



Groton Electric Light Department Groton, MA  
ADA Transition Plan

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)  
Self-Evaluation/Site Access Survey for the Town of Groton**

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Reviewed by the Commission on Accessibility  
December 10, 2018**

Present today were:

*Michelle Collette, Town of Groton ADA Coordinator  
Consultant James Lyons, Northeast Independent Living Program Inc.  
Consultant Grant Murphy, Northeast Independent Living Program Inc.  
Tammi Lemire, Groton Electric Light Department Business Manager*

Groton Electric Light Department (GELD) was surveyed by the team listed above on July 18, 2018.

***The scope of this report*** is to identify barriers in programs & activities that might prevent persons with disabilities from access to Groton Electric Light Department and the programs, activities, and services provided at Groton Electric Light Department. The overall goal of The ADA Project is to provide equivalent access to the maximum extent feasible to everyone, regardless of disability. We thank the Town officials for your hospitality, and we appreciate the full cooperation and rapid response to the request for a tour with Tammi Lemire, Groton Electric Light Department.

We were informed that the GELD has received an elevator variance from the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board before the building permit was issued. Accordingly, there is no elevator at the site.

This report includes an inventory (and details) of the property where structural modifications are needed to make facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. Since this is the foundation for the ADA Transition Plan, we recommend The Town maintain it on file/available for public inspection for 5 years from date of completion. This ADA Evaluation includes all of: The publicly accessed areas of the Groton Electric Light Department. We were impressed with much of the ADA compliance at the site. In fact, The GELD renovations have provided major ADA compliance at the department, in our opinion.

*In our opinion the following issues were found:*

**Accessible Parking:** The team found that there is not a designated van accessible parking space at Groton Electric Light Department. We recommend a "Van Accessible" sign be mounted on the pole with the International Symbol of Access, due to the fact the ADA requires a designated HP van accessible parking space. This is required by The ADA section 4.6.4 that states, "the space shall have an additional sign "Van Accessible" mounted below the symbol of accessibility." Otherwise, the GELD has done an excellent job on the accessible parking lot.

**Restrooms and Shower:** We found that the coat hooks in the Men's and Women's restrooms are too high. We recommend they both be lowered to an accessible height as required by the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board, in section – 30.5 Part E states "At least one area of coat hooks shall be mounted no more than 54 inches above the ground."

We also found in the shower room that there are no grab bars currently installed. We recommend those be installed to allow access for people with disabilities. The ADA 2010 standards call

for: "Horizontal grab bars shall be installed at the same height above the finish floor."

**Door Hardware:** We found the door hardware on the "Janitor" and Storage" door handles are not knurled. We recommend knurled handles be installed to provide a tactical warning of the hazardous materials located in both areas. This is specified in The Massachusetts AAB Section 26.11.4 states "All Doors opening into hazardous areas shall have hardware, which is knurled or roughened."

**Conference Rooms:** We found in the small conference room used by the public there is no Audio/Visual (A/V) alarm installed. We recommend one be installed to increase the safety of people with disabilities at Groton Electric Light Department. In fact, the ADAAG requirements, Section 4.28 require that "Visual signal appliances shall be provided in restrooms as well as any other general usage areas."

The Team noted that the conference room tables, as well as sinks provided are all in compliance with the ADA.

Thank you,

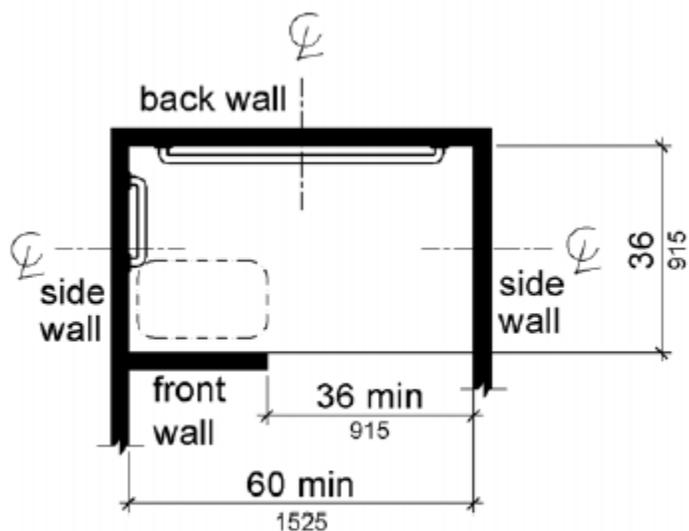
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**Figure 608.2.3 Alternate Roll-In Type Shower Compartment Size and Clearance**



Note: inside finished dimensions measured at the center points of opposing sides

608.3 Grab Bars. Grab bars shall comply with 609 and shall be provided in accordance with 608.3. Where multiple grab bars are used, required horizontal grab bars shall be installed at the same height above the finish floor.

Also, pertinent: Section 608.2.3 Alternate Roll-In Type Shower Compartments. Alternate roll-in type shower compartments shall be 36 inches (915 mm) wide and 60 inches (1525 mm) deep minimum clear inside dimensions measured at center points of opposing sides. A 36 inch (915 mm) wide minimum entry shall be provided at one end of the long side of the compartment.

Photographic example of ADA accessible shower grab bars:



- 24 x 5-1/2 x 9 Polished Chrome Metal Grab Bar  
Brand  
SPEAKMAN  
Item #  
34D887  
Mfr. Model #  
VS-153-ADA



Web Price \$113.00

- 24 x 5-1/2 x 9 Polished Chrome Metal Grab Bar

Brand  
SPEAKMAN

Item #  
34D887

Mfr. Model #  
VS-153-ADA

42" Infinite Elegance Stainless Steel Grab Bar, Silver

Brand  
WINGITS

Item #  
33KL61

Mfr. Model #  
WGB5IESN42



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Web Price \$111.00 / each



*We also found in the shower room that there are no grab bars currently installed. We recommend three such grab bars be installed to allow better access for people with disabilities.*



*The Team noted that the conference room tables, as well as sinks provided are all in compliance with the ADA. We suggested that the trash barrel be relocated to make room for people using a wheelchair to be able to use the sink with ease.*



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