling sites in Mason County. The exteriors of most polling sites in the county are accessible or easily made temporarily accessible by modifying the polling site entrance, designating accessible parking, and hanging appropriate signage. The sites of most concern are Bachtel United Methodist Church and Flatrock Fire Department.

The table on the following pages lists the ADA standards, if applicable, for each area we surveyed, the issues noted at each site, if any, and suggestions for meeting ADA compliance on election days.

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**Ashton Elementary: No exterior issues.** Per the secretary, voters enter the main doors.

**Bachtel United Methodist Church: 5 issues.**

<p><b>Issue 1</b></p>	<p><b>No designated parking.</b> There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.</p>
<p><b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b></p>	<p><b>502.1</b> Car and van parking spaces shall comply with 502. Where parking spaces are marked with lines, width measurements of parking spaces and access aisles shall be made from the centerline of the markings.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: Where parking spaces or access aisles are not adjacent to another parking space or access aisle, measurements shall be permitted to include the full width of the line defining the parking space or access aisle.</p> <p><b>502.2</b> Vehicle Spaces. Car parking spaces shall be 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum and van parking spaces shall be 132 inches (3350 mm) wide minimum, shall be marked to define the width, and shall have an adjacent access aisle complying with 502.3.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: Van parking spaces shall be permitted to be 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum where the access aisle is 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum.</p> <p>If more than 25 parking spaces are provided to voters, see 208.2 for the number of accessible parking spaces required.</p>
<p><b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b></p>	<p>Use accessible signage to designate a parking space on Election Day near the beginning of the sidewalk, close to church sign. If only one space is designated, it must be a van accessible space with aisle.</p>

<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is uneven.</b> Per County Clerk's Office the building behind the church is used for voting. From the parking lot to the sidewalk route there is a rise of 2" to 3.5" depending on the point of access.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>303.4</b> Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped, and shall comply with 405 or 406.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Use signage near the church sign to mark accessible route. There is not a curb ramp to the sidewalk, but there is a nearly level entry point from parking lot to sidewalk near the church sign. Otherwise, curb mat ramps could be used near the voter door.
<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>Clear width of entry route has obstacles.</b> The sidewalk route to the voter door only meets the minimum width clearance of 36"; however, there are bushes along the left side of the route that overlap the path and narrow its width.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>403.5.1</b> The clear width of walking surfaces shall be 36" (915mm) minimum.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Make sure bushes are trimmed before Election Day or use a curb ramp near voter door to bypass sidewalk.



<b>Issue 4</b>	<b>Threshold rise is too high.</b> Threshold at entrance door has 2" rise.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>404.2.5</b> Thresholds, if provided at doorways, shall be ½ inch (13 mm) high maximum. Raised thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with 302 and 303.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	A threshold plate could be installed, or an angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make entry accessible.
<b>Issue 5</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Door has inaccessible handle due to knob that requires twisting of the wrist.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>309. 4</b> Operable parts shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate operable parts shall be 5 pounds (22.2 N) maximum.  <b>404.2.7</b> Handles, pulls, latches, locks, and other operable parts on doors and gates shall comply with 309.4. Operable parts of such hardware shall be 34 inches (865 mm) minimum and 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. Where sliding doors are in the fully open position, operating hardware shall be exposed and usable from both sides.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Have the door propped open during polling, use a temporary doorbell, use a door knob gripper with levers, or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Beale Elementary: 1 issue.**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Threshold rises are too high.</b> According to the secretary/poll worker, voters enter two doors: main door 1 and gym door 2. Threshold at main entrance has 1.5" rise. Gym entrance has a 1" rise.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>404.2.5</b> Thresholds, if provided at doorways, shall be ½ inch (13 mm) high maximum. Raised thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with 302 and 303.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Threshold plates could be installed, or angled entry mats/threshold mats could be used to make entries accessible.

<b>Faith Baptist Church: 2 issues.</b>	
<b>Issue 1</b>	<b>Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry.</b> Accessible spaces are designated near sanctuary entrance which is on opposite end of parking lot from voter entrance.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>208.3.1</b> Parking spaces complying with 502 that serve a particular building or facility shall be located on the shortest accessible route from parking to an entrance complying with 206.4.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	There are parking spaces adjacent to voter doors that could be designated accessible with signage.

