

RESOLUTION NO. 1159

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TRANSITION PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to authority in Title II, Article 8 of the Americans with Disabilities Act enacted on July 26, 1990, the Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County have deemed it necessary to adopt the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan (Plan); and

WHEREAS, the plan ensures that Somerset County creates reasonable, accessible paths of travel in the public right-of-way for everyone, including people with disabilities. Somerset County has made a significant and long-term commitment to improving the accessibility of their pedestrian facilities. The plan identifies physical barriers and prioritizes improvements that should be made throughout Somerset County. This plan describes the existing policies and programs to enhance the overall pedestrian accessibility; and

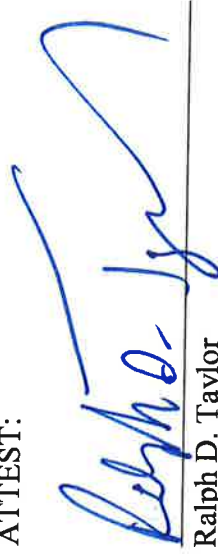
WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, to receive public comment on the proposed plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board has expressed their support for the plan as written as a tool to address needs of Somerset County.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County do hereby approve and adopt the Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan.

Adopted this 20th day of October 2020.

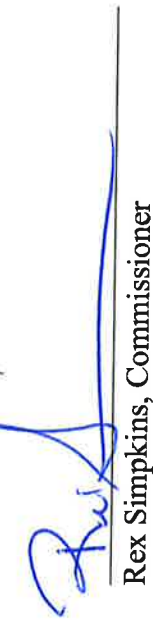
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County Administrator-Clerk

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Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan: Pedestrian Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way

Somerset County, Maryland

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October 20, 2020

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Introduction

The purpose of this plan is to ensure that Somerset County creates reasonable, accessible paths of travel in the public right-of-way for everyone, including people with disabilities. Somerset County has made a significant and long-term commitment to improving the accessibility of their pedestrian facilities. The Transition Plan identifies physical barriers and prioritizes improvements that should be made throughout Somerset County. This Transition Plan describes the existing policies and programs to enhance the overall pedestrian accessibility.

Legal Requirements

The federal legislation known as the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), enacted on July 26, 1990, provides comprehensive civil rights protections to persons with disabilities in the areas of employment, state and local government services, and access to public accommodations, transportation, and telecommunications.

Title II specifically applies to “public entities” (state and local governments) and the programs, services, and activities they deliver. Title II Article 8, requires public entities to take several steps designed to achieve compliance. The plan shall, at a minimum include:

1. A list of the physical barriers in a public entity’s facilities that limit the accessibility of its programs, activities, or services to individuals with disabilities.
2. A detailed outline of the methods to be utilized to remove these barriers and make the facilities accessible.
3. The schedule for taking the necessary steps to achieve compliance with Title II.
4. The name of the official responsible for the plan’s implementation.

Transition plans provide a method for a public entity to schedule and implement ADA required improvements to existing streets and sidewalks. Before a transition plan can be developed, an inventory of the current curb ramps and sidewalks must be developed.

Obstacles to the Public Right-of-Way

Somerset County has identified and assessed obstacles in the public right-of-way through the use of an inventory tool.

In order to remove these identified barriers to accessibility, Somerset County utilizes many different approaches in removing barriers in the public right-of-way, including proactively identifying and eliminating the barrier, responding to public complaints, and ensuring the



appropriate design and build-out of new construction following the most recent design guidelines.

Barrier Removal Priorities

Somerset County bases barrier removal priorities on two factors: location and the accessibility condition.

Location Priority

The County has identified its location priority as follows:

1. Locations serving governmental facilities,
2. Locations serving commercial and employment centers, and
3. Locations serving other areas.

Accessibility Condition

Using the data collected from the inventory tool, an accessibility condition can be determined.

Priority Rank

In order to determine the overall priority of a location, the following matrix was used.

