

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 Protection and Advocacy for Voting Access (PAVA). The PAVA grant program allows DRWV to ensure that individuals with disabilities can access full participation in the election process.

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (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.

On February 23, 2021, we completed exterior accessibility monitoring of all precincts in precincts in Pleasants County. The majority of the polling sites in your county are accessible or can easily be made temporarily accessible designating accessible parking, hanging appropriate signage, and/or keeping doors opened. As such, the following ADA codes have been referenced below.

206.2.1 Site Arrival Points. At least one accessible route shall be provided within the site from accessible parking spaces and accessible passenger loading zones; public streets and sidewalks; and public transportation stops to the accessible building or facility entrance they serve.

216.6 Where not all entrances comply with 404 (Doors, Doorways, and Gates), entrances complying with 404 shall be identified by the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Directional signs complying with 703.5 that indicate the location of the nearest entrance complying with 404 shall be provided at entrances that do not comply with 404.

309.4 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.

502.2 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. 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.

502.6 Identification. Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation "van accessible." Signs shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.

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

Before further review, please take time to browse the Standards to gain a better understanding of the issues addressed. The tables on the following pages list the ADA Standards and ADA Title II regulations, if applicable, for each area we monitored, the issues noted at each site, if any, and suggestions for meeting ADA compliance on election days.

Arvilla Community Building	
Issue(s)	No paved parking lot, no handrail, no marked accessible parking spots, and no accessible parking signage.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>206.2.2 Within a Site. At least one accessible route shall connect accessible buildings, accessible facilities, accessible elements, and accessible spaces that are on the same site.</p> <p>502.2 Car parking spaces shall be 96 inches wide minimum and van parking spaces shall be 132 inches wide minimum, shall be marked to define the width, and shall have an adjacent access aisle complying with 502.3.</p> <p>502.6 Identification. Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation “van accessible.” Signs shall be 60 inches minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.</p> <p>208.2 Minimum Number. Parking <i>spaces</i> complying with 502 shall be provided in accordance with Table 208.2 except as required by 208.2.1, 208.2.2, and 208.2.3. Where more than one parking <i>facility</i> is provided on a <i>site</i>, the number of <i>accessible spaces</i> provided on the <i>site</i> shall be calculated according to the number of <i>spaces</i> required for each parking <i>facility</i>.</p> <p>208.2.4 Van Parking Spaces. For every six or fraction of six parking <i>spaces</i> required by 208.2 to comply with 502, at least one shall be a van parking <i>space</i> complying with 502.</p> <p>405.8 Handrails. Ramp runs with a rise greater than 6 inches (150 mm) shall have handrails complying with 505.</p> <p>505.10.1 Top and Bottom Extension at Ramps. Ramp handrails shall extend horizontally above the landing for 12 inches (305 mm) minimum beyond the top and bottom of ramp runs. Extensions shall return to a wall, guard, or the landing surface, or shall be continuous to the handrail of an adjacent ramp run.</p>

Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Pave parking lot and add paved sidewalk. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Add accessible parking spots. Add handrails to ramp.
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Belmont City Building	
Issue(s)	Accessible parking signage is not displayed at the proper height.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	502.6 Identification. Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation “van accessible.” Signs shall be 60 inches minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Remount existing signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation.

Calcutta Community Building	
Issue(s)	No paved parking lot, large curb to get to paved sidewalk, ramp is too steep, no marked accessible parking spots, no accessible parking signage, no handrail extensions, and door hardware is not accessible.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>206.2.2 Within a Site. At least one accessible route shall connect accessible buildings, accessible facilities, accessible elements, and accessible spaces that are on the same site.</p> <p>502.2 Car parking spaces shall be 96 inches wide minimum and van parking spaces shall be 132 inches wide minimum, shall be marked to define the width, and shall have an adjacent access aisle complying with 502.3.</p> <p>502.6 Identification. Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation “van accessible.” Signs shall be 60 inches minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.</p> <p>208.2 Minimum Number. Parking spaces complying with 502 shall be provided in accordance with Table 208.2 except as required by 208.2.1, 208.2.2, and 208.2.3. Where more than one parking facility is provided on a site, the number of accessible spaces provided on the site shall be calculated according to the number of spaces required for each parking facility.</p>

	<p>208.2.4 Van Parking Spaces. For every six or fraction of six parking <i>spaces</i> required by 208.2 to comply with 502, at least one shall be a van parking <i>space</i> complying with 502.</p> <p>403.3 An accessible route has running slope no greater than 1:20 (5%)</p> <p>405.8 Handrails. Ramp runs with a rise greater than 6 inches (150 mm) shall have handrails complying with 505.</p> <p>404.2.7 Door hardware is operable with one hand and does not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist.</p> <p>303.4 Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped and shall comply with 405 or 406.</p> <p>505.10.1 Top and Bottom Extension at Ramps. Ramp handrails shall extend horizontally above the landing for 12 inches (305 mm) minimum beyond the top and bottom of ramp runs. Extensions shall return to a wall, guard, or the landing surface, or shall be continuous to the handrail of an adjacent ramp run.</p>
<p>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>Pave parking lot and add paved sidewalk. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Add accessible parking spots. Add handrail extension. Replace the inaccessible knob with level, loop or push hardware. Place an ADA mat over ramp curb and regrade ramp.</p>