<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Door has inaccessible knob handles that require twisting of the wrist.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<p><b>309. 4</b> Operable parts shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate operable parts shall be 5 pounds (22.2 N) maximum.</p> <p><b>404.2.7</b> Handles, pulls, latches, locks, and other operable parts on doors and gates shall comply with 309.4. Operable parts of such hardware shall be 34 inches (865 mm) minimum and 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. Where sliding doors are in the fully open position, operating hardware shall be exposed and usable from both sides.</p>
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Have the door propped open during polling, use a temporary doorbell, use a door knob gripper with levers, or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Farm Museum: No exterior issues.** Per the office manager, voters enter the kitchen/tractor building.

**Flatrock Fire Station: 5 issues.**

<b>Issue 1</b>	<p><b>No designated parking.</b> There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.</p>
<p><b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b></p>	<p><b>502.1</b> Car and van parking spaces shall comply with 502. Where parking spaces are marked with lines, width measurements of parking spaces and access aisles shall be made from the centerline of the markings.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: Where parking spaces or access aisles are not adjacent to another parking space or access aisle, measurements shall be permitted to include the full width of the line defining the parking space or access aisle.</p> <p><b>502.2</b> Vehicle Spaces. Car parking spaces shall be 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum and van parking spaces shall be 132 inches (3350 mm) wide minimum, shall be marked to define the width, and shall have an adjacent access aisle complying with 502.3.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: Van parking spaces shall be permitted to be 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum where the access aisle is 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum.</p> <p>If more than 25 parking spaces are provided to voters, see 208.2 for the number of accessible parking spaces required.</p>
<p><b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b></p>	<p>Use accessible signage to designate a parking space on Election Day. If only one space is designated, it must be a van accessible space with aisle. It would be ideal to use the paved surface at the front of the building for accessible parking.</p>

<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Parking is on unstable surface.</b> Parking area is uneven gravel and grass.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>302.1</b> Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302.  <b>502.4</b> Parking spaces and access aisles serving them shall comply with 302. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are not permitted.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	<p>A core-gravel system, pavers, or other material could be used to create a stable surface for parking and route to entrance.</p> <p>An easier solution would be to have accessible parking designated at the front of the building, on the paved surface, and have voters enter through the fire truck door. Many fire stations will park one truck outside during voting hours so that voters can access the building via fire door.</p> <p>If fire door access is not possible, there is an accessible paved sidewalk route along the right side of the building. Signage would need to be set-up directing voters.</p>

<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>Ramp is too steep.</b> The slope of the ramp to the voter door is 9.3%.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>405.2</b> Ramp runs shall have a running slope not steeper than 1:12 (8.3%).
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Ramp could be rebuilt.  An easier solution is to have voters use the front entrance of the building, entering via a fire-door. An alternate route, which bypasses the ramp, is available along the side of the building. Accessible parking would also need to be designated.
<b>Issue 4</b>	<b>Threshold rise is too high.</b> Threshold at voter door has 1½” threshold rise.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>404.2.5</b> Thresholds, if provided at doorways, shall be ½ inch (13 mm) high maximum. Raised thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with 302 and 303.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	A threshold plate could be installed, or an angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make entry accessible.

<b>Issue 5</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Voter door is inaccessible due to knob handle that requires twisting of the wrist.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>309. 4</b> Operable parts shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate operable parts shall be 5 pounds (22.2 N) maximum.  <b>404.2.7</b> Handles, pulls, latches, locks, and other operable parts on doors and gates shall comply with 309.4. Operable parts of such hardware shall be 34 inches (865 mm) minimum and 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. Where sliding doors are in the fully open position, operating hardware shall be exposed and usable from both sides.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Have the door propped open during polling, use a temporary doorbell, use a doorknob gripper with levers, or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Hannan High School: 1 issue.**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry.</b> Accessible parking is located near the school's main entrance, which is towards the left end of the building. According to the principal, voters enter gym door, 21, which is at the right end of the building.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>208.3.1</b> Parking spaces complying with 502 that serve a particular building or facility shall be located on the shortest accessible route from parking to an entrance complying with 206.4.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	On Election Day, designate accessible parking spaces near gym entrance.

<b>Hartford Community Center: 1 issue.</b>	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Threshold rise is too high.</b> Threshold at entrance door has a 2" rise.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>404.2.5</b> Thresholds, if provided at doorways, shall be ½ inch (13 mm) high maximum. Raised thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with 302 and 303.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	A threshold plate could be installed, or an angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make entry accessible.

