

## **APPENDIX F: COMPLIANCE WITH HANDICAPPED ACCESS REQUIREMENTS**

**APPENDIX F** contains two sections: a detailed assessment of the administrative and equal opportunity employment practices of the town; and a site-by-site inventory of all recreation and conservation areas under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission and the Recreation department.

Descriptive information to aid in understanding the scope of the site is included under “Notes” in each inventory. If appropriate, a transition statement appears at the end of each form.

Following the inventory, there is information about other open space parcels, both town-owned and non-town-owned, offering an outdoor experience to persons with disabilities.

### **Assessment of Administrative and Equal Opportunity Employment Practices**

- Part I: Administrative Requirements
  1. ***Designation of 504 Coordinator:*** The 504 Coordinator for the Town of Ipswich is Colleen Ferman, Health Agent. Please refer to the letter from Robin Crosbie, Town Manager, in this section.
  2. ***Grievance Procedures:*** Please refer to the Grievance Procedure in this section.
  3. ***Public Notification Requirements:*** Please refer to the pertinent section of the town’s Personnel Rules and Regulations. Also refer to the sample of an employment notice and letter by Colleen Ferman, the 504 Coordinator, in this section.
  
- Part II: Program Accessibility
  1. ***Transition Plan:*** Please refer to the end of each site survey for the Transition Plan summaries provided and also to the Municipal Access Survey in this section.
  2. ***Facility Inventory:*** Please refer to the site-by-site inventory of all properties under the jurisdiction of the Cemetery & Parks Department in this section.
  
- Part III: Employment Practices. Please see the letter by Robin Crosbie, Town Manager, in this section.
  
- Facility Inventory. The facility inventory below contains only that information that is applicable to each site. The sections evaluating facilities that do not exist at a site have been deleted so that the remaining information is easier to understand and use. For example, if a site does not have restroom facilities, the information requested on restrooms has been deleted.

Notes on each facility are shown at the beginning of each section, and a transition plan is included at the end of each section.



## **Town of Ipswich**

### **Office of the Town Manager**

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February 27, 2013

Ms. Melissa Cryan  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Division of Conservation Services  
100 Cambridge Street  
Boston, MA 02202

Ms. Cryan:

This is to certify that Colleen Fermon, Health Agent for the Town of Ipswich, has been appointed the 504 Coordinator for the Town.

The Town of Ipswich has posted notices for Town employees that it does not discriminate on the basis of disability in hiring and promotion decisions.

Sincerely,

Robin Crosbie  
Town Manager

Town of Ipswich  
Grievance Procedure

The following Grievance Procedure is established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). It should be used by any individual who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in employment practices and policies or the provision of programs, services, and benefits by the Town of Ipswich, MA.

The grievance should be in written form and contain as much information as possible about the alleged discrimination (name, address, phone number, location, and description of problem, etc.). Other arrangements for submission of a grievance such as a personal interview or tape recording will be made available for the visually impaired or those with motor impairments. It should be submitted by the grievant and/or his or her designee within 30 calendar days of the alleged violation to ADA Coordinator, Colleen E. Fermon, Health Office, Town Hall, 25 Green Street, Ipswich, MA 01938, (978) 356-6606, Health Office Hours: Monday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Tuesday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Within 15 working days of receipt of the complaint, the ADA Coordinator, Colleen E. Fermon, will respond in writing (or a method understood by the complainant) to the complainant and/or his or her designee. The response will offer a resolution or explain the position of the Town of Ipswich with respect to the complainant.

If the response by the ADA Coordinator, Colleen E. Fermon, does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or his designee may request a hearing to be held within 15 working days of receipt of the response before the Ipswich Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 25 Green Street, Ipswich, MA 01938, (978) 356-6609, Office Hours: Monday 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Tuesday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM for resolution. Within 30 calendar days of the hearing, the complainant and/or his or her designee will receive the final resolution in writing (or method understood by the complainant) as proposed by the Ipswich Board of Selectmen.

All complaints received by the ADA Coordinator and responses from the Ipswich Board of Selectmen will be kept by the Town of Ipswich for a period of three years. These documents may be requested by the appropriate federal agency should an investigation into alleged discrimination on the basis of disability status be initiated.

