

GRANT SCOPE, HISTORY AND PLANNING

ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan for Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts

The Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea is seeking a consultant to prepare a Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan that complies with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and its amendments. The Town of Manchester-by-the-Sea intends to enter into a contract for professional services with an experienced and qualified consultant to engage in a public process that includes working with the ADA Committee, Town staff and residents to provide the following services and products.

- ADA compliance evaluation of Town Services, Programs and Policies.
- ADA compliance evaluation of Town facilities including buildings, parks, beaches and cemeteries including associated site elements such as sidewalks, walkways, parking lots, play structures and other site elements. The evaluation will not include conservation lands. (see Municipal Property List – Attached)
- Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.
- Cost estimate and timeline for remediation work as a result of the evaluation.

APPLICANT HISTORY

Manchester-by-the-Sea's ADA Advisory Committee was established in 1994 with members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Committee immediately began work with transitions plans for Singing Beach and Town Hall the Town's most visited beach and its principal administrative building. Subsequent years included plans and improvements to Tuck's Point, Seaside I (Museum) and other beaches and parks. A Transition Plan revision dated 2006 (Attached) documents the work of the Committee between 1994 and 2006. Since 2006, the ADA Committee has worked to improve accessibility at Municipal facilities including Schools, Reed Park, Crowell Chapel, and Cedar Swamp Parking Area, and has worked with Downtown Businesses to encourage accessibility improvements as well. The Committee assisted with the ADA Self Assessment and Transition Plan for the Town's 2014 Open Space and Recreation Plan and provided accessibility recommendations for the Town's 2019 Master Plan.

ADDITIONAL PLANNING INFORMATION

The Towns recently completed Master Plan includes a recommendation to create capital improvement, maintenance and management plan for all town facilities including recreational facilities and sites. ADA compliance is a principal goal of facility and site improvements, so now is a critical time to assess these assets and create a plan to improve and maintain them to ensure ADA improvements are included in all facility capital, maintenance and management plans.