




ADA Transition Plan Update | Evanston

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Open House #2

August 11, 2022 6pm-8pm via Zoom



**Thank you for your
participation and
involvement!**

The Project Team

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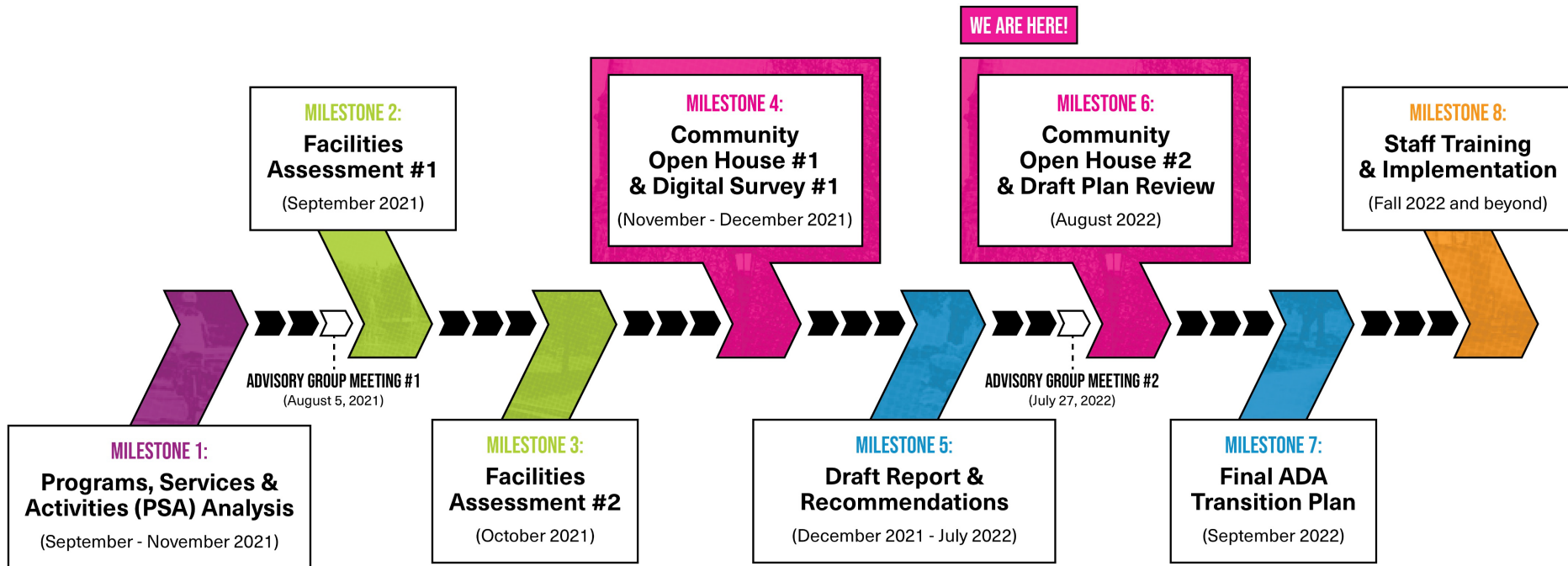
All Together

Avid Consulting

McGuire Iglesias & Associates



The Project Timeline



What is the ADA?

The ADA is a **civil rights law** that prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability.

The ADA ensures equal opportunity in:

- Employment
- Government services
- Public accommodations
- Telecommunications



ADA Title II Requirements

1. Designate Responsible Employee
 - ADA Coordinator
2. Establish Grievance Procedure
3. Provide Notice to the Public
4. Conduct a Self-Evaluation
5. Develop a Transition Plan





Scope of Project

ADA Transition Plan

1. Self-assessment to identify barriers
 - Parks and Facilities
 - Public Right-of-Way (ROW)
 - Programs, Services, and Activities
2. Provide methods to remove barriers
3. Schedule to achieve “Program Access”
4. Name a person responsible
5. Public engagement