Access Condition	Location Priority		
	1	2	3
Red	Locations Serving Government Facilities 1	Locations Serving Commercial & Employment Centers 2	Locations Serving Other Areas 3
Yellow	1	2	3
Green	1	2	3

The priority of improvements is based on identifying which of the locations based on are high, medium or low priority location and amount of barriers for removal found (red, yellow and green).

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Public Complaint Process

The public complaint process is an integral part of the Transition Plan. Public complaints or requests may often drive the prioritization of improvements. To file a complaint or a request regarding accessibility of a sidewalk or curb ramp, contact the ADA Coordinator in writing and describe the issue in detail, including the location. The ADA Coordinator will route this information to the appropriate county department for inspection and possible action. That department will then respond to the ADA Coordinator with its findings, and the ADA Coordinator will record the formal response and reply to the complainant/requestor. All complaints or requests will be kept on file and will include the response.

New Construction & Alterations

In order to ensure the correct design of curb ramps, sidewalks and crosswalks in new construction and alterations, Somerset County follows MDOT design specifications. Whenever there is an intersection improvement project or new construction project, any affected curb ramps, sidewalks and crosswalks will be rebuilt to these ADA design guidelines, where feasible and reasonable.

Schedule

As opportunity allows, Somerset County will make efforts to improve the ADA Accessibility of pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way. At this time, Somerset County has allocated funds annually for facility improvements. There is a ten year plan for facilities to be scheduled for ADA Compliance. Refer to Attachment A – List of Barriers for Removal. Note that this schedule is flexible, as changes may occur such as additional funding, storms, improvements due to power and electric companies, etc. There will be times when it is technically infeasible to provide technical compliance: for example, if clear space at the top of the ramp is obstructed by a building or the slope of a hill is so extreme as to prevent a reasonable slope for a ramp in both directions. The inventory process may not account for such situations and could show a high-priority rating when all feasible actions have been taken.

Additionally, given a program as broad and comprehensive as the County's pedestrian network, the County will follow the concept of Program Access under Title II of the ADA. Program Access does not necessarily require a public entity to make each of its existing facilities accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, as long as the program as a whole is accessible. Under this concept, the County may choose not to install a sidewalk at some locations (or to install them as a lower priority later), as long as a reasonable path of travel is available even without the sidewalk.

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Many of the original barriers have been removed as this Transition Plan was being prepared. Refer to Attachment B – Current List of Barriers for Removal in Priority Schedule Order.

Responsible Individual

The official responsible for the implementation of Somerset County's ADA Transition Plan for the pedestrian facilities in the public right-of-way is:

John B. Redden, Jr., P.E.

ADA Coordinator

Phone Number: 410-621-9188

Email: jredden@somersetmd.us

Public Input

Somerset County provided opportunities for individuals to comment on this Transition Plan, which included:

- Document made available on the County's website
- Open house and presentation at a public meeting scheduled for September 1, 2020

Somerset County published legal notices in the major newspaper(s), Crisfield-County Times and Somerset Herald on August 19th, 2020 and August 26th, 2020. The legal notices announced the availability of the Transition Plan draft at the Office of County Engineer with easy public access. Hardcopies of the finalized plan will be available at the Office of County Engineer. Public comments were accepted for a period of no less than 30 days, and are still being accepted today. Public comment form is available on Attachment D.

Formal Adoption of the Transition Plan will take place on October 20th, 2020. It will be available on the County's website and by written formal request to the ADA Coordinator.



Attachments

- A – Original List of Barriers for Removal**
- B – Current List of Barriers for Removal in Priority Schedule Order**
- C – ADA Notice of Public Hearing**
- D – Public Comment and Response Form**
- E – ADA Policy Statement**

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Attachment A - Original List of Barriers for Removal

