

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 American 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.

From July 31- August 2, 2018, DRWV completed exterior accessibility monitoring of all 43 polling sites in Mercer County. The exteriors of most of these sites 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:

- **Athens Masonic Lodge**
- **Bluewell School**
- **Greater Mt. Zion Pentecostal Church**
- **Memorial School**
- **Pinoak Community Center**

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<b>Athens Elementary: 1 issue.</b> Per Clerk, voters enter doors 1G on the lower right side of the building.	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>No designated parking.</b> There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<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>
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	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.

<b>Athens Masonic Lodge: 6 issues. Not Accessible.</b> Per Clerk, voters enter the front door. We suggest moving this precinct across the street to the Athens Elementary Gymnasium.	
<b>Issue 1</b>	<b>Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to the voter entry.</b> There is one designated accessible parking space in a lot belonging to Athens Town Hall, located to the right of the Masonic Lodge.
<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 parking near the voter door. This parking would have to be curbside because it is the only stable surface near the building. Additionally, curb access would need to be created.
<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Parking is on an unstable surface.</b> Parking area on the left side of the building is made of uneven gravel and grass. The parking lot on the right side of the building is deteriorating pavement with much loose gravel.
<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>	A core-gravel system, pavers, or other material ½” thick or less could be used to create a stable surface from route to entrance.

<b>Issue 3</b>	<p><b>Route to voter entry is uneven.</b> The sidewalk route from parking area to voter entrance is made of broken pavement with rises of 1" to 1 ¼", and there are also has uneven manhole covers to cross.</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>These areas could be patched or potentially covered with other material ½" thick or less to create a stable surface from route to entrance.</p>
<b>Issue 4</b>	<p><b>Clear width of entry route is too narrow.</b> The sidewalk path from parking to voter entry has an electric pole in the path which narrows the path to 22".</p>
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<p><b>403.5.1</b> The clear width of walking surfaces shall be 36" (915mm) minimum.</p>
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	<p>It would not be an easy task to move the pole; the sidewalk could be widened in the direction opposite the pole. Parking access could be made curbside to avoid this portion of the sidewalk; however, curb access would also be needed.</p>

<b>Issue 5</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is uneven and inaccessible.</b> The entrance to the building has 3 steps with a rise totaling more than 22”.
<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>	Since there is no other entrance to the building, there is little that can be done besides moving the polling location. To use a ramp at this site would require one foot per inch of rise (22’ plus), and there is not enough space from the sidewalk to the entrance for a compliant ramp.
<b>Issue 6</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Front 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 voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a doorknob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Bluefield Auditorium: No exterior issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter the main, front doors.

**Bluefield High School: No exterior issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter door 3 on the front left of the building.

**Bluefield Salvation Army: 2 issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter the middle door on the back of the building.

<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>Clear width of single doorway is too narrow.</b> The width of each door is 29”.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>404.2.3 Clear Width.</b> Door openings shall provide a clear width of 32 inches (815 mm) minimum. Clear openings of doorways with swinging doors shall be measured between the face of the door and the stop, with the door open 90 degrees. Openings more than 24 inches (610 mm) deep shall provide a clear opening of 36 inches (915 mm) minimum. There shall be no projections into the required clear opening width lower than 34 inches (865 mm) above the finish floor or ground. Projections into the clear opening width between 34 inches (865 mm) and 80 inches (2030 mm) above the finish floor or ground shall not exceed 4 inches (100 mm).
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Both doors will need to be open to accommodate voters.

**Bluewell School: 4 issues.** Per Clerk, voters enter door 10 on the upper, right side of the building.

<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. 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 and inaccessible.</b> Between the parking area and the sidewalk route there is deteriorating blacktop that is painted yellow and shaped like a speed bump, running continuous along the side of the building. The hump has a rise of nearly 4" and is steeply sloped.
<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>	There needs to be a cut out in the blacktop hump to allow access to the school. The door where voters enter appears to be the only area of the school that is easily accessible. Bottom doors facing the alley have doors that only lead to stairwells and bottom classrooms.
<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>Running slope of walking surface is too steep.</b> The slope of the hump is too steep with an 11.7% grade going towards the building and 11.5% grade rolling away from the building.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>403.3</b> The running slope of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:20 (5%). The cross slope of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:48 (2%).
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	A cut out at least 36" wide might make the sidewalk accessible. Otherwise, an easier solution would be to find an accessible entrance; however, on this building, the current voter entry appears to be the closest to being accessible. It also worth considering using a different location.

<b>Issue 4</b>	<b>Threshold rise is too high.</b> Threshold at the voter doors has a 1 ¼” 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 the entry accessible.

