

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 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 March 6-8, 2018, we completed exterior accessibility monitoring of all 30 polling sites in Putnam County. The majority of polling sites in the county are accessible or easily made temporarily accessible by propping open the polling site door, designating accessible parking, and hanging appropriate signage. The sites of most concern are RESA III, James Bush Store House, and the building adjacent to Thomas’ Grocery.

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Bancroft Fire Station: 1 issue.	
Issue	No designated parking. There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	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.

Bethel Baptist Church Activities Building: No exterior issues.

Buffalo Elementary School: 1 issue.	
Issue	<p>No designated parking. There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.</p>
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>Use accessible signage to designate a parking space near door on Election Day. If only one space is designated, it must be a van accessible space with aisle.</p>

Buffalo High School: No exterior issues. According to the secretary, voters enter main doors.

Building Adjacent to Thomas' Grocery Store: 1 issue.	
Issue	Parking and route to entry is on unstable surface. Parking area and route to current voter entrance on the right end of the building is uneven gravel and grass.
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. 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.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	A core-gravel system, pavers, or other material could be used to create a stable surface for parking and route to entrance. An easier solution is to have voters use the Lanham Post Office entry that has an accessible, paved parking space and accessible entry route.

Confidence Elementary: No exterior issues. According to the secretary, voters enter door 4.

Conner Street Elementary: 2 issues.

Issue 1	Directional signs needed to accessible entrance. According to the principal, voters enter through the main doors, which are inaccessible, and the back of the gym, door 20, which is accessible if voters can enter the fenced gate.
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 front and on the side of the building to direct voters to back of school accessible entry, door 20.

Issue 2	<p>Entrance must be kept opened during voter hours.</p> <p>Th only accessible entrance is behind a fenced gate on the left end of the building.</p>
<p>Americans with Disabilities Act Title II Regulations</p>	<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>
<p>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>On Election Day this gate must be kept open during voting hours.</p>

Eastbrook Elementary: 4 issues.

Issue 1	Directional signs needed to accessible entrance. According to the principal, voters enter through the main doors, which are inaccessible, and likely through a back door of the school (back doors can only be accessed if gate is open and unlocked).
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	Accessible entrance needs to be designated, and accessibility signs pointing to that entrance are needed on the front of the building and on the side gate to direct voters.

<p>Issue 2</p>	<p>Entrance must be kept opened during voter hours. Only accessible entrance is behind a fenced gate on the right end of the building.</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>On Election Day this gate must be kept open during voting hours and accessible entry needs to be designated.</p>

Issue 3	Route to voter entry is uneven and inaccessible. It is unclear which door is used on the back for voter entry. According to principal voting occurs in the cafeteria, door 10. The concrete pad in front of door 10 has a 2" 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 portable ramp covering rise and the grate could be an option to make this door accessible. An easier solution is to use double-doors, 8, that are accessible and lead to a hallway. These doors also have adjacent accessible parking.
Issue 4	Grate openings are too wide. The grate in front of door 10 has openings of nearly 1" that run parallel to the direction of travel.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	302.3 Openings in floor or ground surfaces shall not allow passage of a sphere more than ½ inch (13 mm) diameter except as allowed in 407.4.3, 409.4.3, 410.4, 810.5.3 and 810.10. Elongated openings shall be placed so that the long dimension is perpendicular to the dominant direction of travel.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Grate could be covered by a portable ramp or firm mat covering.

Fraziers Bottom Fire Station: No exterior issues.

G.W. Elementary: No exterior issues.

G.W. Middle School: No exterior issues.

Heizer Creek Community Church Activities Building: 3 issues.	
Issue 1	<p>No designated parking. There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.</p>
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>Use accessible signage to designate a parking space near voter entry 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. Threshold at voter entry door has a 4" 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 portable ramp or angled entry mat could be used as long as it did not block access from the sidewalk closest to the building (which is only accessible sidewalk).
Issue 3	Door hardware is inaccessible. Door is inaccessible due to knob handle that requires twisting of the wrist.
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, use a door knob gripper with levers, or have poll worker stationed at the door.