#	Facility	Department	Address	City	State	Zip	Comments	Deficiencies
1	Govt. Office Complex	Administration	11916 Somerset Ave.	Princess Anne	MD	21853		Parking Stalls (Sign/Paint), Sidewalk (Repair)
1	Old Treasurers Building	Administration	30513 Prince William Street	Princess Anne	MD	21853	Closed to Public, On-Street Parking	Restroom
1	Smith Island Visitor Center	Administration	20846 Calab Jones Rd.	Ewell	MD	21824	Island	
1	Commission on Aging	Commission on Aging	4928 Sign Post Rd. Ste 3	Westover	MD	21871	On-Street Parking	Parking Stall (Paint/Curbstop)
1	Courthouse	Courts	30512 Prince William St.	Princess Anne	MD	21853	Closed to Public	Restroom
1	Courthouse Annex	Courts	11774 Somerset Ave.	Princess Anne	MD	21853		
1	Detention Center	Detention	30474 Revells Neck Rd.	Westover	MD	21871		Ramp (Paint), Parking Stalls (Paint, Curbstops)
1	911 Backup	Emergency Services	30426 Sam Barnes Road	Westover	MD	21871		
1	Marion 911 Tower Building	Emergency Services	28563 Hudson Corner Rd	Marion	MD	21838	Closed to Public	
1	Princess Anne 911 Tower Building	Emergency Services	30851 Perry Rd	Princess Anne	MD	21853	Closed to Public	
1	Health Department Main Office	Health	7920 Crisfield Hwy.	Westover	MD	21871		Parking Stalls (Paint, Curbstops)
1	Behavioral Health	Health	8928 Sign Post Rd.	Westover	MD	21871		Ramp (Paint), Parking Stalls (Paint,Curbstops)
1	Princess Anne Library	Library	11767 Beechwood St.	Princess Anne	MD	21853		Ramp (Paint), Parking Stalls (Paint,Curbstops)
1	Crisfield Library	Library	100 Collins St.	Crisfield	MD	21817		
1	Pocomoke Dispensary	Liquor Board	7260 Hayward Rd.	Pocomoke City	MD	21851		Ramp (Paint), Parking Stall (Sign,Paint)
1	Mosquito Control	Mosquito Control	4928 Sign Post Rd.	Westover	MD	21871		
1	Maintenance Complex	Maintenance	11916 Somerset Ave.	Princess Anne	MD	21871		
1	Roads & Waterways Complex	Roads & Waterways	8981 Sign Post Rd.	Westover	MD	21871	On-Street Parking	Parking Stall (Paint/Curbstop)
1	Crisfield Dock	Roads & Waterways	1200 Broad St.	Crisfield	MD	21817	Island	
1	Rhodes Point Dock	Roads & Waterways	3344 Marsh Rd.	Ewell	MD	21824	Island	
1	Ewell Dock & Boat Ramp	Roads & Waterways	4090 Smith Island Rd.	Ewell	MD	21824	Island	
1	Tyleron Marina	Roads & Waterways	21232 Wharf Rd.	Tyleron	MD	21866	Island	
1	Chance Transfer Station	Solid Waste & Drainage	24019 Deal Island Rd.	Deal Island	MD	21821	Gravel Parking, Attendant, Leased	
1	Costen Transfer Station	Solid Waste & Drainage	8405 Wallace Taylor Rd.	Pocomoke	MD	21851	Gravel Parking, Attendant, Leased	
1	Crisfield Transfer Station	Solid Waste & Drainage	4941 Crisfield Hwy	Crisfield	MD	21817	Attendant, Leased	
1	Mt. Vernon Transfer Station	Solid Waste & Drainage	29012 Mt. Vernon Rd.	Princess Anne	MD	21853	Attendant	
1	Tyleron Transfer Station	Solid Waste & Drainage	21232 Wharf Rd.	Tyleron	MD	21866	Island	
1	Smith Island Incinerator	Solid Waste & Drainage	3780 Smith Island Rd	Ewell	MD	21824	Island, Attendant	
1	Westover Recreational Gym	Recreation & Parks	4928 Sign Post Rd.	Westover	MD	21871		
1	Eddie T. Evans Ballfield	Recreation & Parks	20849 Somers Rd	Ewell	MD	21824	Island	