<b>Bramwell Town Hall: 1 issue.</b> Per Clerk, voters enter the front door.	
<b>Issue</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Front door is inaccessible due to pinching and simultaneous pull required at the same time to open the door. Back 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 voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a door knob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Brushfork School: 1 issue and suggestions.** Per Clerk, voters enter the main doors on the front right of the school.

The only accessible route to the voter entrance is to park at the left end of the building and use sidewalks that run parallel to the building. The accessible parking spaces on the left end of the building are difficult to find, especially for those unfamiliar with the school. To help guide voters, the international symbol of accessibility can be used on signs along the route from the parking area to the entrance.

There is some parking available at the bottom of a slope that is close to the voter entrance. It's important that this area is not designated as accessible parking because the slope exceeds 5%, which is the maximum allowance for the running slope of a route.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is uneven.</b> The sidewalk path leading from the accessible parking area to the main entrance has a 1" rise near the doors.
<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 a threshold mat or angled entry mat to make this area accessible.

**Burke Memorial Baptist Church Family Ministries Center: 2 issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter the double-doors on the right side of the building.

<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 rise is too high.</b> Threshold at the voter door 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>	A threshold plate could be installed, or an angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make entry accessible.

**Ceres Elementary: No exterior issues.** Per Clerk’s office, voters enter main doors on the right end of the building.

**Church of Christ at Pettry: 1 issue.** Per Clerk’s office, voters enter the double-doors on the bottom, left side of the church.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Voter entrance has both screen doors and standard doors with turn knobs 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 doors propped open during voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a door knob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.  It would be best to have the screen doors propped open on voting day.

**Commission on Aging/Senior Center: No exterior issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter main doors or door to the right of the main entrance.

**Crane Creek Pentecostal Holiness Church: 4 issues.** Per Clerk, voters enter the bottom door on the left end of the building.



<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> <p>Be sure the designated parking is on the paved parking surface.</p>

<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is unstable.</b> The ramp to the voter entry has loose gravel and grass/weeds growing up through the pavement.
<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>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	The loose gravel needs to be swept away and grassy areas need to be mowed with a stable surface placed over top of them. Material ½” thick or less, such as plywood or thick mats that could be anchored to the ground in some way, could be used to create a stable surface from the parking area to the entrance.  Ideally this lower parking area and route to the door need to be re-paved.
<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>Threshold rise is too high.</b> Threshold at the voter door has a 4 ½” 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 or a ramp could be used to make this entry accessible.

<b>Issue 4</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 voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a doorknob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Cumberland Heights Elementary: No exterior issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter the main doors on the front right of the building.

**East River Ruritan Building: 2 issues.** Per Clerk, voters enter the front door.

<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>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Front 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 voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a door knob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Family Ministries Center/First United Methodist: No exterior issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter the double-doors at the right end of the building. **Note:** accessible parking spaces curbside at this location are not ADA compliant due to being on a slope greater than 2%; however, there are level designated parking spaces in the main parking lot near this entrance.

**Flat Top Post Office: 1 issue.** Per Clerk, voters enter the front post office door.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Parking is on an unstable surface.</b> The designated accessible parking space is on deteriorating blacktop with sink holes on both sides.
<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>	As a temporary solution, the space in front of the post office door is in good condition and could be designated as accessible on Election Day.  Ultimately, the parking area needs to be repaved.

**Glenwood Elementary: 1 issue.** Per Clerk, voters enter the main, front doors.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Running slope continues to door entrance.</b> The running slope continues to the threshold of the doors without a landing.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<p><b>404.2.4.4</b> Floor or Ground Surface. Floor or ground surface within required maneuvering clearances shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted.</p> <p><b>405.7</b> Ramps shall have landings at the top and the bottom of each ramp run. Landings shall comply with 405.7.</p> <p><b>405.7.1</b> Slope. Landings shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted.</p> <p><b>405.7.2</b> Width. The landing clear width shall be at least as wide as the widest ramp run leading to the landing.</p> <p><b>405.7.3</b> Length. The landing clear length shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) long minimum.</p> <p><b>405.7.5</b> Doorways. Where doorways are located adjacent to a ramp landing, maneuvering clearances required by 404.2.4 and 404.3.2 shall be permitted to overlap the required landing area.</p>
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	This school has a double-door entrance: outer double-doors and inner double-doors with a level entry space between them. If the outer double-doors are propped open on Election Day this will resolve the accessibility issue.