<b>Healthcare of Leon-Buffalo: 1 issue.</b>
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<b>Issue</b>	<b>Parking is on a slope that is too steep.</b> Accessible parking spaces are designated on an area of the parking lot that has a slope of 3.8%.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<p><b>502.4</b> Parking spaces and access aisles serving them shall comply with 302. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are not permitted.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: Slopes not steeper than 1:48 shall be permitted.</p> <p>Advisory 502.4 Floor or Ground Surfaces. Access aisles are required to be nearly level in all directions to provide a surface for wheelchair transfer to and from vehicles. The exception allows sufficient slope for drainage. Built-up curb ramps are not permitted to project into access aisles and parking spaces because they would create slopes greater than 1:48.</p>
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Parking must be designated on a level surface or a surface with slope of 2% (1:48) or less. Parking spaces further away from the door are on a more level surface.

**Henderson Community Building: 3 issues.**

<b>Issue 1</b>	<p><b>No designated parking.</b> There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.</p>
<p><b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b></p>	<p><b>502.1</b> Car and van parking spaces shall comply with 502. Where parking spaces are marked with lines, width measurements of parking spaces and access aisles shall be made from the centerline of the markings.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: Where parking spaces or access aisles are not adjacent to another parking space or access aisle, measurements shall be permitted to include the full width of the line defining the parking space or access aisle.</p> <p><b>502.2</b> Vehicle Spaces. Car parking spaces shall be 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum and van parking spaces shall be 132 inches (3350 mm) wide minimum, shall be marked to define the width, and shall have an adjacent access aisle complying with 502.3.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: Van parking spaces shall be permitted to be 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum where the access aisle is 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum.</p> <p>If more than 25 parking spaces are provided to voters, see 208.2 for the number of accessible parking spaces required.</p>
<p><b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b></p>	<p>Use accessible signage to designate a parking space on Election Day. If only one space is designated, it must be a van accessible space with aisle.</p>

<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Threshold at front door is too high.</b> Threshold at front door has a 5½” rise.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>404.2.5</b> Thresholds, if provided at doorways, shall be ½ inch (13 mm) high maximum. Raised thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with 302 and 303.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	It is unclear which door voters enter. If the front door is used as the voter entry, then an angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make that entry accessible.  Another option is to use the side double doors since they do not have a threshold rise and are accessible.

<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Both doors are inaccessible due to knob handles that requires twisting of the wrist.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>309. 4</b> Operable parts shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate operable parts shall be 5 pounds (22.2 N) maximum.  <b>404.2.7</b> Handles, pulls, latches, locks, and other operable parts on doors and gates shall comply with 309.4. Operable parts of such hardware shall be 34 inches (865 mm) minimum and 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. Where sliding doors are in the fully open position, operating hardware shall be exposed and usable from both sides.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Have the door propped open during polling, use a temporary doorbell, use a door knob gripper with levers, or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Kroedl Park Clubhouse: 3 issues.**

<b>Issue 1</b>	<p><b>Route from accessible parking to voter entry is uneven and inaccessible.</b></p> <p>The sidewalk route closest to the building and accessible parking has cracks, dips with as much as a 5% slope, and rises from 1½” to 2¼” along the route.</p>
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<p><b>303.4</b> Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped, and shall comply with 405 or 406.</p>
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	<p>Ground could be leveled and sidewalk repaved.</p> <p>An easier option is to use accessible signage to guide voters to lower sidewalk path which is accessible.</p>
<b>Issue 2</b>	<p><b>Threshold rise is too high.</b></p> <p>Threshold at entrance of door 2 has a 4” rise.</p>
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<p><b>404.2.5</b> Thresholds, if provided at doorways, shall be ½ inch (13 mm) high maximum. Raised thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with 302 and 303.</p>
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	<p>It is unclear which door is used for voter entry. An angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make door 2 accessible, or voters could be guided to use the lower sidewalk to door 1, which is accessible.</p>

<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Both doors are inaccessible due to knob handles that require twisting of the wrist.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>309. 4</b> Operable parts shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate operable parts shall be 5 pounds (22.2 N) maximum.  <b>404.2.7</b> Handles, pulls, latches, locks, and other operable parts on doors and gates shall comply with 309.4. Operable parts of such hardware shall be 34 inches (865 mm) minimum and 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. Where sliding doors are in the fully open position, operating hardware shall be exposed and usable from both sides.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Have the door propped open during polling, use a temporary doorbell, use a door knob gripper with levers, or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Leon Elementary: 2 issues.**