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#	Facility	Department	Address	City	State	Zip	Comments	Deficiencies
1	Howard Anderson Building	Soil Conservation	30730 Park Dr.	Princess Anne	MD	21853		Sidewalk/Ramp (Repair), Parking Stalls (Sign/Paint)
1	States Attorney Building	States Attorney	30500 Prince William St.	Princess Anne	MD	21853	On-Street Parking. Use Courthouse	
1	Burgess Museum	Tourism	6303 Old Westover Rd.	Westover	MD	21871	Closed to Public	
1	Sheriff's Office Complex	Sheriff	30426 A Sam Barnes Rd.	Westover	MD	21871	Use Long Centralized Athletic Facility, Closed to the Public	Sidewalk (Repair), Ramp (Paint), Parking Stalls (Sign/Paint)
1	Great Hope Golf Course	Recreation & Parks	8340 Crisfield Hwy	Westover	MD	21871		Sidewalk (Repairs), Parking Stalls (Paint/Curbstop)
1	Bacon Point Park	Recreation & Parks	27875 Revells Neck Rd.	Westover	MD	21871	Gravel Parking	Sidewalk, Parking Stall (Sign/Curbstop)
1	Dog Shelter	Dog Control	7922 Crisfield Hwy.	Westover	MD	21871		Parking Stall, Sidewalk (Repair)
1	Jenkins Creek Dock & Boat Ramp	Roads & Waterways	2990 Calvary Rd.	Crisfield	MD	21817	Gravel Parking	Parking Stall (Sign/Curbstop), Sidewalk
1	Coulbourne Creek Boat Ramp	Roads & Waterways	27450 Coulbourne Creek Rd.	Marion	MD	21838		Parking Stall (Paint/Sign/Curbstop)
1	Shelldown Boat Ramp	Roads & Waterways	3626 Shelldown Rd.	Marion	MD	21838		Parking Stall (Paint/Sign/Curbstop)
1	Rehobeth Boat Ramp	Roads & Waterways	5725 Coventry Parish Rd.	Westover	MD	21871	Gravel Parking	Parking Stall (Sign/Curbstop), Sidewalk
1	Rumblly Marina	Roads & Waterways	25700 Rumblly Rd.	Westover	MD	21871		Parking Stall (Sign/Curbstop), Sidewalk
1	Saint Peters Creek Marina	Roads & Waterways	27151 Champ Wharf Rd.	Princess Anne	MD	21853	Gravel Parking	Parking Stall (Sign/Curbstop), Sidewalk
1	Dames Quarter Dock & Boat Ramp	Roads & Waterways	11320 Messick Rd.	Deal Island	MD	21821		Parking Stall (Paint/Sign/Curbstop)
1	Wenona Boat Dock & Marina	Roads & Waterways	8955 Deal Island Rd.	Deal Island	MD	21821	Gravel Parking	Parking Stall, Sidewalk
1	Webster's Cove Marina	Roads & Waterways	13301 Dorsey Rd.	Princess Anne	MD	21853		Parking Stall (Paint/Sign/Curbstop)
1	Rumblly Point Boat Ramp	Roads & Waterways	4046 Rumblly Point Rd.	Marion	MD	21838	Gravel Parking	Parking Stall (Sign/Curbstop), Sidewalk (Signs/Curbstop)
1	Long Centralized Athletic Facility	Recreation & Parks	30290 Sam Barnes Rd.	Westover	MD	21871	Gravel Parking	Sidewalk, Restrooms (Grab Bars), Parking Stalls (Signs/Curbstop)
1	Sten Ward Ball Field	Recreation & Parks	26827 Old State Rd.	Crisfield	MD	21817	Gravel Parking	Sidewalk, Restrooms (Grab Bars), Parking Stalls (Signs/Curbstop)
1	Mt. Vernon Park	Recreation & Parks	26616 Mt. Vernon Rd.	Princess Anne	MD	21853	Gravel Parking	Sidewalk, Parking Stall (Sign/Curbstop)
1	Princess Anne Little League Complex	Recreation & Parks	30409 Maple Street	Princess Anne	MD	21871	Gravel Parking	Sidewalk, Restrooms (Grab Bars)
1	Upper Hill Park	Recreation & Parks	27902 Jones Factory Rd.	Upper Hill	MD	21867	Gravel Parking	Parking Stall (Sign/Curbstop), Sidewalk
1	Tourism Center	Tourism	11440 Ocean Highway	Princess Anne	MD	21853	SHA	Sidewalk (Repair)
1	Crisfield Airport	Administration	4784 Jacksonville Rd.	Crisfield	MD	21817	Joint Ownership	Restroom, Parking Stall (Sign/ Paint/Curbstop)
1	Solid Waste Complex	Solid Waste & Drainage	8716 James Ring Rd.	Westover	MD	21871	Gravel Parking	Restroom, Ramp, Parking Stall (Sign/Paint)
1	Recreation & Parks Complex	Recreation & Parks	30290 Sam Barnes Rd.	Westover	MD	21871	Facility	Restroom, Parking Stall (Sign/ Paint)
1	Princess Anne Recreational Gym	Recreation & Parks	11916 Somerset Ave.	Princess Anne	MD	21853	Use Govt. Office Complex	Restroom
3	Cat Shelter	Humane Society	29551 Fairmount Rd.	Westover	MD	21871	Leased	Restroom, Sidewalk, Parking Stall (Sign/Curbstop)