**Greater Mt. Zion Pentecostal Church: 5 issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter door 104 on the lower left side of the building.

<b>Issue 1</b>	<b>Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry.</b> There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility near the current voter entry.
<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>	If the voter entrance is moved to the front of the building, at the sanctuary doors, there are designated spaces close to that entry.
<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Parking is on an unstable surface.</b> Parking area near the voter doors is behind the building and is made of 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>	Parking could be designated curbside, but a curb entry would also have to be created.  Ultimately, the lot needs to be repaved.



<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>No curb access.</b> There are only stairs leading from the parking lot to the sidewalk. The curb runs continues from each block without access points. The curb rise is 3 ½”.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>206.2.1 Site Arrival Points.</b> 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.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	An area near the voter entrance could be marked accessible and a curb ramp could be used, or a curb cut-out and curb ramp could be created.
<b>Issue 4</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is unstable.</b> Sidewalks are deteriorating with uneven areas and loose crumbling concrete.
<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>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	The best solution is to use the upper-level parking area and front entrance of this building, or to use a different location for this precinct. Ultimately, the sidewalks need to be repaved.

<b>Issue 5</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is inaccessible.</b> The entrance voters currently use requires climbing 6 steps with a height rise of 44”.
<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>	Switch entrances to the sanctuary entrance, which is accessible, or move precinct to a different location.  A ramp will not work at this entrance because the rise in height would require a ramp at least 44’ in length.

**Johnston Chapel: 1 issue.** Per Clerk, voters enter the double-doors on the front left of the building.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Running slope continues to the door threshold.</b> The sidewalk slope continues to the voter door threshold without a landing.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<p><b>404.2.4.4</b> Floor or Ground Surface. Floor or ground surface within required maneuvering clearances shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted.</p> <p><b>405.7.1</b> Slope. Landings shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted.</p> <p><b>405.7.2</b> Width. The landing clear width shall be at least as wide as the widest ramp run leading to the landing.</p> <p><b>405.7.3</b> Length. The landing clear length shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) long minimum.</p> <p><b>405.7.5</b> Doorways. Where doorways are located adjacent to a ramp landing, maneuvering clearances required by 404.2.4 and 404.3.2 shall be permitted to overlap the required landing area.</p>
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	This entrance has a two-door entrance: outer double-doors and inner double-doors with a level entry space between them. If the outer double-doors are propped open on Election Day this will resolve the accessibility issue.

**Kegley Baptist Church: 1 issue and suggestion.** Per Clerk, voters enter the double-doors on the front left of the church.

The stoop at this entrance has a gradual height rise. There is a 4' long accessible portion on the left side of the stoop. Use blue duct tape to mark the 4' portion of the stoop as accessible.

<b>Issue</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>

**Lakshmeet Matoaka School: 2 issues.** Per Clerk, voters enter the main, front doors.

<b>Issue 1</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is uneven.</b> From parking lot to curb access there is a 1 ½"+ rise.
<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 is needed to make this site accessible.
<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Threshold rise is too high.</b> Threshold at the voter door has a 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>	A threshold plate could be installed, or an angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make entry accessible.

**Melrose School: 2 issues.** Per Clerk, voters enter main entry, door 1.

<b>Issue 1</b>	<p><b>Parking is on a slope.</b> The parking lot near the voter entry is sloped with a 4.9% grade.</p>
<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 (2%) 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>	<p>There is a level surface near the sidewalk that leads to the main doors, and accessible parking could be designated at this level area.</p> <p>Ideally voters could enter the new gym and parking could be designated curbside near that building.</p>

<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> The front 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 voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a door knob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Memorial Building: 1 issue.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter main, front doors, which are inaccessible, or the right-side entrance that is accessible.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is unstable.</b> The curbside access from the designated accessible parking located in front of the building has varying height changes from overlapping blacktop.
<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>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	This area can be avoided if accessible parking is designated on the street to the left of the building, near the ramp access point.

**Memorial School: 1 issue. Inaccessible.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter main, front doors which are inaccessible. There does not appear to be an accessible entrance at this school, and therefore we recommend that this precinct be moved. Bland Street Church is a few blocks away, and it has ramped entrances, spacious parking, and appears to be accessible.



<b>Issue</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is uneven and inaccessible.</b> From curbside to entry sidewalk, there are 3 steps with a height of 26". To reach voter entrance, there are five steps to climb with a height rise of 36 ½".
<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>	<p>No ramped entries are available at this location.</p> <p>A switchback ramp could work at this location because there is space; however, this would be an extensive construction project.</p> <p>An easier solution would be to move this precinct to an accessible building, possibly Bland Street Church, which is a few blocks away.</p>

**Mercer County Vo-Tech: No exterior issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter the main doors at the front right of the school, or the accessible door on the left side of the main building.