<b>Issue 1</b>	<p><b>Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry.</b></p> <p>Designated accessible parking is at the front entrance of the building, and voters enter doors at the back of the building where there is no designated accessible parking.</p>
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<p><b>208.3.1</b> Parking spaces complying with 502 that serve a particular building or facility shall be located on the shortest accessible route from parking to an entrance complying with 206.4.</p>
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	<p>Use accessible signage to designate a parking space on Election Day. If only one space is designated, it must be a van accessible space with aisle.</p>
<b>Issue 2</b>	<p><b>Parking is on unstable surface.</b></p> <p>Parking area is loose gravel.</p>
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<p><b>302.1</b> Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302.</p>
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	<p>A core-gravel system, pavers, or other material could be used to create a stable surface for parking and route to entrance.</p> <p>An easier solution would be to mark and use the wide sidewalk area that leads to the voter doors as a curbside accessible drop-off area.</p>

**Leon-Baden Community Building: 1 issue.**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Voter door is inaccessible due to knob handle that requires twisting of the wrist.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>309. 4</b> Operable parts shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate operable parts shall be 5 pounds (22.2 N) maximum.  <b>404.2.7</b> Handles, pulls, latches, locks, and other operable parts on doors and gates shall comply with 309.4. Operable parts of such hardware shall be 34 inches (865 mm) minimum and 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. Where sliding doors are in the fully open position, operating hardware shall be exposed and usable from both sides.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Have the door propped open during polling, use a temporary doorbell, use a door knob gripper with levers, or have poll worker stationed at the door.

<b>Letart Community Building: 2 issues.</b>	
<b>Issue 1</b>	<b>Threshold rise is too high.</b> Threshold at entrance door has 1 ¾" rise.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>404.2.5</b> Thresholds, if provided at doorways, shall be ½ inch (13 mm) high maximum. Raised thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with 302 and 303.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	An angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make entry accessible.



<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Voter door is inaccessible due to knob handle that requires twisting of the wrist.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>309. 4</b> Operable parts shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate operable parts shall be 5 pounds (22.2 N) maximum.  <b>404.2.7</b> Handles, pulls, latches, locks, and other operable parts on doors and gates shall comply with 309.4. Operable parts of such hardware shall be 34 inches (865 mm) minimum and 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. Where sliding doors are in the fully open position, operating hardware shall be exposed and usable from both sides.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Have the door propped open during polling, use a temporary doorbell, use a door knob gripper with levers, or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Main Street Baptist: No exterior issues.** Per the County Clerk's office, voters use double-doors at the semi-circle drop-off.

**Mason County 4-H Camp: 3 issues.**

<b>Issue 1</b>	<p><b>No designated parking.</b> There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.</p>
<p><b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b></p>	<p><b>502.1</b> Car and van parking spaces shall comply with 502. Where parking spaces are marked with lines, width measurements of parking spaces and access aisles shall be made from the centerline of the markings.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: Where parking spaces or access aisles are not adjacent to another parking space or access aisle, measurements shall be permitted to include the full width of the line defining the parking space or access aisle.</p> <p><b>502.2</b> Vehicle Spaces. Car parking spaces shall be 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum and van parking spaces shall be 132 inches (3350 mm) wide minimum, shall be marked to define the width, and shall have an adjacent access aisle complying with 502.3.</p> <p>EXCEPTION: Van parking spaces shall be permitted to be 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum where the access aisle is 96 inches (2440 mm) wide minimum.</p> <p>If more than 25 parking spaces are provided to voters, see 208.2 for the number of accessible parking spaces required.</p>
<p><b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b></p>	<p>Use accessible signage to designate a parking space on Election Day. If only one space is designated, it must be a van accessible space with aisle.</p>

<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is uneven.</b> From parking/drop-off area there is a 2” rise to access sidewalk path.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>303.4</b> Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped and shall comply with 405 or 406.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	A curb ramp could make this sidewalk path accessible.
<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Voter door is inaccessible due to knob handle that requires twisting of the wrist.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>309. 4</b> Operable parts shall be operable with one hand and shall not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist. The force required to activate operable parts shall be 5 pounds (22.2 N) maximum.  <b>404.2.7</b> Handles, pulls, latches, locks, and other operable parts on doors and gates shall comply with 309.4. Operable parts of such hardware shall be 34 inches (865 mm) minimum and 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. Where sliding doors are in the fully open position, operating hardware shall be exposed and usable from both sides.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Have the door propped open during polling, use a temporary doorbell, use a door knob gripper with levers, or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Mason County Courthouse: No exterior issues.** Per the Clerk’s office, voters enter through main door.

