



Groton Public Library Groton, MA
ADA Transition Plan

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

To: Michelle Collette, ADA Coordinator
Town Hall, 173 Main Street
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Groton Public Library
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Reviewed by the Commission on Accessibility
December 10, 2018

Present today were:

*Michelle Collette, Town of Groton ADA Coordinator,
Edward Cataldo, Town of Groton Building Commissioner
Consultant James Lyons, Northeast Independent Living Program Inc.,
Consultant Grant Murphy, Northeast Independent Living Program Inc.,
Vanessa Abraham, Library Director*

The Groton Public Library was surveyed by the team delineated above on Wednesday, May 30, 2018. Groton Public Library was built in 1893 and was renovated in 1998. The architects for the nicely done renovation project were Stahl Associates. As described on the Groton Library history website, "Groton's library is the eighth oldest public library in the state, was founded in the same year as the Boston Public Library—1854. Even earlier, in 1834. On September 19, 1996, the Groton Public Library was notified that it was successful in its application for a \$1.2 million state construction grant to fund 40% of the cost of an addition.

The Town voted overwhelmingly to support the project at Town Meeting and 3 to 1 for the override vote.

The newly renovated and expanded Groton Public Library opened on March 6, 1999. A Library website and an art gallery debuted in October of that year. The additions and renovations resulted in a new 17,140 square foot library building, and it complemented the original design, and façade and much of the woodwork of the old building was retained.

A full tour was provided by Vanessa Abraham, Groton Library Director, and Michelle Collette, ADA Coordinator. We thank the Town for their hospitality, and we would like to express our great appreciation for the partnership, and cooperation, as well as the quick response to our request for a tour with the Library Director. This project assesses the level of compliance with the ADA as well as Commonwealth of Massachusetts Architectural Access Boards (AAB) regulations (521 CMR).

The overall ADA requirement for The Town of Groton is that the services they provide be operated in such a way that, when viewed in its entirety, the facilities are readily accessible to and useable by people with disabilities. This is referred to by the ADA as the program accessibility standard, and these are among the most important concepts in ADA compliance. We were impressed with much of the Library's accessible features.

In fact, as nicely described on the Library's website: The library's vibrancy stems from heavy daily use, and numerous programs provided, including: 6 book discussion groups; a summer reading program for kids, teens, and adults; a winter reading program for kids and teens; and 23 museum passes; as well as free online databases and downloadable ebooks, eaudiobooks, and music.

As a sanctuary, the Library provides quiet study rooms and spaces, along with comfortable chairs, overlooking the meadows where one can read, reflect, and refresh.

The scope of this report is to identify barriers in programs & activities that might prevent persons with disabilities from access to Groton Public Library and the programs, activities, and services provided at Groton Public Library. 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 audit contract includes all of: The Groton Public Library.

In our opinion the following ADA issues were found:

We were impressed with much of the ADA compliance at the site. In fact, The Town has provided some ADA improvements at the Library. In my opinion the following issues were found:

Parking-The Groton Public Library's parking lot has two HP parking signs and they both need to be raised to the appropriate height above ground in accordance with the ADA. We also recommend that one of the HP spots be designated "Van Accessible" with a sign stating that purchased and installed.

Curb Cuts-In our opinion, the curb cut to the sidewalk that leads to the accessible entrance to the Library from the parking lot needs repair or patching. We recommend that the curb cut be repaired to improve the accessibility to the Groton Public Library's accessible entrance. When that curb cut is repaired it is then recommended to install truncated domes on the curb cut in order to provide tactical warning.

Restrooms- We found that in the Men's and Women's 3rd Floor restroom as well as the 1st Floor Family room the coat hooks were installed too high under ADA standards. We recommend new coat hooks purchased and installed at an accessible height. The sink in

every restroom is not insulated and we recommend they all be insulated to meet the ADA requirement.

Doors-The 3rd Floor "Roof Access" and 2nd Floor "Sprinkler Room" doors are without a knurled handle and we recommend they each have one installed to meet the ADA requirement for such handle. The 2nd Floor Women's and Staff restrooms have bookcases preventing a 5ft. turning radius in each. We recommend they both be removed to allow for accessibility.

The Elevator-The ADA Team identified that the elevator call buttons need Raised and Braille lettering to better indicate the elevator's location. We recommend these be installed in accordance with the ADA.

Sinks and other amenities provided-The 1st Floor Community Room has an inaccessible sink. We recommend this sink be made accessible upon request.

Thank you,

James Lyons

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ADA Coordinator



The ADA Team determined that the curb cut to the sidewalk that leads to the accessible entrance to the Library from the parking lot needs repair or patching. We recommend that the curb cut be repaired to improve the accessibility to the Groton Public Library's accessible entrance. An example of such a tactile warning is included with this report.



The Team found that the stairs (including the handrails) were designed and built in compliance with the ADA.

Examples of ADA detectable warnings for curb cuts:

Mount ADA Textured Warning Mat, 3 ft x 4 ft



Orange-traffic-cones.com

Tel: 360-989-0960

sales@ orange-traffic-cones.com

Part #: ACCESSTILE36x48

Our Price: \$131.25

Shipping Weight: 22.50 pounds

Select Color:



Our surface mount ADA textured warning mat is engineered to successfully upgrade any existing surface to comply with Federally mandated detectable warning requirements. The ADA mat has 2.35 inch center-to-center, in-line dome spacing to meet ADA Federal and State requirements. Truncated dome size and spacing is compliant with ADA Federal and State requirements, 0.9 inch base and 0.45 inch top diameter. Fully complies with all ADA and OSHA requirements for surface height transitions to eliminate trip hazards. Wide in-

line dome configuration facilitates a smooth rolling transition for strollers, wheelchairs and walkers. Audible detectability technology engineered for sound amplification. Bevelled perimeter edge meets ADA vertical displacement requirements. Strategically placed pre-formed fastener hole locations enhance installation integrity and provide easy installation.

Tiles are shipped with color-matched fasteners and tactile bond sealant for adhering mat. Please see below for additional tactile bond and seal. Adhesive location is identified on reverse side of tile for easy, error-free installation. Not recommended for asphalt applications.

ASTM & UL TESTING

Tensile Strength ASTM D 638

Flexural Strength ASTM D 790

Slip Resistance ASTM C 1028

Accelerated Aging (freeze thaw) ASTM D1037

Tile Bond Strength ASTM C 1583

Tile size: 3 ft x 4 ft

Grainger’s, Woburn Branch Cabot Rd., WOBURN, MA, 01801

Phone Number: 1-800-GRAINGER (1-800-472-4643)

- TUFTILE ADA Warning Pad
- Replaceable, raised, truncated-dome pads can be pressed into freshly poured concrete to provide a tactile warning marking that the visually impaired can feel with their feet and tapping cane. Made of UV stabilized, high-impact polymer that is impact-, slip-, and wear-resistant. Includes factory-installed anchors with tamper-resistant stainless steel fasteners. TUFTILE

Installs to Surface	ADA Pads Installation Me...	Length	Width	Depth	Includes	Item #	Price
Brick Red							
Concrete	Anchors, Wet Set	2 ft.	2 ft.	13/32"	Anchors, Factory Installed Stainless Steel Tamper-Resistant Fasteners	21EH42	\$128.50 / each