<p>Eureka Community Building</p>	
<p>Issue(s)</p>	<p>No paved parking lot or sidewalk, no marked accessible parking spots, no accessible parking signage, no handrail extensions, main entrance is at the front of the building, but accessible entrance is at the back, ramp is too steep, and door handle is not accessible.</p>
<p>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</p>	<p>206.2.2 Within a Site. At least one accessible route shall connect accessible buildings, accessible facilities, accessible elements, and accessible spaces that are on the same site.</p> <p>502.2 Car parking spaces shall be 96 inches wide minimum and van. parking spaces shall be 132 inches wide minimum, shall be marked to define the width, and shall have an adjacent access aisle complying with 502.3.</p> <p>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302.</p> <p>502.6 Identification. Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation “van accessible.” Signs shall be 60 inches minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.</p>

	<p>208.2 Minimum Number. Parking spaces complying with 502 shall be provided in accordance with Table 208.2 except as required by 208.2.1, 208.2.2, and 208.2.3. Where more than one parking facility is provided on a site, the number of accessible spaces provided on the site shall be calculated according to the number of spaces required for each parking facility.</p> <p>208.2.4 Van Parking Spaces. For every six or fraction of six parking spaces required by 208.2 to comply with 502, at least one shall be a van parking space complying with 502.</p> <p>403.3 An accessible route has running slope no greater than 1:20 (5%)</p> <p>405.8 Handrails. Ramp runs with a rise greater than 6 inches (150 mm) shall have handrails complying with 505.</p> <p>404.2.7 Door hardware is operable with one hand and does not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist.</p> <p>303.4 Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped and shall comply with 405 or 406.</p> <p>505.10.1 Top and Bottom Extension at Ramps. Ramp handrails shall extend horizontally above the landing for 12 inches (305 mm) minimum beyond the top and bottom of ramp runs. Extensions shall return to a wall, guard, or the landing surface, or shall be continuous to the handrail of an adjacent ramp run.</p> <p>216.6 Signage at inaccessible entrances indicating the location of nearest accessible entrance.</p>
<p>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>Pave parking lot and add paved sidewalk. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Add accessible parking spots. Add handrail extension. Replace the inaccessible knob with level, loop, or push hardware. Add signage direct people to accessible entrance at the rear of the building.</p>

<p>God’s Glory Church</p>	
<p>Issue(s)</p>	<p>No paved parking lot, no marked accessible parking spots, and no accessible parking signage.</p>
<p>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</p>	<p>206.2.2 Within a Site. At least one accessible route shall connect accessible buildings, accessible facilities, accessible elements, and accessible spaces that are on the same site.</p> <p>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302.</p> <p>502.6 Identification. Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation “van accessible.” Signs shall be 60 inches minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.</p>

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Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Pave parking lot. Add accessible parking spots.

Hebron Community Building	
Issue(s)	No paved parking lot, large curb to get to paved sidewalk and ramp, no marked accessible parking spots, no accessible parking signage, no handrail extensions.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>206.2.2 Within a Site. At least one accessible route shall connect accessible buildings, accessible facilities, accessible elements, and accessible spaces that are on the same site.</p> <p>502.2 Car parking spaces shall be 96 inches wide minimum and van. parking spaces shall be 132 inches wide minimum, shall be marked to define the width, and shall have an adjacent access aisle complying with 502.3.</p> <p>502.6 Identification. Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation “van accessible.” Signs shall be 60 inches minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.</p> <p>208.2 Minimum Number. Parking spaces complying with 502 shall be provided in accordance with Table 208.2 except as required by 208.2.1, 208.2.2, and 208.2.3. Where more than one parking facility is provided on a site, the number of accessible spaces provided on the site shall be calculated according to the number of spaces required for each parking facility.</p> <p>208.2.4 Van Parking Spaces. For every six or fraction of six parking spaces required by 208.2 to comply with 502, at least one shall be a van parking space complying with 502.</p> <p>405.8 Handrails. Ramp runs with a rise greater than 6 inches (150 mm) shall have handrails complying with 505.</p>

	<p>303.4 Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped and shall comply with 405 or 406.</p> <p>505.10.1 Top and Bottom Extension at Ramps. Ramp handrails shall extend horizontally above the landing for 12 inches (305 mm) minimum beyond the top and bottom of ramp runs. Extensions shall return to a wall, guard, or the landing surface, or shall be continuous to the handrail of an adjacent ramp run.</p>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Pave parking lot and add paved sidewalk. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Add accessible parking spots. Add handrail extension. Replace the inaccessible knob with level, loop or push hardware. Place an ADA mat over ramp curb.