<b>New Haven United Methodist: 2 issues.</b>	
<b>Issue 1</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is uneven.</b> There is designated accessible curbside drop-off at the front of the church; however, the lowest point from road to curb rise is 1”.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>303.4</b> Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped, and shall comply with 405 or 406.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Provide a curb ramp for access.
<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Threshold rise is too high.</b> Threshold at main entry door has 1½” rise; door on right side of building has stairs and is inaccessible.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>404.2.5</b> Thresholds, if provided at doorways, shall be ½ inch (13 mm) high maximum. Raised thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with 302 and 303.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Voter entry door is unknown. An angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make the main entry accessible. Side door is inaccessible.

**Pt. Pleasant Intermediate: 2 issues.**

<b>Issue 1</b>	<p><b>Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry.</b></p> <p>There are designated accessible parking spaces close to the main entrance of the building; however, the parking area at polling entrances doors 9 and 10, far right end of the building, does not have accessible designated spaces.</p>
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<p><b>208.3.1</b> Parking spaces complying with 502 that serve a particular building or facility shall be located on the shortest accessible route from parking to an entrance complying with 206.4.</p>
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	<p>Designate spaces in the parking area near doors 9 and 10.</p>
<b>Issue 2</b>	<p><b>Ramp is too steep.</b></p> <p>The slope of the curb access ramp near doors 9 and 10 has a slope of 9.6%.</p>
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<p><b>405.2</b> Ramp runs shall have a running slope not steeper than 1:12 (8.3%).</p>
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	<p>Ramp needs to be rebuilt to meet accessible standards.</p> <p>An easier solution would be to mark off a parking space close to doors 9 and 10 and use a portable ramp leading from parking lot to sidewalk.</p>

**Pt. Pleasant Jr./Sr. High: No exterior issues.** Per the principal, voters enter through the junior high main entry.

<b>Pt. Pleasant Primary: 1 issue.</b>	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry.</b> Accessible designated parking is on a slope, curbside at front of building; the accessible ramp is on the right end of the building with no designated accessible parking spaces.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>208.3.1</b> Parking spaces complying with 502 that serve a particular building or facility shall be located on the shortest accessible route from parking to an entrance complying with 206.4.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Designate accessible spaces near ramp access at right end of building.

<b>Roosevelt Grade School: 2 issues.</b>	
<b>Issue 1</b>	<b>Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry.</b> Accessible parking is located at the left end of building. Voters use doors 1 at main entrance which is closer to the right end of building.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>208.3.1</b> Parking spaces complying with 502 that serve a particular building or facility shall be located on the shortest accessible route from parking to an entrance complying with 206.4.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Designate parking curbside or closer to main entry doors. If accessible entry is moved to door 2, designated accessible spaces are ok where they are.

<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Threshold rise is too high.</b> According to the principal, voters use main doors 1 to enter. Threshold at double-doors 1 has a 2" rise; threshold at single door 1 has a 2" rise.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>404.2.5</b> Thresholds, if provided at doorways, shall be ½ inch (13 mm) high maximum. Raised thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with 302 and 303.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	An angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make entry accessible.  Another option could be to use door 2, located near accessible parking spaces, which has a compliant threshold and appears to enter a main hallway.

<b>Wahama High: 1 issue.</b>	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is uneven.</b> According to the secretary, voters enter doors 22. Accessible ramp near voter doors has a 1 ½" rise from parking lot to sidewalk.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>303.4</b> Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped, and shall comply with 405 or 406.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	A curb ramp or mat could be used to make the route accessible.

Several temporary solutions have been offered for making polling sites across Mason County accessible, and many of these solutions can easily be found online or at your local hardware store. An additional resource is West Virginia University's Center for Excellence in

Disabilities WVATS (West Virginia Assistive Technology System) program. This program has portable ramps to loan for free, although pickup and drop-off of the ramps are required. Enclosed is a brochure with information for contacting WVATS.

The **2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Designs** referenced in this report can be found online at:

[https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADAStandards/2010ADAStandards\\_prt.pdf](https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADAStandards/2010ADAStandards_prt.pdf)

Four other valuable resources have been included for your reference:

- ADA Checklist for Polling Places
- The Americans with Disabilities Act and Other Federal Laws Protecting the Rights of Voters with Disabilities
- Solutions for Five Common ADA Access Problems at Polling Places
- ADA Quick Tips Tax Incentives

The ADA requires that public entities ensure that people with disabilities can access and use all voting facilities. Because a mix of public and private facilities are used as polling places, public entities may ensure Election Day accessibility of a polling place by using low-cost, temporary measures, such as portable ramps or door stops, rather than making permanent modifications to a building. If temporary measures will not fix a barrier, and public entities are unable to make a permanent modification to fix the barrier, then the public entity must look for an alternative, accessible polling place.