**Montcalm Elementary: 1 issue.** Per Clerk, voters use doors 4 & 5 on the front left of the building.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Threshold rises are too high.</b> The threshold at door 4 has a 1¼” rise, and door 5 has a 1½” 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 entries accessible.

**Montcalm High: No exterior issues.** Per Clerk, voters enter the main, front doors.

**Nemours Ruritan Community Center: 1 issue.** Per Clerk, voters use the bottom door of the left building.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Screen door is inaccessible due to pinching and simultaneous pull required to open door. Inner 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 screen door propped open during voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a door knob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**New Salem United Methodist: 2 issues.** Per Clerk, voters enter the door to the right of the main church entrance. We suggest moving this precinct to a different location; South View Church may be a good alternative.

<b>Issue 1</b>	<p><b>Ramp is too steep.</b> The entrance of the ramp leading from accessible parking has a steep grade of 12.7%. Other portions of the extensive ramp system also exceed an 8.3% grade.</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>Without extensive construction, there is no easy fix for this ramp since it is made of concrete.</p> <p>The easiest solution would be to move this precinct to a different location.</p>
<b>Issue 2</b>	<p><b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> The voter door is inaccessible due to the knob handle that requires twisting of the wrist.</p>
<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>	<p>Have the door propped open during voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a doorknob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.</p>

<b>Old School Building, Willowton: 3 issues.</b> Per Clerk, voters enter the door at the back of the building.	
<b>Issue 1</b>	<b>No designated parking.</b> There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<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>
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	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>	<p><b>Ground surface at door entrance exceeds acceptable slope and has no landing.</b>          At the voter entry door there is an incline, built in with the parking lot, that is sloped to the threshold with no flat landing area for maneuvering. The slope has a grade of 7.7%.</p>
<p><b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b></p>	<p><b>404.2.4.4 Floor or Ground Surface.</b> Floor or ground surface within required maneuvering clearances shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted.</p> <p><b>405.7.1 Slope.</b> Landings shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted.</p> <p><b>302.1 General.</b> Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302.</p> <p><b>Advisory 304.2 Floor or Ground Surface Exception.</b> As used in this section, the phrase “changes in level” refers to surfaces with slopes and to surfaces with abrupt rise exceeding that permitted in Section 303.3. Such changes in level are prohibited in required clear floor and ground spaces, turning spaces, and in similar spaces where people using wheelchairs and other mobility devices must park their mobility aids such as in wheelchair spaces, or maneuver to use elements such as at doors, fixtures, and telephones. The exception permits slopes not steeper than 1:48 [2%].</p>
<p><b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b></p>	<p>Have the door open on Election Day to make this entrance accessible, or use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system on a stand that is accessible before the incline begins.</p>

<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> The voter entry door is inaccessible due to a 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 voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a doorknob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Pikeview High School: No exterior issues.** Per Clerk, voters enter the main, front doors.

**Pinoak Community Center: 5 issues.** Per Clerk, voters enter the door on the right side of the building. We suggest moving this precinct to Cooks Chapel.

<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>Parking is on an 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>	A core-gravel system, pavers, or other material ½” thick or less could be used to create a stable surface from route to entrance.
<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is unstable.</b> The route from the parking area to the wooden ramp is made of 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>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	A core-gravel system, pavers, or other material ½” thick or less could be used to create a stable surface from route to entrance.

<b>Issue 4</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is uneven and inaccessible.</b> There is a 2½” rise from the grass to the wooden ramp that leads to the voter door.
<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 portable ramp or other material ½” thick or less could be used to create a stable surface from parking area to the wooden ramp.  Since there are multiple issues with this site, the easiest solution would be to move this precinct to Cooks Chapel.
<b>Issue 5</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Voter door is inaccessible due to a 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 voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a doorknob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.