Pioneer Building	
Issue(s)	No paved parking lot, large curb to get to paved sidewalk, ramp is too steep, no marked accessible parking spots, no accessible parking signage, no handrail extensions, and door hardware is not accessible.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>206.2.2 Within a Site. At least one accessible route shall connect accessible buildings, accessible facilities, accessible elements, and accessible spaces that are on the same site.</p> <p>502.2 Car parking spaces shall be 96 inches wide minimum and van parking spaces shall be 132 inches wide minimum, shall be marked to define the width, and shall have an adjacent access aisle complying with 502.3.</p> <p>502.6 Identification. Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation “van accessible.” Signs shall be 60 inches minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.</p> <p>208.2 Minimum Number. Parking spaces complying with 502 shall be provided in accordance with Table 208.2 except as required by 208.2.1, 208.2.2, and 208.2.3. Where more than one parking facility is provided on a site, the number of accessible spaces provided on the site shall be calculated according to the number of spaces required for each parking facility.</p> <p>208.2.4 Van Parking Spaces. For every six or fraction of six parking spaces required by 208.2 to comply with 502, at least one shall be a van parking space complying with 502.</p> <p>403.3 An accessible route has running slope no greater than 1:20 (5%)</p> <p>405.8 Handrails. Ramp runs with a rise greater than 6 inches (150 mm) shall have handrails complying with 505.</p>

	<p>404.2.7 Door hardware is operable with one hand and does not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist.</p> <p>303.4 Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped and shall comply with 405 or 406.</p> <p>505.10.1 Top and Bottom Extension at Ramps. Ramp handrails shall extend horizontally above the landing for 12 inches (305 mm) minimum beyond the top and bottom of ramp runs. Extensions shall return to a wall, guard, or the landing surface, or shall be continuous to the handrail of an adjacent ramp run.</p>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Pave parking lot and add paved sidewalk. Add accessible parking spots. Add handrail extension. Replace the inaccessible knob with level, loop, or push hardware. Place an ADA mat over ramp threshold.

Shultz Community Building	
Issue(s)	No paved parking lot, no marked accessible parking spots, no accessible parking signage, no handrail extensions, and door handle is not accessible.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>206.2.2 Within a Site. At least one accessible route shall connect accessible buildings, accessible facilities, accessible elements, and accessible spaces that are on the same site.</p> <p>502.2 Car parking spaces shall be 96 inches wide minimum and van parking spaces shall be 132 inches wide minimum, shall be marked to define the width, and shall have an adjacent access aisle complying with 502.3.</p> <p>502.6 Identification. Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation “van accessible.” Signs shall be 60 inches minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.</p> <p>208.2 Minimum Number. Parking spaces complying with 502 shall be provided in accordance with Table 208.2 except as required by 208.2.1, 208.2.2, and 208.2.3. Where more than one parking facility is provided on a site, the number of accessible spaces provided on the site shall be calculated according to the number of spaces required for each parking facility.</p> <p>208.2.4 Van Parking Spaces. For every six or fraction of six parking spaces required by 208.2 to comply with 502, at least one shall be a van parking space complying with 502.</p>

	<p>404.2.7 Door hardware is operable with one hand and does not require tight grasping, pinching, or twisting of the wrist.</p> <p>505.10.1 Top and Bottom Extension at Ramps. Ramp handrails shall extend horizontally above the landing for 12 inches (305 mm) minimum beyond the top and bottom of ramp runs. Extensions shall return to a wall, guard, or the landing surface, or shall be continuous to the handrail of an adjacent ramp run.</p>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Pave parking lot and add paved sidewalk. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Add accessible parking spots. Add handrail extension. Replace the inaccessible knob with level, loop or push hardware.

St. Marys Elementary School	
Issue	No marked accessible parking spots and no marked accessible parking signage.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>502.6 Identification. Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation “van accessible.” Signs shall be 60 inches minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.</p> <p>208.2 Minimum Number. Parking <i>spaces</i> complying with 502 shall be provided in accordance with Table 208.2 except as required by 208.2.1, 208.2.2, and 208.2.3. Where more than one parking <i>facility</i> is provided on a <i>site</i>, the number of <i>accessible spaces</i> provided on the <i>site</i> shall be calculated according to the number of <i>spaces</i> required for each parking <i>facility</i>.</p> <p>208.2.4 Van Parking Spaces. For every six or fraction of six parking <i>spaces</i> required by 208.2 to comply with 502, at least one shall be a van parking <i>space</i> complying with 502.</p>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Add marked accessible parking spots.

Several solutions have been offered for making polling sites across Pleasants 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 pick-up and drop-off of the ramps are required. Enclosed is a brochure with information for contacting WVATS.

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https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADASTandards/2010ADASTandards_prt.pdf

Four other valuable resources have been included for your reference:

- ADA Checklist for Polling Places <https://www.ada.gov/votingck.htm>
- The Americans with Disabilities Act and Other Federal Laws Protecting the Rights of Voters with Disabilities
https://www.ada.gov/ada_voting/ada_voting_ta.htm
- Solutions for Five Common ADA Access Problems at Polling Places
https://www.ada.gov/ada_voting/voting_solutions_ta/polling_place_solutions.htm
- ADA Quick Tips Tax Incentives <https://adata.org/factsheet/quicktips-tax>

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.