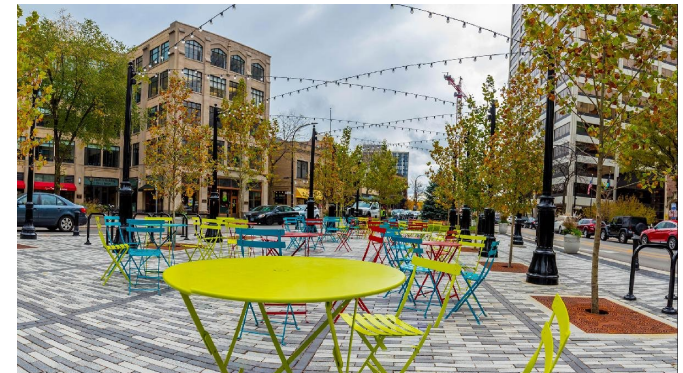
Scope Components

1. Department interviews
2. Public Input
3. Analyze City Programs, Services, and Activities (PSAs)
 - Review Policies & Procedures
4. Assessments of City parks, facilities, and ROW
 - Develop dataset and GIS integration
5. ROW Programmatic Approach
6. Provide City staff training
7. Update ADA Transition Plan



Vision for the City of Evanston

1. Meets ADA Title II Requirements
2. Enhances existing PSAs
 - Staff training to improve delivery of PSAs
 - City has tools to review all future PSAs
3. Creates accessibility, inclusion, and equity
4. Benefit to the residents of Evanston
 - Creates a more accessible community
 - Creates a more inclusive community



Public Input Plan

1. Two Community Meetings

- Open House #1 was held on November 18, 2021, at the Levy Senior Center
- Open House #2 is today!

2. Online Survey and Input

- Open November 18 – December 19, 2021
- Provided in English and Spanish
- Generated 165 responses
- Provided infrastructure priorities
- Provided programs, services, and activities priorities

Public Input Plan (continued)

3. ADA Advisory Group input

- Volunteer advisory group made up of members of and advocates for people with disabilities
 1. Met on August 5, 2021 and July 27, 2022

4. What We Heard

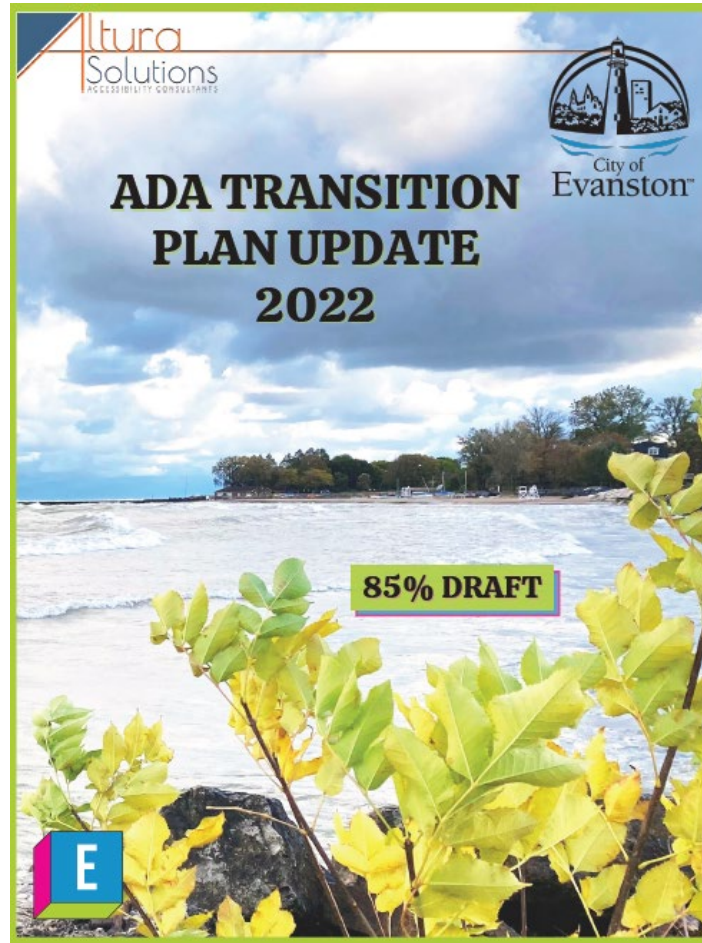
- Infrastructure Priorities
 1. Public Right-of-Way
 2. Buildings
 3. Parks
- Programs, Services, and Activities Priorities
 1. Maintenance of streets and public areas
 2. Fire and police services
 3. Library programs