# FAIR EMPLOYMENT LAW

The Fair Employment Law declares that it is illegal to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information, military service, age, ancestry or disability

### IT IS UNLAWFUL:

- to print or circulate any advertisement or use any application form which directly or indirectly specifies any limitation on the basis of race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information, military service, age, ancestry or disability.
- to discharge or reuse to hire any individual on the basis of their race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information, military service, age, ancestry or disability.
- to discriminate against any individual in matters relating to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of their race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, genetic information, military service, age, ancestry or disability.
- to require a woman to leave her job at some arbitrary stage in her pregnancy or to refuse to let her return to work until a specified time set by the employer.
- to refuse to grant a female employee at least eight weeks leave for purposes of childbirth or to treat her absence differently than any other absence due to disability.
- to require an employee to remain at work during any day or part thereof that s/he observes as a religious holiday provided that the employee gives a ten-day notice and the absence does not cause undue hardship to the employer.
- to discharge or refuse to hire any person because of their failure to furnish information concerning admission to a center for the treatment of mentally ill persons.
- to discriminate against a job applicant for failure to furnish information, written or oral, concerning: A) an arrest, detention or disposition regarding a violation of law in which no conviction resulted; B) a first conviction for any of the following misdemeanors: driving under the influence, simple assault, speeding, minor traffic violations, disturbance of the peace; or C) conviction for a misdemeanor where the date of conviction or end of period of incarceration, if any, occurred more than five years prior to the employment application, and the applicant has not been convicted of any offense within the five years immediately before the date of application.

### RETALIATION:

It is illegal to retaliate against any person because s/he has opposed any practices forbidden under this Chapter or because s/he has filed a complaint, testified, or assisted in any proceeding before the Commission. It is also illegal to aid, abet, incite, compel or coerce the doings of any of the acts forbidden under this Chapter or to attempt to do so.

### SEXUAL HARASSMENT

151B:1,18 The term "sexual harassment" shall mean sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when (a) submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or as a basis for employment decisions; (b) such advances, requests or conduct have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance by creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating or sexually offensive work environment.

### COMPLAINTS

All complaints must be filed in writing. Information on the filing of complaints can be obtained by contacting the MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION at the following locations:

**Boston office:**  
One Ashburton Place  
Room 601  
Boston, MA 02108  
(617) 994-6000 voice  
(617) 994-6196 TTY

**Springfield office:**  
436 Dwight Street  
Suite 220  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413) 739-2145

### THE MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

Section 7 of M. G. L. c151B MANDATES THE POSTING OF THIS NOTICE



**TOWN OF IPSWICH**  
**IPSWICH, MASSACHUSETTS 01938**

BOARD OF HEALTH  
25 GREEN STREET

(978) 356-6606  
FAX (978) 356-6680

February 20, 2013

Ms. Melissa Cryan  
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs  
Division of Conservation Services  
100 Cambridge Street  
Boston, MA 02202

Dear Ms. Cryan:

I, Colleen E. Fermon, ADA Coordinator for the Town of Ipswich, certify that the town has notified all town employees and the public that the community does not discriminate on the basis of disability.

Sincerely,

Colleen E. Fermon, R.S., C.H.O.,  
Health Director

**Facility Inventory**

LOCATION: **Bialek Park (Linebrook Road)**

Multi-use facility near center of town with baseball fields, basketball hoops and a field hockey field. In addition, there is a large area of play equipment with mulch surfacing, in proximity to shade/picnic structure (inaccessible), bathrooms (accessible), and several picnic tables. Between 1989 and 1999, the following facilities were added: one basketball court and one softball field; a large play structure for children of diverse ages and abilities; add-on to play structure for persons with disabilities in wheelchairs, bench swing, gazebo (not accessible). Playground equipment includes climbers, decks, climbing wall, balance beams, slides, swings, tire units, overhand ladders, steering wheels, tunnels, decks. There are safety signs for use of play elements and general park rules sign. Persons w/disabilities are welcome and encouraged to join in recreational programming.

In 2009 the old wood play structure was removed and a new structure was built closer to the parking lot with better accessibility. A handicap ramp was added to the new play area and there is room for wheelchairs in between all of the equipment. Two handicapped parking spaces were added in 2010.

