

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 22-25, 2021, we completed exterior accessibility monitoring of all precincts in Ritchie County. 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.

Auburn Baptist Church	
Issue(s)	No accessible parking signage. No marked accessible parking spots.
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 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 <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	Add accessible parking spots. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation.

Cairo Community Center	
Issue(s)	No marked accessible parking spots. Door hardware does not comply with the ADA standards.
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 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 <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	Add accessible parking spots. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation.
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Ellenboro Fire Department	
Issue(s)	No marked accessible parking.
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Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Add accessible parking spots, or temporary signage on Election Day. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation.

Harrisville Court House	
Issue(s)	Large cracks in pavement. Accessible parking signage is not placed at proper height.
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>502.6 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>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302.</p>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Patch pavement on sidewalk and on curb cutout. Remount existing signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation.

Harrisville D.W.C. Center	
Issue(s)	Accessible parking signage is not displayed at the proper height. Curb cut out ramp has a slope that is too steep. Large cracks in sidewalk.

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>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302. Advisory 302.1 General. A stable surface is one that remains unchanged by contaminants or applied force, so that when the contaminant or force is removed, the surface returns to its original condition. A firm surface resists deformation by either indentations or particles moving.</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>403.3 An accessible route has running slope no greater than 1:20 (5%).</p>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Patch pavement on sidewalk and on curb cutout or use ADA mats to cover cracks. Remount existing signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Regrade ramp.

Harrisville Women’s Club	
Issue(s)	Lack of accessible parking signage. No marked accessible parking. There is a lip on sidewalk curb cut out.
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>502.6 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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Add accessible parking spots, or temporary signage on Election Day. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Place ADA mat over the threshold.

Indian Run Church of Christ	
Issue(s)	No paved parking lot. No handrails. Ramp is too steep. Door hardware is not accessible. No accessible parking signage. No accessible parking.

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<p>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>Pave parking lot and add paved walkway to parking lot. Add appropriate number of marked accessible parking spots with van parking. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Place handrails where needed. Replace door hardware to hardware that complies with ADA guidelines.</p>

<p>Pennsboro Gym</p>	
<p>Issue(s)</p>	<p>Parking area is at a steep slope. There does not appear to be a parking area that would meet the requirements for accessible parking. Large drain grate in walkway. No marked accessible parking.</p>

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<p>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>Add marked accessible parking and install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Cover drainage grates with ADA compliant mat on Election Day. Sidewalk to enter building and parking area is too steep.</p>

<p>Pennsboro Women’s Club</p>	
<p>Issue(s)</p>	<p>Curb cutout is too steep. No handrail extensions. No marked parking spots or accessible parking signage.</p>
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<p>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>Add marked accessible parking and install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Need to add smooth, hard surface connection to road from sidewalk. Add proper handrail extensions.</p>

<p>Pennsboro-Creed Collins School</p>	
<p>Issue(s)</p>	<p>Signage is not displayed at proper height as required by ADA.</p>
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<p>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>Remount existing signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation.</p>

<p>Pullman Community Building</p>	
<p>Issue(s)</p>	<p>No paved parking area or walkway to building. Accessible parking signage is not placed at proper height. Door hardware is not accessible. No handrail extensions.</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>

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Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>Pave parking lot. Add appropriate number of accessible parking spots. Remount existing signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Add proper handrail extensions.</p>

Rusk-Petroleum Community Building	
Issue(s)	<p>No paved parking area. No marked accessible parking spots. No accessible parking signage. Handrails needed. Door hardware is not accessible. No handrail extensions.</p>
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>

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<p>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>Pave parking lot. Add appropriate number of accessible parking spots. Add proper handrail extensions. Change door hardware to comply with ADA regulation. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Add required number of marked parking spots to comply with ADA guidelines.</p>

<p>Smithville Community Building</p>	
<p>Issue(s)</p>	<p>No paved parking area. No paved sidewalk from the parking area to align with existing sidewalk. No marked accessible parking spots or 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>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</p>

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Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Pave parking lot and provide a paved walkway to front entrance. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Add required number of marked parking spots to comply with ADA guidelines.

Several temporary solutions have been offered for making polling sites across Ritchie 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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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.