Holiday Inn Express: No exterior issues.

Hometown Elementary: 2 issues.

Issue 1	Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry. Accessible parking is on opposite end of parking lot from voter entrance.
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	Use accessible signage to designate a parking space close to voter entrance on Election Day. If only one space is designated, it must be a van accessible space with aisle.
Issue 2	Grate openings are too wide. The grate in front of main entrance/voter entrance has openings of more than 1" and openings run parallel to the direction of travel.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	302.3 Openings in floor or ground surfaces shall not allow passage of a sphere more than ½ inch (13 mm) diameter except as allowed in 407.4.3, 409.4.3, 410.4, 810.5.3 and 810.10. Elongated openings shall be placed so that the long dimension is perpendicular to the dominant direction of travel.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Grate could be covered by a portable ramp or firm covering, or an alternate accessible entrance could be used.

Hurricane High School: No exterior issues. Per office personnel, voters enter one of the front doors, though it was unclear which one (all are accessible). Voting occurs in gym.

Hurricane Middle School: No exterior issues. Per secretary, voters enter through the breezeway and go up the ramp to door 16.

James Bush's Store Building: 5 issues.	
Issue 1	<p>No designated parking. There are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.</p>
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<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	Parking and route to entry is on unstable surface. Parking area and route to entry is uneven gravel and grass.
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. 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.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	A core-gravel system, pavers, or other material could be used to create a stable surface for parking and route to entrance.
Issue 3	Route to voter entry is uneven and inaccessible. The route to the door has several changes in height over gravel, a 3" rise to a concrete pad, and a 2" rise to the door stoop.
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 to cover these changes in height from the grass to the door threshold.

Issue 4	Threshold rise is too high. Threshold at entry door has 4" 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 long portable ramp could be used from gravel to door threshold. An angled entry mat/threshold mat could be used to make entry from stoop to door entry accessible.
Issue 5	Door hardware is inaccessible. The inner door is inaccessible due to knob handle that requires twisting of the wrist.
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, use a doorknob gripper with levers, or have poll worker stationed at the door.

Lakeside Elementary: 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. If only one space is designated, it must be a van accessible space with aisle. Parking could be designated accessible curbside since all parking is up the bank at street level.</p>

Midway United Methodist Church Activities Building: 4 issues.

Issue 1	Accessible parking is not on the shortest route to voter entry. Accessible parking is on opposite end of parking lot from activities 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	Use accessible signage to designate a parking space near activities building on Election Day. If only one space is designated, it must be a van accessible space with aisle.
Issue 2	Route to voter entry is uneven and inaccessible. The concrete pad in front of the voter doors has varying height rises from 1.5” to 2.5.”
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 from parking lot to door, or angled entry mats could make the route accessible.

Issue 3	Threshold rise is too high. Threshold at entrance door has 3 ¼” 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 portable ramp from parking lot to door, or angled entry mat could make the route accessible.
Issue 4	Door hardware is inaccessible. Door is inaccessible due to knob handle that requires twisting of the wrist.
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, use a doorknob gripper with levers, or have poll worker stationed at the door.

Mountain View Elementary: No exterior issues. Per secretary, voters enter the main entrance.

Poca High School: No exterior issues. Per secretary, voters enter the main entrance.

Poca Middle School Cafeteria: No exterior issues. Per principal, voters enter the main entrance.

RESA III Building: 7 issues. New building is needed for this precinct.	
Issue 1	<p>Entrance must be kept opened during voter hours.</p> <p>The only accessible parking is behind a locked, fenced gate to the right of the building.</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 gate must be kept open during voting hours.</p>

Issue 2	Ramps are too steep. The slope of the entry ramp located closest to the designated accessible parking has a slope measurement of 15.3%. The vehicle ramp leading to door 9 has a slope measurement of 11.5%.
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	Ramps need to be rebuilt with accessible slopes.
Issue 3	Route to voter entry is uneven and inaccessible. There are 7 points of entry, and it is unclear which door is used by voters. Sidewalks are broken and uneven. Exterior road curbs are broken and inaccessible. Front main door, 1, has a series of steps.
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	Sidewalks need to be repaired and made accessible.

