



CITY OF DURHAM | NORTH CAROLINA

TO: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager

FROM: Stacey Poston, ADA Coordinator, General Services Department *SP*
Joel Reitzer, Director, General Services Department

DATE: November 30, 2011

RE: Citizen Request to Appear – Fernande Legros

Ms. Legros' inquiry pertains to the progress the City of Durham has made toward making our public buildings and parks compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Specifically, Ms. Legros is interested in wheelchair access to the athletic field at Old North Durham Park.

During the past six years, since the execution of the settlement agreement with the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ), the city has continued to make substantive accessibility improvements in numerous areas including recreation, construction, and public access. Thus far, the city has expended more than \$7,577,389 for physical construction improvements and an additional \$830,950 on curb ramp installation.

The Durham Parks and Recreation Department (DPR) has conducted a public presentation with citizens regarding a Capital Improvement Project at Old North Durham Park. Further, the Public Works Department's plan for storm drain replacement at the existing field has been shared with Ms. Legros and is scheduled for construction in the Spring of 2012. Upon completion of the two month pipe replacement project, DPR will begin a Capital Improvement Project to upgrade the park and athletic field. Included in the scope of the capital project is replacement of the gravel path with a paved surface leading into the park. It is standard practice to incorporate accessibility improvements into all Capital Improvement Projects.

Ms. Legros has been referred to the Durham Parks and Recreation Department, Special Populations division, so they may share alternate accessible locations with her until planned renovations at Old North Durham Park are complete.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if any additional information is desired.