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches (4 & 4)	Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>yes</b>
		Access to Open Spaces: <b>yes</b>
		Back and Arm Rests: <b>no, except back rests on benches</b>
		Adequate number: <b>yes</b>
	Grills: none	Height of Cooking Surface Located adjacent to accessible paths
	Trash Cans: none	Located adjacent to accessible paths
	Picnic Shelters	Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>yes</b> Located near accessible water fountains, restroom, parking, etc.: <b>yes, but shelter itself not accessible</b>
Play Areas (tot lots)	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, slides	Same experience provided to all: <b>no</b>
	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>yes</b> Enough space between equipment for wheelchair: <b>no</b>
Game Areas: *ballfields (4) *basketball (1) * field hockey (1)	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>2 have accessible paths 3 ballfields &amp; courts reached by level grassy areas</b>
		Berm cuts onto courts: <b>N/A</b>
	Equipment	Height
		Dimensions Spectator Seating: available to wheelchairs
Programming: No special programs, but persons w/disabilities welcome & encouraged	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim: <b>N/A</b>
		Guided Hikes: <b>N/A</b>
		Interpretive Programs: <b>N/A</b>
Services and Technical Assistance: N/A	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired	
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings	
<b>PARKING: in small off-street lot &amp; along adjacent roadway; informal grassy parking area at rear</b>		
Total Spaces		Required Accessible Spaces: 2 HP spaces
Up to 25		1 space
26-50		2 spaces
51-75		3 spaces
76-100: <b>X</b>		4 spaces
101-150		5 spaces

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES		
151-200		6 spaces		
201-300		7 spaces		
301-400		8 spaces		
401-500		9 spaces		
<i>Specification for Accessible Spaces</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance		X		
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.				N/A
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle				N/A
Van space - minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.			X	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces			X	
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign			X	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)		X		
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%		X		
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present				Fully open and flat; 48" entranceway
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow				N/A
<b>RAMPS (on play equipment)</b>				
<i>Specification</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Slope Maximum 1:12		X		
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails			X	
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft		X		
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface			X	
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom			X	
Handgrip oval or round			X	
Handgrip smooth surface			X	
Handgrip diameter between 1½" and 2"			X	
Clearance of 1½" between wall and wall rail				N/A
Non-slip surface			X	
Level platforms (4ft x 4 ft) at every 30 ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction				N/A, not over 30'
<b>SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES</b>				
<i>Specification</i>		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Site Access</b>				

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES		
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance		X		
Disembarking area at accessible entrance		X		
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed		X		Except for 6' break
No ponding of water			X	
<b>Path of Travel</b>				
Path does not require the use of stairs		X		
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant		X		
3 ft wide minimum		X		
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).		X		
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than 1/2 inch			X	See above
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane			X	
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"			X	
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			X	
<b>Entrances</b>				
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance			X	
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors				N/A
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)				"
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door				"
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist				"
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space				"
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible				"
Door mats less than 1/2" thick are securely fastened				"
Door mats more than 1/2" thick are recessed				"
Grates in path of travel have openings of 1/2" maximum				"
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance				"
Emergency egress - alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted				"
<b>STAIRS and DOORS: N/A</b>				
Specification		Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
<b>Doors</b>				
Minimum 32" clear opening				



ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES	
At least 18" clear floor space on pull side of door			
Closing speed minimum 3 seconds to within 3" of the latch			
Maximum pressure 5 pounds interior doors			
Threshold maximum 1/2" high, beveled on both sides			
Hardware operable with a closed fist (no conventional door knobs or thumb latch devices)			
Hardware minimum 36", maximum 48" above the floor			
Clear, level floor space extends out 5 ft from both sides of the door			
Door adjacent to revolving door is accessible and unlocked			
Doors opening into hazardous area have hardware that is knurled or roughened			
<b>RESTROOMS - also see Doors and Vestibules; See "Notes" below</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
5 ft turning space measured 12" from the floor			
<b>At least one Sink:</b>			
Clear floor space of 30" by 48" to allow a forward approach			<b>BATHROOMS ARE PERPETUALLY LOCKED</b>
Mounted without pedestal or legs, height 34" to top of rim			"
Extends at least 22" from the wall			"
Open knee space a minimum 19" deep, 30" width, and 27" high			"
Cover exposed pipes with insulation			"
Faucets operable with closed fist (lever or spring activated handle)			"
<b>At least one Stall:</b>			
Accessible to person using wheelchair at 60" wide by 72" deep			"
Stall door is 36" wide			"
Stall door swings out			"
Stall door is self closing			"
Stall door has a pull latch			"
Lock on stall door is operable with a closed fist, and 32" above the floor			"
Coat hook is 54" high			"
<b>Toilet</b>			
18" from center to nearest side wall			"
42" minimum clear space from center to farthest wall or fixture			"
Top of seat 17"-19" above the floor			"
<b>Grab Bars</b>			
On back and side wall closest to toilet			"