Issue 4	<p>Threshold rises are too high. Excluding door 9, all doors have a stoop of at least 5" and a 6" threshold to cross before entering building.</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>Portable ramps at doors 1 and 10 may make those entries accessible; however, to cover the 11" rise, ramps of at least 11' would be needed. With the current layout of this building, 11' ramps do not seem feasible and would be difficult to incorporate with accessible sidewalk paths.</p>

<p>Issue 5</p>	<p>Ramp has no landing. Door 9 is the closest to being accessible; however, the ramp leading to it has no landing, making it inaccessible.</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>
<p>Suggestions for ADA Compliance</p>	<p>An accessible entry must be made on this building.</p>

Issue 6	Door hardware is inaccessible. Most doors are inaccessible due to knob handles that requires twisting of the wrist.
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, use a door knob gripper with levers, or have poll worker stationed at the door.
Issue 7	Directional signs needed to accessible entrance. It's not clear which door voters enter, but appropriate signage would be needed guiding voters to an accessible entrance.
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 to direct voters to accessible entrance.

Rock Branch Elementary: 3 issues.	
Issue 1	<p>No designated parking. Parking is curbside and there are no parking spaces designated for accessibility.</p>
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<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>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>Use accessible signage to designate a parking space curbside 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. There are no curb ramps or access to sidewalk; curb has a rise of 2”.
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	Use a curb ramp or angled mat to create an accessible route.
Issue 3	Door hardware is inaccessible. According to the secretary, voters use door 2. This door has a handle that requires pinching and simultaneous pull to open door.
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 have a poll worker stationed at the door.

Rt. 34 Volunteer Fire Department: 3 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 near the voter entry door on Election Day. If only one space is designated, it must be a van accessible space with aisle.</p>

Issue 2	Parking is on sloped surface. Most of the paved parking has a slope of 5.3%.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	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.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	The surface is level close to the entrance at the left end of the building. Designate a space in the level area using accessible signage.
Issue 3	Door hardware is inaccessible. Door is inaccessible due to knob handle that requires twisting of the wrist.
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, use a door knob gripper with levers, or have a poll worker stationed at the door.

Scott Teays Elementary School: No exterior issues. Per secretary, voters enter the main entrance.

Teays Valley Church of God: 1 issue.	
Issue	Parking is on a sloped surface. Two of the designated parking spaces and aisles are on a sloped surface measuring 6.7%.
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	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.
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	Make sure other designated spaces are available close to the voter entry door.

Valley Park—The Commons: 2 issues.

<p>Issue 1</p>	<p>No designated parking. There are currently no parking spaces designated for accessibility, but this is likely due to the current construction.</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 curb-side parking space on Election Day since parking lot is quite a distance from route to accessible entrance. If only one space is designated, it must be a van accessible space with aisle.</p>

Issue 2	<p>Route to voter entry is uneven and inaccessible; there are stairs at one entry.</p> <p>There is mud and changes in height of several inches between pathways to voter entry. Voter door is currently unknown, and there are 6 points of entry to this building. All doors in the inner courtyard are accessible; however, the door on the right side of the building, facing the Wave Pool, has two steps and no ramp, making it inaccessible.</p>
2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design Requirements	<p>303.4 Changes in level greater than ½ inch (13 mm) high shall be ramped, and shall comply with 405 or 406.</p>
Suggestions for ADA Compliance	<p>This issues with the uneven route are likely due to current construction on the Valley Park grounds. Be sure that there is curb access to the building by Election Day.</p> <p>One of the inner courtyard doors must be unlocked and designated as an accessible voter entry.</p>

West Teays Elementary: No exterior issues. Per secretary, voters enter the main entrance.

Winfield Elementary: No exterior issues. Per secretary, voters enter door 2.

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