

CITY OF MONTICELLO, INDIANA

**Update to
Transition Plan
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Americans with Disabilities Act

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Update to the City of Monticello, Indiana

Transition Plan for the Americans with Disabilities Act

II Plan Development

A. ADA Coordinator

The ADA Coordinator for the City of Monticello continues to provide administrative services as the city moves toward ADA compliance. In addition to ADA responsibilities the ADA Coordinator has also been appointed Title VI Implementation Plan Coordinator, and as such maintains recordkeeping for both ADA & Title VI encounters.

B. Grievance Procedure

The City of Monticello has had no ADA Complaints or Grievances filed. We believe this can be attributed to the public outreach provided by the Mayor's Advisory Council for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

C. Mayor's Advisory Council for the Americans with Disabilities Act

The Mayor's Advisory Council for the Americans with Disabilities Act continues to provide valuable guidance, support, services, and promotional events for our community through public engagement, facility evaluation, and awareness month activities. Fundraising efforts provide additional dollars for training council members, city employees, and others within our county upon request. Enclosed in this update is the Advisory Council calendar for 2015/2016.

The Mayor's Advisory Council also continues to complete facility evaluations, as the city moves toward facility barrier removal determined by our community leadership, residents, and public outreach.

This council continues to play a vital role communicating, promoting awareness, and engaging all of our community. Their efforts provide the catalyst for many partnerships which have made many of our achievements possible.

D. Self -Evaluation

Evaluations of our traffic/pedestrian inventory, public buildings/facilities, programs/services, and emergency preparedness are ongoing, as the evolution of the ADA in the City of Monticello's strategic plan has become second nature and a natural consideration in every aspect of city governance.

Streets and Sidewalks

ADA compliant sidewalk replacement continues each year. Funding for these projects is accomplished through our early budget planning and matching grant and funding opportunities provided by and through INDOT. In 2014 and 2015 the city replaced, removed barriers, and made compliant where possible at a cost of \$44,743.68 and \$59,602.00 respectively. A detailed listing & photos are enclosed here and available digitally.

Public Buildings and Facilities

As stated above, evaluations are ongoing, however through collaborative relationships and partnerships barriers are being removed and progress is moving forward as we continue our evaluations.

A portable wheelchair lift, made possible by contributions in memory of Elizabeth "Liz" Oilar (our City Clerk/Treasurer who lost her battle with a brain tumor in 2014), a White County Community Foundation Women Giving Together Grant, and an extremely generous award from our White County Board of Health was purchased and is available to any group in White County to provide access to stages, bleachers, and other venues where it can be safely deployed.

In June of 2016 in cooperation with Whiskey and Wine Saloon/Anchor Bay Resort and their fundraising efforts, equipment for our "Tot Lot", a wheelchair accessible swing, and an expression swing were purchased and made available to our community at the Monticello City Park.

In late 2014 & throughout 2015 local Eagle Scouts designed and built bridges to connect trails at our Altherr Nature Park, additionally the Rotary Club of Monticello designed, built, and donated an overlook at the same park.

Each year together with the Mayor's Advisory Council and the City of Monticello Department of Parks & Recreation a fishing tournament is held with the proceeds earmarked to provide accessible docks and piers at our Bluewater Beach Park, and our Public Access Ramp at Dodge Camp. These fundraising efforts are ongoing.

Programs and Services

The addition of Title VI compliance to the role of ADA Coordinator has generated a new focus on the way we communicate not only with our friends with disabilities, but also our consumers with limited English proficiency. The renewed commitment to Title VI has led us to provide yearly training for our employees, and the establishment of encounter logs for all of our departments so that we can more accurately assess the needs of our community, and address corrective measures. Our efforts are ongoing.

Emergency Preparedness

Our valuable partnerships with White County Emergency Management, the White County Health Department, and all of the local public safety agencies continue to thrive. Additionally, these partners have been joined by NIPSCO, the largest provider of electric and gas in our area, in an agreement to use our notification system when it is necessary for them to share valuable and lifesaving information about our 2 dams and lakes that border our city, thus eliminating a duplication of services, and assuring consistent and up to date communication for all.

Our ADA Coordinator is also serving on the State Department of Health Medical Reserve Corp ESF-8 Committee as they prepare for their annual conference. The theme of this years' conference is "At Risk and Functional Needs", including Maintaining Independence, Communication, Transportation, Supervision, and Medical Care.

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