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Attachment 8 - Current List of Barriers for Removal in Priority Schedule Order

GREEN - Compliant
 YELLOW - Some Barriers
 RED - Major Deficiency

#	Facility	Department	Address	City	State	Zip	Comments	Deficiencies
1	Govt. Office Complex	Administration	11916 Somerset Ave.	Princess Anne	MD	21853		
1	Courthouse Annex	Courts	30513 Prince William Street	Princess Anne	MD	21853	On-Street Parking, Courthouse Restroom	
1	Smith Island Cultural Center	Administration	20646 Caleb Jones Rd.	Ewell	MD	21824	Smith Island, No Vehicles	
1	IMAC Center	Commission on Aging	8928 Sign Post Rd. Ste 3	Westover	MD	21871		
1	Courthouse	Courts	30511 Prince William St.	Princess Anne	MD	21853	On-Street Parking	
1	Detention Center	Detention	30474 Revells Neck Rd.	Westover	MD	21871		
1	911 Backup Building	Emergency Services	30426 Sam Barnes Road	Westover	MD	21871		
1	Marion 911 Tower Building	Emergency Services	28563 Hudson Corner Rd	Marion	MD	21838	Closed to Public	
1	Princess Anne 911 Tower Building	Emergency Services	30851 Perry Rd.	Princess Anne	MD	21853	Closed to Public	
1	Health Department	Health	8928 Sign Post Rd.	Westover	MD	21871		
1	Princess Anne Library	Library	11767 Beechwood St.	Princess Anne	MD	21853		
1	Critfield Library	Library	100 Collins St.	Critfield	MD	21837		
1	Pocomoke Dispensary	Liquor Board	7260 Hayward Rd.	Pocomoke City	MD	21851		
1	Maintenance Complex	Maintenance	30448 Cemetery Ln.	Princess Anne	MD	21871		
1	Roads & Waterways Complex	Roads & Waterways	8981 Sign Post Rd.	Westover	MD	21871		
1	Critfield Dock	Roads & Waterways	1200 Broad St.	Critfield	MD	21837	On-Street Parking	
1	Rhodes Point Dock	Roads & Waterways	3344 Marsh Rd.	Ewell	MD	21824	Smith Island, No Vehicles	
1	Princess Anne Boat Ramp	Roads & Waterways	4080 Smith Island Rd.	Ewell	MD	21824	Smith Island, No Vehicles	
1	Tylerston Marina	Roads & Waterways	21322 Wharf Rd.	Tylerston	MD	21866	Smith Island, No Vehicles	
1	Critfield Transfer Station	Solid Waste & Drainage	4641 Critfield Hwy	Critfield	MD	21837	Attendant, Leased	
1	Mt. Vernon Transfer Station	Solid Waste & Drainage	29012 Mt. Vernon Rd.	Princess Anne	MD	21853	Attendant	
1	Tylerston Transfer Station	Solid Waste & Drainage	21322 Wharf Rd.	Tylerston	MD	21866	Smith Island, No Vehicles	
1	Smith Island Incinerator	Solid Waste & Drainage	3780 Smith Island Rd	Ewell	MD	21824	Smith Island, No Vehicles, Attendant	
1	Westover Recreational Gym	Recreation & Parks	8928 Sign Post Rd.	Westover	MD	21871		
1	Howard Anderson Building	USDA & SCD	30730 Park Dr.	Princess Anne	MD	21853		
1	States Attorney Building	States Attorney	30500 Prince William St.	Princess Anne	MD	21853	On-Street Parking, Courthouse Restroom	
1	Burgess Museum	Tourism	6903 Old Westover Rd.	Westover	MD	21871	Closed to Public	
1	Sheriff's Office Complex	Sheriff	7920 Critfield Hwy.	Westover	MD	21871		
1	Old Sheriff's Office Complex	Sheriff	30426 A Sam Barnes Rd.	Westover	MD	21871	Closed to Public	
1	Great Hops Golf Course	Recreation & Parks	8380 Critfield Hwy	Westover	MD	21871		
1	Dog Control Complex	Dog Control	7922 Critfield Hwy.	Westover	MD	21871		
1	Tourism Center	Tourism	11460 Ocean Highway	Princess Anne	MD	21853	SHA Parking	
1	Princess Anne Recreational Gym	Recreation & Parks	11916 Somerset Ave.	Princess Anne	MD	21853	Govt. Office Complex Restroom	
1	Old Marion School	Administration	28573 Hudson Corner Rd.	Marion	MD	21838	Closed to Public	