Project Summary

Work Completed To Date:

- Inspected 119 City-owned facilities
- Reviewed over 1,400 PSAs
- Met with Advisory Group
- Conducted Open House #1 (in-person)
- Conducting Open House #2 today (virtual)
- Currently reviewing 85% Draft

The 85% Draft Document



Organization of the Document

- Chapter 1 Introduction
- Chapter 2 Culture of Accessibility
- Chapter 3 Self-Evaluations
- Chapter 4 Recommendations
- Chapter 5 Implementation
- Appendices

Chapter 1 Introduction

- Background of the ADA
- Legislative ADA Mandates
- City of Evanston ADA History



Chapter 2 Culture of Accessibility

- City Staff Involvement
- Public Engagement and Input

Chapter 3 Self Evaluations

- Programs Services and Activities (PSAs)
 - Reviewed over 1,400 PSAs
- Parks and Facilities
 - 119 Inspected Parks and Facilities
- Public Right-of-Way (ROW)
 - Programmatic Approach



Locations with the Most PSAs

FACILITY	NUMBER OF PSAs
Robert Crown Community Center	408
Chandler-Newberger	204
Levy Senior Center	186
Noyes Cultural Arts Center	50
Leahy Park	50
Dempster Launch Facility	47
Lovelace Park	43
Civic Center	32
Evanston Ecology Center	30
James Park	30

Chapter 4 Recommendations

- Programs, Services, and Activities (PSAs)
 - Staff to review new PSAs moving forward
 - Staff to review new policies and procedures
- Parks and Facilities
 - Focus on parks and facilities with PSAs
- Public Right-of-Way (ROW)
 - Programmatic approach
- Budget and Schedule
 - 15 years with flexible budget



Chapter 5 Implementation

- Prioritization Process
 - Barriers prioritized into 5 categories
 - Parks and facilities prioritized based on 4 criteria
- Implementation Schedule
 - 15-year plan
- Official Responsible for Implementation
 - To be determined
- Annual Update Process
 - Report detailing progress and expenditures

Parks and Facilities Priorities

FACILITY	FACILITY TYPE	SCORE
Civic Center	Citywide Services	565
Robert Crown Community Center	Community Center	540
Levy Senior Center	Community Center	540
Noyes Cultural Arts Center	Community Center	505
Fleetwood-Jourdain Center	Community Center	505
Chandler-Newberger	Community Center	465
Evanston Ecology Center	Community Center	430
James Park	Community Park	425
Main Library	Libraries	415
Clark Street Beach / Centennial Park	Community Park	360

Next Steps

- We Need Your Input!
 - Comment period open until September 2, 2022
- Prepare a Final Draft
 - September 30, 2022
- Adopt the ADA Transition Plan
- Begin Implementation
- Produce an Annual Update Report
 - Anniversary of Plan's Adoption

Your Input

Please visit evanstonaccessibility.com before September 2, 2022 to review the draft plan and provide your feedback.

REVIEW THE DRAFT PLAN DURING THE VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE OR AT YOUR OWN LEISURE!

Virtual Community Open House

Thursday, August 11th (6 - 8PM)
Visit the Events Page to Register



SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!



Community Draft Plan Review

Available for Review on July 28th
Via the Project Website



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Q & A