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At the July and August ACTF meetings we continued discussion regarding the ADA Transition Plan for public sidewalks in Naperville. Our search of the City's website shows a Plan from February 2016 with a goal update in 2018. At the October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 City Council meeting, the City's TED presented the 2026 and 2027 Sidewalk Program. The Naperville Park District updated its ADA Transition Plan and it can be reviewed at: <https://napervilleparks.org/ada> Members of the ACTF will be joining in the upcoming November 5<sup>th</sup> Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Meeting with representatives of the City's consultant company Epstein.

- Can there be a location on the City's website for the updated ADA Transition Plan and the updated Sidewalk Program?

Since the last ACD meeting, two housing developers are incorporating visitability into their new housing developments. With advocacy from Planning and Zoning Commissioner Allison Longenbaugh, M/I Homes' Everly Trace will have five visitable homes, Lincoln Property Company's The Residences at Naper and Plank will have thirty-four visitable homes. Representatives from the ACTF presented a visitability update at the August 20<sup>th</sup> City Building Review Board Meeting. (handout attached) We answered questions about the feasibility and benefits of a visitability code update. As a follow-up to this meeting, City staff convened a Visitability Meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> with members of the ACTF, local developers, contractors, designers and representatives from the Accessibility Policy Institute. The outcome from the meeting is that City staff will recommend visitability design elements related to washroom/powder room design and door and hallway design to be incorporated into the new Municipal Code of Naperville. However, the design elements related to a step free entrance and first floor washroom/powder room requirement will not be incorporated in the new Municipal Code of Naperville.

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, members of the ACTF and community members participated in North Central College Occupational Therapy Students' Community Mobility and Access Assessments. Locations included the Naperville Riverwalk, Nichols Library, the Alfred Rubin Riverwalk Community Center, a Jewel/Osco grocery store, a Chili's restaurant, and the Naperville Illinois Secretary of State DMV location. The students will be presenting their findings on November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, location TBA.

During this past summer's Riverwalk Commission's Riverwalk Asset Management Plan Walk, the Naperville Park District representatives pointed out that the Riverwalk Sindt Woods Trail is not "reasonably accessible." At the August 28<sup>th</sup> and September 11<sup>th</sup> meetings Naperville Park District Board approved the funding to stabilize the trail in compliance with ADA standards.

Per an ACTF member's request, the City removed the term Asperger's from <https://www.naperville.il.us/services/naperville-police-department/programs-and-services/caring-hands/> and replaced it with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

The ACTF has shared information about the Naperville Police Department's Blue Envelope Program with organizations in Naperville and through social media.

<https://www.naperville.il.us/services/naperville-police-department/programs-and-services/blue-envelope-program/> The Autism Hero Project organization that partnered with the NPD to bring this program also has partnered with the Elgin Police Department to create the Safe Together Police Academy and Simulated Traffic Stop Training for Officers and Autistic Drivers.

- Question: Can the these types of programs be incorporated into the planning for Naperville to become an Autism Friendly City?

The Eagle Street Gateway Project construction is complete! The ACTF is grateful to all those involved to make the Naperville Riverwalk fully accessible now and looks forward to the November 14<sup>th</sup> Grand Opening Ceremony.



The ACTF assists with updates to the City's Services and Resources for Persons with Disabilities webpage, <https://www.naperville.il.us/services/accessibility-resources/> We reviewed the websites of the Townships that encompass Naperville and found that many do not include information for persons with disabilities. (report attached)

- Question: How should we proceed with working with the Townships to have them include this information on their websites?