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1	Somerset Hiller/Biller Trail	Recreation & Parks	Crisfield Hwy.	Crisfield	MD	21817		
1	Coulbourne Creek Boat Ramp	Roads & Waterways	27450 Coulbourne Creek Rd.	Marion	MD	21838		Parking Stall (Paint/Sign/Curbstop)
1	Shelton Boat Ramp	Roads & Waterways	3626 Shelton Rd.	Marion	MD	21838		Parking Stall (Paint/Sign/Curbstop)
1	Dames Quarter Dock & Boat Ramp	Roads & Waterways	11320 Messick Rd.	Deal Island	MD	21821		Parking Stall (Paint/Sign/Curbstop)
1	Rumbley Marina	Roads & Waterways	25700 Rumbley Rd.	Westover	MD	21871		Parking Stall (Paint/Sign/Stop)
1	Wenona Marina	Roads & Waterways	8955 Deal Island Rd.	Deal Island	MD	21821		Parking Stall (Paint/Sign/Stop)
1	Webster's Cove Marina	Roads & Waterways	10319 Richard Webster Rd.	Princess Anne	MD	21853		Parking Stall (Paint/Sign/Stop)
1	Saint Peters Creek Marina	Roads & Waterways	27151 Champ Wharf Rd.	Deal Island	MD	21821	DNR Parking	Gravel Parking, Parking Stall (Sign/Stop)
1	Rehoboth Boat Ramp	Roads & Waterways	5725 Coventry Parish Rd.	Westover	MD	21871	Small Property	Gravel Parking, Parking Stall (Sign/Stop)
1	Jenkins Creek Dock & Boat Ramp	Roads & Waterways	2990 Calvary Rd.	Crisfield	MD	21817	Small Property	Gravel Parking, Parking Stall (Sign/Stop)
1	Raccoon Point Park	Recreation & Parks	27875 Revelle Neck Rd.	Westover	MD	21871		Gravel Parking
1	Long Centralized Athletic Facility	Recreation & Parks	30290 Sam Barnes Rd.	Westover	MD	21871		Gravel Parking, Sidewalk
1	MT. Vernon Park	Recreation & Parks	26616 Mt. Vernon Rd.	Princess Anne	MD	21817		Gravel Parking, Sidewalk
1	Princess Anne Little League Complex	Recreation & Parks	30409 Maple Street	Princess Anne	MD	21853		Gravel Parking, Sidewalk
1	Upper Hill Park	Recreation & Parks	27902 Jones Factory Rd.	Upper Hill	MD	21867	Small Property, Leased	Parking Stall (Sign/Stop), Sidewalk
1	Recreation & Parks Complex	Recreation & Parks	30290 Sam Barnes Rd.	Westover	MD	21871	Athletic Facility Restroom	Restroom
1	Eddie T. Evans Ballfield	Recreation & Parks	20889 Somers Rd	Ewell	MD	21824	Smith Island, No Vehicles	Sidewalk
1	Change Transfer Station	Solid Waste & Drainage	24019 Deal Island Rd.	Deal Island	MD	21821	Attendant, Leased	Gravel Parking, Parking Stall (Sign/Stop)
1	Coston Transfer Station	Solid Waste & Drainage	8405 Wallace Taylor Rd.	Pocomoke	MD	21851	Attendant, Leased	Gravel Parking, Parking Stall (Sign/Stop)
1	Solid Waste Complex	Solid Waste & Drainage	8716 James Ring Rd	Westover	MD	21871	No Public Restroom	Restroom, Ramp
1	Princess Anne Dispensary	Liquor Board	11754 Somerset Ave	Princess Anne	MD	21853	On-Street Parking, No Public Restroom	Restroom
1	Ruritan Ballfield	Recreation & Parks	11826 Crisfield Lane	Princess Anne	MD	21853	Leased	Restroom - Parking Stall (Paint/Sign/Stop)
3	Cat Shelter	Humane Society	29551 Fairmount Rd	Westover	MD	21871	Leased	Restroom, Sidewalk, Gravel Parking

