



July 30, 2025

An ACTF representative attended the community Affordable Housing Roundtable on May 13<sup>th</sup> where community and housing organizations shared information about how the lack of affordable housing is affecting many populations, including people with disabilities, in our area.

On May 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, an ACTF representative attended the Riverwalk Commission Asset Management Plan Walks. We made suggestions regarding accessible entrance signage at the Carillon Visitor Center as well as along the Riverwalk. The Park District is aware of uneven pavers (potential tripping hazard) by the Rubin Family Circle and will be repairing them. The Park District along with the County will be converting the granite trail to pavers to address drainage issues with the additional consequence of making this trail more accessible for people who use mobility devices.

On May 16<sup>th</sup> an ACTF representative attended the Naper Settlement Museum Board Meeting to share our appreciation of how Naper Settlement is making its programs and facilities more inclusive and accessible for persons with disabilities. They are holding Sensory Friendly Saturdays over the summer and their website offers clear information about their accessibility resources available to the public.

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, an ACTF representative participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Study Group Interview and shared that making any form of project development that includes accessibility will be beneficial to all residents of and visitors to Naperville.

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, an ACTF representative attended Rep. Janet Yang Rohr's Diversity and Inclusion Citizen Advisory Panel. Illinois 104<sup>th</sup> General Assembly legislation that passed that benefits persons with disabilities were HB2537, HR39, HR15. Rep. Yang Rohr co-sponsored HB0045, HB1874, HB1814. In the 103<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Rep. Yang Rohr co-sponsored HB 3931 and HR727.

The ACTF received data from the Accessibility Policy Institute regarding the minimal impact of visitability on construction costs. We will be forwarding this information to City staff.

Following the May 8<sup>th</sup> ACD meeting, the ACTF invited public speaker Ellie Martin to attend our June 11<sup>th</sup> ACTF meeting. She shared her presentation to the ACD and we decided to meet with her, Katie Wood from the Downtown Naperville Alliance, and Dawn Portner, ACD/ACTF liaison for a "Accessibility Stroll." On June 21<sup>st</sup> we strolled down both sides of Jefferson Avenue from Main Street to Washington Street discussing impediments along the way that impact persons with disabilities.

At the June 11<sup>th</sup> ACTF meeting we discussed the ADA Transition Plan for public sidewalk that Glen Ellyn is initiating by gathering feedback on the pedestrian routes and travel habits of its residents. The funding for this project is from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). Further



research found that Warrenville, Libertyville and LaGrange Park are also doing this project. CMAP staff replied to our inquiry with the information that Naperville already has this Plan. Our search of the City's website shows a Plan from February 2016 with a goal update in 2018.

- Question: Is there a recommended timeline for an update to this Plan?

At the previous May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 ACD meeting we brought up the following inquiries:

At the April 9<sup>th</sup> ACTF meeting, we discussed that Little Friends collaborated with the City of Warrenville over the past year to achieve the designation as an "Autism Friendly City." We would like to explore this option for Naperville.

- Question: Can the ACD work with the ACTF to explore this process?

At the last ACD meeting, we brought up the question about the Naperville **Park** Police Department being in compliance with Illinois state law that requires police to take specialized training to learn to interact with people with autism.

- Question: Can the ACD verify that the Naperville Park Police Department is in compliance?

The Eagle Street Gateway Project construction has begun. As one of the reasons for the project was to remove the last remaining accessibility barrier on the Riverwalk, it was disappointing that the ACD was not at the groundbreaking ceremony.

- Question: At the project completion ceremony, can the ACD be invited to participate?

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?