

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 November 3, 2021, we completed exterior accessibility monitoring of all 15 polling sites in Pocahontas County. DRWV identified issues at all 15 polling sites. Many of the polling sites in your county can easily be made temporarily accessible by 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.

Cass Fire Station	
Issue	No paved accessible parking area. No marked accessible parking spaces. No accessible parking signage displayed.
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>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>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are not permitted. EXCEPTION: Slopes not steeper than 1:48 shall be permitted.</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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Pave parking area. Install accessible parking striping. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation.

Central Union Community Center	
Issue	No paved accessible parking area. No marked accessible parking spaces. No accessible parking signage displayed.
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>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>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302. Access aisles shall be at the</p>

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Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Pave parking area. Install accessible parking striping. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation.

Dunmore Community Building	
Issue	No paved accessible parking area. No marked accessible parking spaces. No accessible parking signage displayed. No handrail extensions on handrails.
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>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>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are not permitted. EXCEPTION: Slopes not steeper than 1:48 shall be permitted.</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>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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Pave parking area. Install accessible parking striping. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Install handrail extensions to handrails.

Durbin Fire Station	
Issue	No marked accessible parking area. No accessible parking signage displayed.
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>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>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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Install accessible parking striping. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation.

Frank Nazarene Church	
Issue	No paved accessible parking area. No marked accessible parking spaces. No accessible parking signage displayed. Entry ramp is too steep. No clear signage directing voters to the accessible entrance. No handrails with handrail extensions or paved 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>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>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are</p>

	<p>not permitted. 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> <p>405.2 Slope. Ramp runs shall have a running slope not steeper than 1:12 (8.3%).</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> <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>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>Pave parking area. Install accessible parking striping. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Install handrails with handrail extensions. Regrade ramp to enter building and ensure the slope is less than 8.3%. Install signage to direct voters to the accessible entrance. (Entrance will not be considered accessible until all renovations are made.) Or relocate precinct.</p>

<p>Frost Fire Station</p>	
<p>Issue</p>	<p>No marked accessible parking area. No accessible parking signage displayed. Large drain grate in the parking area.</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>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>

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Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Install accessible parking striping. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Place ADA mat over drain grate on Election Day.

Green Bank Elementary School	
Issue	Slope of sidewalk curb cutout is too steep. No accessible parking signage displayed.
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>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>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are not permitted. EXCEPTION: Slopes not steeper than 1:48 shall be permitted.</p> <p>403.3 An accessible route has running slope no greater than 1:20 (5%)</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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Install accessible parking striping. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Regrade curb cutout ramp to enter building and ensure the slope is less than 5%.

Hillsboro Elementary School	
Issue	No paved accessible parking area. No marked accessible parking spaces. No accessible parking signage displayed.
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>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>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are not permitted. EXCEPTION: Slopes not steeper than 1:48 shall be permitted.</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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Extend paved area to include parking. Install accessible parking striping. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation.

Huntersville Baptist Church	
Issue	No accessible parking signage displayed.
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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation.

Linwood Community Library	
Issue	Curb ramp is not even, crumbling pavement, large gap in concrete ramp and platform. No handrails on the ramp / platform to get to main entrance.

<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. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are not permitted. 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> <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>
<p>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>Install new paved ramp to connect to platform. Install handrails with handrail extensions on new paved ramp and platform.</p>

<p>Marlinton Church of the Nazarene</p>	
<p>Issue</p>	<p>No accessible parking striping. Accessible parking signage is not displayed properly. Parking lot has a ramp area built into it that is very steep and needs to be regraded to comply with ADA regulations. No handrails with handrail extensions. Door hardware 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>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>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are</p>

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<p>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>Repave parking area so that it is level in all directions. Install accessible parking striping. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation. Install handrails with handrail extensions. Replace the inaccessible knob with level, loop or push hardware.</p>

<p>Marlinton Elementary School</p>	
<p>Issue</p>	<p>No accessible parking signage displayed. Accessible parking spot is located partially on curb ramp.</p>
<p>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</p>	<p>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are not permitted. 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>

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Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Relocate the entire accessible parking area to the flat, level area next to the curb ramp.

Marlinton Middle School	
Issue	No marked accessible parking area. No accessible parking signage displayed.
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>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>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are not permitted. EXCEPTION: Slopes not steeper than 1:48 shall be permitted.</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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Install accessible parking striping on paved area. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation.

Mt. Olivet Church	
Issue	No marked accessible parking area. No accessible parking signage displayed.
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>208.2 Minimum Number. Parking spaces complying with 502 shall be provided in accordance with Table 208.2 except as required by</p>

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<p>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>Install accessible parking striping. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation.</p>

<p>Trinity Baptist Church</p>	
<p>Issue</p>	<p>No paved accessible parking area. No marked accessible parking spaces. No accessible parking signage displayed.</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>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>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are not permitted. 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</p>

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Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Extend paved area to include parking. Install accessible parking striping. Install accessible parking signage to the required height that complies with the ADA regulation.

Several temporary solutions have been offered for making polling sites across Pocahontas 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 West Virginia Assistive Technology System (WVATS) 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.

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

The following 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.