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners for Somerset County will hold a Public Hearing on:

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 2:10 P.M.
Somerset County Commissioners Meeting Room

Room 111

Somerset County Office Complex

11916 Somerset Avenue

Princess Anne, MD 21853

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FAIR SUMMARY

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The public is invited to attend and offer comments on the proposed plan. For a copy of the proposed plan, please contact the Somerset County Office of County Engineer at 410-621-9188 during regular business hours, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except legal holidays; or visit the county website at: www.somersetmd.us

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR SOMERSET COUNTY**

Ralph D. Taylor

County Administrator

Somerset Herald & Crisfield-County Times: Please publish in the August 19th and August 26th editions.

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Date of Comment: _____

Name of Person: _____

Comment: _____

Response: _____

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Attachment E – ADA Policy Statement

SOMERSET COUNTY, MARYLAND
11916 Somerset Ave. Room 111
Princess Anne, MD 21853

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The County is in the process of identifying and assessing obstacles in the public right-of-way through the use of an Inventory Tool. Barrier Removal Priorities based on location priority and accessibility conditions will be a part of the inventory process. **It is very important that the public be aware that their involvement in this plan is a valuable component to the County in compiling a workable plan of compliance. Your involvement is solicited in developing the ADA Transition Plan.**

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Public Complaint:

Public complaint, suggestions and comments can also be an integral part of the Transition Plan. Public comments may often drive the prioritization of improvements. To file a comment or request, please contact John B. Redden, Jr., P.E., ADA Coordinator for Somerset County at 11916 Somerset Ave. Room 210, Princess Anne, MD 21853 (410-621-9188).

Public Input:

Public Comment and Response Forms are available on the county's website under ADA category. Somerset County welcomes your participation and unique outlook as to how the County can meet and exceed ADA requirements and recommendations. Public involvement in the County ADA plan has been a valuable component to the County in compiling a workable plan of compliance. We continue to solicit your additions to the ADA Transition Plan.

An inventory of the Somerset County facilities is included with this Transition Plan. The inventory is color coded to show the status of ADA compliance.

The plan to complete the ADA requirements is through annual appropriations for materials to bring pedestrian facilities into compliance. Plans are to complete the requirements as the County authorizes construction projects which allow for removal of the designated barriers.

The County will complete this work over a ten year period.

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