



## BUREAU OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

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### AUTHORITY

Act 18 of 1995, Section 306, Community Recreation and Heritage Conservation. The Department shall have the power to administer Federal and State programs for grants and loans to local governments, municipal authorities and nonprofit organizations for community and regional projects involving the planning, acquisition, rehabilitation and development of public park, recreation and conservation areas, facilities and programs.

### SCOPE

Provides directive for administration of the Community Conservation Partnerships Grant Program.

### PURPOSE

The Bureau of Recreation and Conservation wants to ensure that universal accessibility is developed for all parks and other recreation facilities. Standards and guidelines for accessibility were first developed in the 1960's and have recently been updated.

### POLICY

- A. All facilities renovated or developed with DCNR funding must be accessible to persons with disabilities. All site development drawings, plans and specifications funded by DCNR must clearly show that the proposed facilities, use areas and amenities are intended to be accessible to persons with disabilities.
- B. It is the responsibility of the grantee to comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design (2010 Standards). Compliance with these regulations is required. It is strongly recommended that grant applicants and grantees work with a licensed design consultant to ensure that the project is designed and constructed consistent with the pertinent ADA laws, standards and guidelines.
- C. Technical Assistance can be provided by the United States Access Board at [www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov) or via E-mail: [ta@access-board.gov](mailto:ta@access-board.gov).
- D. The following resources are available to assist you and your design consultant in understanding and meeting the ADA Accessibility Standards and Guidelines:
- E. [US Dept. of Justice- 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design \(2010 Standards\)](#) - (Reference Chapter 10: Recreation Facilities)
- F. [Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas](#)
- G. [\(For Trails\) Universal Access Trails and Shared Use Paths](#)

**DISCLAIMER**

The policies and procedures outlined in this guidance document are intended to supplement existing requirements. The policies and procedures herein are not an adjudication or a regulation. There is no intent on the part of DCNR to give the rules in these policies that weight or deference. This document establishes the framework within which DCNR will exercise its administrative discretion in the future.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Immediately. This policy is to be reviewed and updated every year.

**EXPIRATION**

This policy remains in effect until revised or rescinded.

Tom Ford, Bureau Director

10/27/21

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