



City of Durham ADA Program

February 10, 2011



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ADA is a focus area for every repair, renovation or construction process

Priority Level 1

Professional architects and engineers

Multiple departments site plan review

Interim and final site inspections

Citizen Feedback - usability



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Accessibility Letter of Compliance

The Durham City-County Inspections department requires independent verification of all accessible site elements and requirements, per the North Carolina Accessibility code for all projects which include site plans, within the city and county of Durham, North Carolina.

To meet these requirements, each project must have a professional architect, surveyor, or engineer make an on site evaluation of the project when completed, and verify that compliance with the approved plans and above code has been met and then provide a sealed letter to this department confirming such.

October 1, 2009

Mr. David Coward
Durham City-County Inspections Department
101 City Hall Plaza
Durham, NC 27701

RE: Durham Station Transportation Center
5310 S. Alston Avenue, Durham NC
W&R No. 2090385.0

Dear Mr. Coward:

We have performed a field analysis of the Durham Station Transportation Center in respect to pedestrian site access. This includes review of slope, cross slope on accessible routes and accessible parking areas, ramps, travel distance, intermediate landings where appropriate, and access to required entrance(s) and other site elements. We have found the site to be in compliance with the approved site plans and specifications and Volume 1-C of the NC Accessibility Code.

Please contact us if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

WITHERS & RAVENEL, INC.



Loftie Smith, PE





City of Durham ADA Program Funding

DOJ Agreement 2005

- \$5,899,168 authorized by council to date
 - \$5,309,102 spent to date
 - \$ 590,066 budgeted for FY 2010/11
 - \$1,678,221 additional future CIP requests
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- Total anticipated costs: \$7,577,389



Phases of ADA Projects Completed

Armory	Beechwood Cemetery
City Hall	Maplewood Cemetery
City Hall Annex	Rock Quarry/Edison Johnson
Civic Center	Hillside/W.D. Hill
Durham Athletic Park	Parking Lot #8
Durham Bulls Athletic Park	Parking Lot # 14
DPR Administration	Parking Lot # 20
GS Administration	Parking Lot # 29
Police Headquarters	Parking Lot # 40



Current & Future Project Phases

Campus Hills/I.R. Homes	Armory *
East End Park	Carolina Theatre *
Church Street Deck	DPR Administration*
Chapel Hill Street Deck	Durham Arts Council *
Lake Michie	Valley Springs Park
Little River	West Point on Eno
Spruce Pine Lodge & Parking	*Phase 2



City of Durham ADA Program

- Policies
 - Equal Employment Opportunity (1989)
 - PER 301 R-4 Recruitment & Selection
 - PER-341 Reasonable Accommodation
 - Grievance Procedure
- Programs, Services & Activities
 - Effective Communication – 48 hour response
Alternate Format (TTY, Interpreters, Braille)
Website (BrowseAloud, Closed Captioning)



City of Durham ADA Program

- Citizen Participation:
 - Recreation Advisory Board (DPR)
 - Special Programs Advisory Committee (DPR)
 - Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities (EO/EA)



City of Durham ADA Program

- Employees have Professional Licensure

Technical Building Code

- All Building Inspectors are state certified
- ADA Coordinator is state certified

Recreation Therapists

- 3 Licensed Recreation Therapists (state certified)
- 3 Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialists (national)
- Staff Attend Continuing Education Classes



City of Durham ADA Program

- Employee Training
 - Laurel Wright, NC Department of Insurance
 - Certified City Employees Teach Others
 - Monthly New Employee Training
 - 2,887 City Employees 2-hour Accessibility Training
 - Annual Training for Specific Groups
 - Durham Police Department In-Service Training
 - Durham Parks and Recreation
 - General Services Project Managers



Morreene Road Park Playground - 2007



Morreene Road Park

- Concern: No accessible rear exit; lack of access to basketball, picnic area and field
- Solution:
 - Funded project \$310,000
 - Construction to begin 5/1/11
 - Code requires only one accessible exit
 - Project scope - sidewalks, restroom, accessible path of travel, ROW connection



Holton Career & Resource Center

- Concern: ramp from second story; area of rescue assistance; restroom
- Solution:
 - Building has elevator
 - Code does not require second story ramp
 - Rescue assistance area exceeds code
 - Created shelter-in-place
 - Accessible restroom provided same floor



DPR Administrative Building

- Concern: Inaccessible parking spaces
- Solution:
 - Parking space was redesigned; modified
 - Created spaces with maximum usability



Chapel Hill Parking Deck & Lot

- Concern: Inaccessible parking spaces
- Solution:
 - Interim restriping completed
 - Intermediate repair project design underway



Chapel Hill Deck Elevator

- Concern: Elevator out of service
- Solution:
 - Repair completed
 - Directional signage when out of service
 - Public signage for maintenance downtime



Holiday Luncheon

- Concern: Survey Participation
- Solution:
Written apology to citizen



Triangle Orthopedics

- Concern: Check in counter height
- Solution:
 - Counter height was compliant
 - Owner improved directional signage



McAllister's Deli

- Concern: No wheelchair accessible toilet
- Solution:
 - Reviewed code requirements
 - Site inspection
 - Increase turning radius
 - Owner & builder moving forward to modify



Streets at Southpoint Parking

- Concern: Not enough accessible parking
- Solution:
 - Reviewed code requirements
 - Reviewed site plan
 - 75 spaces required 85 constructed



Durham County Courthouse

- Concern: Waiting room, restrooms not accessible, jury selection process
- Solution:
Concerns forwarded to County Manager



Next Steps

- Complete remainder of physical improvements as budgeted
- Annual requests for CIP funding for additional improvements



Questions?