<b>Princeton Apostolic Church: 3 issues.</b> Per Clerk's office, voters enter the doors facing Thorn Street.	
<b>Issue 1</b>	<p><b>Ground surface at door entrance exceeds acceptable slope and has no landing.</b></p> <p>At the voter entry door there is an incline, built in with the parking lot, that is sloped to the threshold with no flat landing area for maneuvering. The slope has a grade of 5.8%.</p>
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<p><b>404.2.4.4 Floor or Ground Surface.</b> Floor or ground surface within required maneuvering clearances shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted.</p> <p><b>405.7.1 Slope.</b> Landings shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted.</p> <p><b>302.1 General.</b> Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302.</p> <p><b>Advisory 304.2 Floor or Ground Surface Exception.</b> As used in this section, the phrase "changes in level" refers to surfaces with slopes and to surfaces with abrupt rise exceeding that permitted in Section 303.3. Such changes in level are prohibited in required clear floor and ground spaces, turning spaces, and in similar spaces where people using wheelchairs and other mobility devices must park their mobility aids such as in wheelchair spaces, or maneuver to use elements such as at doors, fixtures, and telephones. The exception permits slopes not steeper than 1:48 [2%].</p>
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	The only way to make these entries accessible is to have the doors open on Election Day, or check to see if there is an accessible entrance that can be used at this building.

<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Threshold rise is too high.</b> Thresholds at both voter entries have a 2½” 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 this portion of the entry accessible.
<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> 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 voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a doorknob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Princeton First Church of the Nazarene: 3 issues.** Per Clerk’s office, voters enter the front door of the metal building on the right end of the church.

<b>Issue 1</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is uneven and inaccessible.</b> The curb/sidewalk entrance from the accessible parking is cracked and uneven with unavoidable ½” rises.
<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>	Short threshold mats or a thick mat could be used to make this entry area accessible, or this area could also be repaved.
<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Threshold rise is too high.</b> Threshold at the voter door 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>	A threshold plate could be installed, or an angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make entry accessible.

<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Front door is inaccessible due to pinching and simultaneous pull to open the door. The back door is inaccessible due to a 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 voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a doorknob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Princeton Jr. High: No exterior issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter door 1 on the front left of the building.

**Princeton Presbyterian Church: No exterior issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter the door on the front right of the building.

**Princeton Rescue Squad Training Center: 3 issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter the back door of the building.

<b>Issue 1</b>	<p><b>Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry.</b> There is an accessible space near the front of the building, but not at the back of the building where voters enter.</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 accessible parking near voter door.</p>
<b>Issue 2</b>	<p><b>Route to voter entry is uneven and inaccessible.</b> There is a 7" rise from parking lot to door stoop at the voter door.</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>A ramp at least 7' in length is required to make this entrance accessible.</p> <p>The front entrance can more easily be made accessible.</p>

<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>Door hardware is inaccessible.</b> Voter door is inaccessible due to a knob handle that requires 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 voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a door knob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Sacred Heart Cathedral Church Annex: 4 issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter the double-doors on the left side of the building.



<b>Issue 1</b>	<p><b>Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry.</b></p> <p>There is no designated accessible parking near voter entry. Current accessible parking is designated on the opposite side of the church.</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 accessible parking near voter door. Parking should not be designated curbside since that area is sloped.</p>
<b>Issue 2</b>	<p><b>Route to voter entry is unstable.</b></p> <p>The ramp to the voter door is made of deteriorating concrete.</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>Ramp would need to be rebuilt with appropriate slope.</p>

<b>Issue 3</b>	<b>Ramp is too steep.</b> The slope of the ramp that leads to the voter entry is 9.8%. (The digital level was unavailable, so the slope is calculated by the length and height measurements of the ramp).
<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>	An easier solution is to use an accessible entrance on this building or to move the precinct to an accessible location.  Surface needs to be patched or repaved to be stable.
<b>Issue 4</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 voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a doorknob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Silver Springs Elementary: No exterior issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter the main, front doors on the right end of the building.

<b>Spanishburg Elementary: 2 issues.</b> Per Clerk, voters enter the main doors, which are inaccessible, or the accessible door, 15A, at the right end of the building.	
<b>Issue 1</b>	<b>Directional signs needed to accessible entrance.</b> There is an accessible entrance on the right end of the school, but no directional signs pointing towards it.
<b>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</b>	<b>216.6</b> Where not all entrances comply with 404, 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.
<b>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</b>	Accessibility signs are needed at the front of the building and along the front parking area to direct voters to the accessible entrance on the right side of the building.
<b>Issue 2</b>	<b>Route to voter entry is uneven.</b> At the accessible entrance, door 15A, there is a 1½" rise from the parking area to the door stoop.
<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 a thick mat or angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make this stoop accessible.

<b>Sun Valley Elementary: 1 issue.</b> Per maintenance man, voters enter the main, front doors.	
<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 voting; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; use a doorknob gripper with levers; or have poll worker stationed at the door.

**Westminister Presbyterian Church: No exterior issues.** Per Clerk's office, voters enter the double-doors on the front right of the building that sets parallel to the sanctuary.

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