

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 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 May 8-10, 2018, DRWV completed exterior accessibility monitoring of all 21 polling sites in Brooke 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:

- **Beech Bottom Primary**
- **Brooke County Board of Education Building**
- **Colliers School**
- **Hooverston Heights Church of Christ**
- **Hooverston Heights School**
- **Jefferson Elementary**
- **St. Thomas Episcopal**

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Beech Bottom Primary: Not Accessible.	
Issue	Inside route to voting area is inaccessible. Voters used the main front door to enter. While the route to the main door is compliant with ADA design standards, once inside the building there are five steps before the voting area can be reached. There is no ramp, lift, or elevator for accessibility.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	303.4 Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped and shall comply with 405 or 406.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	There is not enough space to create a ramp at this front entrance, and there is no apparent accessible entrance on the building. A different location is needed. The Beech Bottom Village may be an option; it has a ramp and appears to have an accessible entrance.

Bethany Town Building: 1 issue.

Issue	<p>Threshold rise is too high. Multiple calls were made to both the Bethany Town Building and the BCCO to ascertain which door voters enter; voter entrance remains unknown. Threshold at main door to the town building has threshold rise of 3”.</p>
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>404.2.5 Thresholds, if provided at doorways, shall be ½ inch (13 mm) high maximum. Raised thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with 302 and 303.</p>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>If this door is the voter entry, then an angled entry mat or threshold mat could be used to make this entry accessible.</p> <p>If the double doors are used for voter entry, there is no exterior accessibility issue.</p>

Board of Education Building: 2 issues.	
Issue 1	<p>Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry. There are designated parking spaces in the front parking area. The only accessible entrance on the building is on the right side, towards the back.</p>
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>208.3.1 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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>The easier, shorter route for people with disabilities would be to designate accessible parking in the parking area behind the building on Election Day.</p>

Issue 2	<p>Entrance must be kept opened during voter hours.</p> <p>The only accessible entrance is an elevator entrance on the right side of the building. This door is apparently only opened by an intercom system, meaning someone must be there to operate this entrance and make it accessible.</p>
Americans with Disabilities Act Title II Regulations	<p>28 C.F.R. §35.130, §35.133</p> <p>No qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of a disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any public entity.</p> <p>A public entity shall maintain in operable working condition those features of facilities and equipment that are required to be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities by the Act or this part.</p>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>On Election Day this door and elevator must be open and operable.</p>

Colliers School: 2 issues.

Issue 1	Portion of route is on unstable surface. There is one curb access ramp at the front of the building, and it has 3' portion of deterioration with varying depths of 1"-2".
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	This portion needs to be repaired. For Election Day this portion could be covered by an accessible mat or other material less than ½" thick that is affixed in a stable way.
Issue 2	Route to voter entrance is inaccessible. According to secretary, voters use front doors 2D, just right of the main school entrance. This entrance has 4 steps with a rise of more than 23"; no ramp, lift, or elevator are provided.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	303.4 Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped and shall comply with 405 or 406.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	A portable ramp could be used, but it would be long due to the 23" rise; for every inch of rise, a foot of ramp is required. The best option is to move voters to an accessible entrance.

Community of Christ Church: No exterior issues. Per pastor, voters enter left side door, near back of building.

Follansbee City Building: No exterior issues.

Follansbee Middle School/Carlin Dodrill Field House: 4 issues.	
Issue 1	Route from parking area to accessible entry is partially made of loose gravel and dirt.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	A core-gravel system, pavers, or other material ½” thick or less could be used to create a stable surface from route to entrance.
Issue 2	Directional signs needed to accessible entrance. According to the principal, voters enter through the front doors of the Field House, which are inaccessible. Accessible entrance is at the back of the Field House.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	216.6 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.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Signs with the international recognized sign for accessibility are needed on the front and side of the building to direct voters to accessible entry at the back.

Issue 3	Entrance must be kept opened during voter hours. The only accessible entrance is behind a fenced gate at the left back of the building.
Americans with Disabilities Act Title II Regulations	28 C.F.R. §35.130, §35.133 No qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of a disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any public entity. A public entity shall maintain in operable working condition those features of facilities and equipment that are required to be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities by the Act or this part.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	On Election Day this gate must be kept open during voting hours.

Issue 4	Door hardware is inaccessible. Accessible entry has a handle that requires tight grasping.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	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. 404.2.7 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.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Have the door propped open during polling; use a temporary doorbell or ballot call alert system; or have poll worker stationed at the door.

Franklin Fire Department: 2 issues.

