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TOWN OF BARNSTABLE ADA SELF-EVALUATION AND TRANSITION PLAN NOTICE OF DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY AND COMMENT PERIOD

(BARNSTABLE, MA – September 21, 2022) In 2021, the Town of Barnstable was awarded a \$250,000 planning grant by the <u>Massachusetts Office on Disability</u> to hire a consultant to perform the work of developing a self-evaluation and transition plan for the Town. The Town of Barnstable contracted with the Institute for Human Centered Design to complete a comprehensive review of our policies, facilities, services, and programs. That plan has been completed and is available for review by the public. During this process, Town Manager Mark Ells named Tammy Cunningham, Assistant Human Resources Director, as the Town of Barnstable's ADA Coordinator.

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OVERVIEW

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) was created to provide rights and protections for individuals with disabilities. This law provides rights and protections for both employment related matters and for access to programs and services to individuals with disabilities. Title II of the ADA lists the specific requirements that apply to local governments. The documentation of an ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan is required to comply with Title II of the ADA. The intent and purpose of an ADA Self-Evaluation Plan is for a public entity to identify issues and conditions that could impact qualified individuals with disabilities. The intent and purpose of a Transition Plan is to set forth a written process and method whereby the public entity can modify, replace, or remove identified ADA compliance issues and conditions over time.

REVIEW THE PLAN

Below is a link to access and review the plan. Due to the amount of information evaluated with this project, the link to the plan is separated into eight categories: executive summaries; primary asset facilities; secondary asset facilities; beaches, parks, and playgrounds; parking lots; website report; priorities for the ADA Transition Plan; and resources.

To review the full plan and learn more, please visit the following links:

- Part A: Executive Summary
- <u>Part B: Executive Summary: Evaluation of Non-discriminatory Policies &</u> <u>Practices in Programs, Services & Activities</u>
- Part C: Self-Evaluation Summary
- Part D: Glossary
- Part E: GIS Summary Report
- Part F: Primary Asset Facilities Reports
- <u>Part G: Secondary Asset Facilities Reports</u>
- Part H: Beaches, Parks, and Playgrounds
- Part I: Parking lots
- Part J: Website Report
- Part K: Transition Plan

In an effort to increase opportunities to view the plan, copies of the Town's draft ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan can be found at Barnstable Town Hall (Town Manager's Office), School Administration Building, the Barnstable Adult Community Center, and the seven village libraries (Centerville Public Library, Cotuit Library, Hyannis Public Library, Marstons Mills Public Library, Osterville Village Library, Sturgis Library, and Whelden Memorial Library).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Review and Comment

Please share your thoughts with us about this very important topic of accessibility. We want to hear from you. The Town is currently taking public comment on the draft plan through Friday, October 21, 2022.

To provide comments and for additional information, please contact Tammy Cunningham, ADA Coordinator and Assistant Director of Human Resources, at 508-862-4692 or <u>Tammy.Cunningham@town.barnstable.ma.us</u>.

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