<p>Issue 1</p>	<p>No designated parking. There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.</p>
<p>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</p>	<p>502.1 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>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.</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>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</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>

Issue 2	Threshold rise is too high. Multiple calls were made to the fire department and BCCO to ascertain voter entrance; it is still unknown. Threshold at front door entrance door has 2¼” rise.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	404.2.5 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.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	An angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make entry accessible. If voters use a fire-door as an entrance there is no threshold issue.

Franklin Primary School: No exterior issues. Per principal, voters enter door on right side of building, inside playground area.

Freedom Place II: No exterior issues. Per residents, voters enter main entry doors or door to the left of main entry that leads directly into voting area.

Hooverston Heights Church of Christ: 3 issues.

<p>Issue 1</p>	<p>Route to voter entry is uneven and inaccessible. Multiple calls were made to the church and BCCO to ascertain voter entrance; it is still unknown. There are eight points of entry on this building, and it is unclear which entrance voters use. Three of these entrances (main front entrances, fourth door on the right that leads to the basement, and door on the back of the building that leads to the basement) are inaccessible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main front entrances to the church require climbing 12 steps with a rise of more than 5’. • The first door on the right has a concrete stoop with a 3½” rise from the parking lot. • The fourth door on the right requires descending 9 steps, with a descent of more than 5’. • The door on the back of the building requires descending 8 steps, with a descent of more than 5’.
<p>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</p>	<p>303.4 Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped and shall comply with 405 or 406.</p>
<p>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>None of the above listed doors can be made accessible without extensive construction. If one of these doors is used as voter entry, the entrance must be moved to an accessible entry.</p>

Issue 2	<p>Threshold rise is too high. Seven of eight doors on this building have thresholds not in compliance with ADA standards. The only potentially accessible doors with threshold rises are listed below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First door on the right has 3½” rise. • Third door on the right has a 2½” rise. • Door on left side of building has a 7” rise.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>404.2.5 Thresholds, if provided at doorways, shall be ½ inch (13 mm) high maximum. Raised thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with 302 and 303.</p>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>A threshold plate could be installed, or an angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make the first door and third door entries accessible. A portable ramp could be used for the door on the left side of the building.</p>

Issue 3	<p>Elevator out of order. The only accessible entry that does not need modifications is the elevator entrance which was out of order the day after the Primary Election. Length of time it has been out of order is unknown.</p>
<p>Americans with Disabilities Act Title II Regulations</p>	<p>28 C.F.R. §35.130, §35.133 No qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of a disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any public entity.</p> <p>A public entity shall maintain in operable working condition those features of facilities and equipment that are required to be readily accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities by the Act or this part.</p>
<p>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>If this is the only accessible entry to the building, it must be open and operable on Election Day.</p>

Hooverston Heights Fire Dept: No exterior issues. Per BCCO, voters enter front door.

Hooverston Heights School: 2 issues.

<p>Issue 1</p>	<p>No designated parking. There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.</p>
<p>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</p>	<p>502.1 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>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.</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>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</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>

Issue 2	Route to voter entry is uneven and inaccessible. The main entrance to the school, which is typically used for polling, has three steps totaling more than an 18" rise.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	303.4 Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped and shall comply with 405 or 406.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	A ramp could be made for this entrance; for it to be ADA compliant, one foot of ramp is required for every inch of rise (making this at least an 18' ramp). An easier solution would be to use a door that is accessible. There is a ramp on the back of the building, behind a fenced area, that may be accessible.

Jefferson Elementary: 4 issues.

Issue 1	Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry. There are two curbside accessible parking spaces at the opposite end of the school from where voters enter. According to office personnel, voters enter at the left end of the building.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	208.3.1 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.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Designate accessible parking near voter door.

Issue 2	Directional signs needed to accessible route. Although there are two parking areas/routes to the voter entrance, the only accessible is from curbside/sidewalk path.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	216.6 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.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Accessibility signs are needed on the sidewalk pointing towards the paved path perpendicular to the left end of the building.
Issue 3	Ramp is too steep. The slope of the ramp leading to voter entrance has a grade of 9.7%.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	405.2 Ramp runs shall have a running slope not steeper than 1:12 (8.3%).
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	The easiest solution would be to find an entrance at the building that is accessible. To be ADA compliant this ramp would need to be repaved on appropriately scaled ground so that the slope is no greater than 8.3% and incorporate a landing.

<p>Issue 4</p>	<p>Ramp has no landing. The ramp leading to the voter entrance extends all the way to the threshold and does not have a landing.</p>
<p>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</p>	<p>404.2.4.4 Floor or Ground Surface. Floor or ground surface within required maneuvering clearances shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted.</p> <p>405.7 Ramps shall have landings at the top and the bottom of each ramp run. Landings shall comply with 405.7.</p> <p>405.7.1 Slope. Landings shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted.</p> <p>405.7.2 Width. The landing clear width shall be at least as wide as the widest ramp run leading to the landing.</p> <p>405.7.3 Length. The landing clear length shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) long minimum.</p> <p>405.7.4 Change in Direction. Ramps that change direction between runs at landings shall have a clear landing 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum by 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum.</p> <p>405.7.5 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>

Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>The easiest solution would be to find an entrance at the building that is accessible.</p> <p>To be ADA compliant this ramp would need to be repaved on appropriately scaled ground so that the slope is no greater than 8.3% and incorporate a landing.</p>
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Lauretta B. Millsop Primary: 3 issues.	
Issue 1	<p>Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry.</p> <p>There is one designated accessible parking space near main school entrance at the front of the building; however, voting occurs at the back of the building.</p>
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>208.3.1 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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>Designate accessible parking near the voter entrance.</p>

Issue 2	Route to voter entry is not firm. The ramp to the voter entry is pockmarked with loose gravel.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Be sure that all loose gravel is swept off the ramp. Ultimately, the ramp will need to be repaved as deterioration will continue.
Issue 3	Threshold rise is too high. Threshold at voter entry door has 1½” rise.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	404.2.5 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.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	A threshold plate could be installed, or an angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make entry accessible.

McKinleyville Volunteer Fire Department: 1 issue.

Issue	<p>No designated parking. There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.</p>
<p>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</p>	<p>502.1 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>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.</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>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>Use accessible signage to designate a parking space on Election Day on the paved area near the voter entrance. If only one space is designated, it must be a van accessible space with aisle.</p>

OpenDoor Baptist Church: 3 issues.

Issue 1	<p>Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry. There are two designated parking spaces in the top parking lot, adjacent to sanctuary entrance.</p>
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>208.3.1 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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>According to ballot post signs on doors, voters enter the bottom double-doors at the back of the church. Designate parking near those doors. If only one space is designated, it must be a van accessible space with aisle.</p>
Issue 2	<p>Parking is on unstable surface. Parking area is made of loose gravel.</p>
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302.</p> <p>502.4 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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>A core-gravel system, pavers, or other material ½” thick or less could be used to create a stable surface from route to entrance.</p>

Issue 3	Route to voter entry is unstable and uneven. The route from parking to voter doors is made of loose gravel, making it unstable, and there is a 2" rise from gravel to the concrete door stoop.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302. 303.4 Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped and shall comply with 405 or 406.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	A core-gravel system, pavers, or other material ½" thick or less could be used to create a stable surface from route to entrance. A curb ramp could be used to create an accessible route from the ground to the stoop; just make sure it is placed on stable ground.

St. Thomas Episcopal: 4 issues.

Issue 1	<p>No designated parking. There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.</p>
<p>2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements</p>	<p>502.1 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>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.</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>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</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>

Issue 2	<p>Route to voter entry is not firm. Multiple calls were made to the church and BCCO to ascertain which door voters enter; voter entrance remains unknown. The route from the parking lot to the Parish Hall Office (side door at back of building) has an unavoidable muddy area.</p>
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>302.1 Floor and ground surfaces shall be stable, firm, and slip resistant and shall comply with 302.</p>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>There are multiple issues with this particular entry that make it inaccessible, otherwise material ½” thick or less could be used to create a stable surface over top this area.</p>
Issue 3	<p>Threshold rise is too high. Threshold at Parish Hall Office door has a 1¾” rise.</p>
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>404.2.5 Thresholds, if provided at doorways, shall be ½ inch (13 mm) high maximum. Raised thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with 302 and 303.</p>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>Since this door is also too narrow, using the front entrance that is accessible is the best choice. Otherwise this door would need to be replaced with a door that meets ADA design guidelines.</p>

Issue 4	Clear width of doorway is too narrow. The Parish Hall Office door is only 31” wide, closed (likely narrower once the door is open).
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	404.2.3 Clear Width. 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).
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Use the main front entrance which is accessible; otherwise this door would need to be replaced with a door that meets ADA design guidelines.

Wellsburg Methodist Church: No exterior issues. Per pastor, the back accessible entrance is always open on Election Day.

Wellsburg Primary School: No exterior issues on Main Street entrance. According to the principal, voters use the Main Street and Charles Street entrances depending on precinct. The Main Street entrance is the only accessible entrance, so please make sure that regardless of precinct, people can enter Main Street and make their way through the building to the Charles Street poll booths if needed.

Windsor Heights Fireman’s Club: After speaking with Windsor Heights residents and the BCCO, it has been determined that this building is no longer a polling site. The building has several obstacles that make it inaccessible.

Several temporary solutions have been offered for making polling sites across Brooke 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

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.