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES		
1 1/4" diameter				"
1 1/2" clearance to wall				"
Located 30" above and parallel to the floor				"
Acid-etched or roughened surface				"
42" long				"
<b>Fixtures</b>				
Toilet paper dispenser is 24" above floor				"
One mirror set a maximum 38" to bottom (if tilted, 42")				"
Dispensers (towel, soap, etc) at least one of each a maximum 42" above the floor				"
<b>FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES</b>				
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>	
<b>Signs</b>				
Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign	X			
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed				N/A
Letters and numbers at least 1 1/4" high	X			
Letters and numbers raised .03"		X		
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color	X			
<b>PICNICKING</b>				
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>	
A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access		X		
For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep.		X		
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground				
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slip-resistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions		X		
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space, at least 36" around perimeter		X		

**TRANSITION PLAN FOR BIALEK PARK:**

Since Bialek Park is the largest, most inclusive recreational site in town, efforts will be made to increase its ability to serve all persons with disabilities. Goals include:

- Make shade structure(s) wheelchair accessible.
- Add wheelchair accessible picnic tables.
- Repave parking lot and designate more HP spaces.

**Facility Inventory** LOCATION: **Father Rye Playground (end of Kimball Street)**

This is a site at the end of a limited access road and is used mainly by neighborhood families who walk there. It contains a toddler area with rubber surface surrounded by raised landscape timber. The surface of the older child play area is sand without confinement. The playground is located adjacent to the riverbank and train tracks and is surrounded by protective fencing.

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches: <b>2 &amp; 2</b>	Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>no</b>
		Access to Open Spaces: <b>yes</b>
		Back and Arm Rests: <b>bench back rests</b>
		Adequate number
	Grills: <b>none</b>	Height of Cooking Surface
		Located adjacent to accessible paths
	Trash Cans: <b>none</b>	Located adjacent to accessible paths
	Picnic Shelters	Located adjacent to accessible paths
Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.: <b>no water fountains</b>		
Play Areas (tot lots) with safety signs for use	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, slides: over sand	Same experience provided to all: <b>no</b>
	Access Routes: path, platform	Located adjacent to accessible paths Enough space between equipment for wheelchair: <b>no</b>
Game Areas: <b>none</b> *ballfield *basketball *tennis	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths
		Berm cuts onto courts
	Equipment	Height
		Dimensions Spectator Seating
Programming: <b>no organized programs</b>	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim
		Guided Hikes
		Interpretive Programs
Services and Technical Assistance: <b>none</b>	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired	
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings	

<b>PARKING</b>			
<i>Total Spaces</i>	<i>Required Accessible Spaces: none</i>		
Up to 25 <b>several along street</b>	1 space		
26-50	2 spaces		
51-75	3 spaces		
76-100	4 spaces		
101-150	5 spaces		
151-200	6 spaces		
201-300	7 spaces		
301-400	8 spaces		
401-500	9 spaces		
<i>Specification for Accessible Spaces</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance		X	
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.		X	
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle		X	
Van space - minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.		X	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces		X	
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign		X	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)			
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%			
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present		X	
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow		X	
<b>RAMPS: N/A</b>			
<b>SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
<b>Site Access</b>			
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance			<b>No constructed access</b>
Disembarking area at accessible entrance			
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed			
No ponding of water			
<b>Path of Travel</b>			
Path does not require the use of stairs	X		
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant		X	<b>Regularly mowed grass</b>
3 ft wide minimum	X		<b>Width not formally defined</b>

Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).	X		
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than 1/2 inch		X	
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane		X	
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"		X	
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			N/A
<b>Entrances</b>			
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and <i>not</i> be the service entrance		X	
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors		X	
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)	X		68" opening in fence
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door			No gate or door
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist			N/A
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space			"
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible			"
Door mats less than 1/2" thick are securely fastened			"
Door mats more than 1/2" thick are recessed			"
Grates in path of travel have openings of 1/2" maximum			"
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance			"
Emergency egress - alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted			"
<b>Signs</b>			
Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign		X	
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed			N/A
Letters and numbers at least 1 1/4" high		X	
Letters and numbers raised .03"		X	
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color		X	
<b>PICNICKING</b>			
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>
A minimum of 5% of the total tables must be accessible with clear space under the table top not less than 30" wide and 19" deep per seating space and not less than 27" clear from the ground to the underside of the table. An additional 29" clear space (totaling 48") must extend beyond the 19" clear space under the table to provide access		X	

For tables without toe clearance, the knee space under the table must be at least 28" high, 30" wide and 24" deep.		X	
Top of table no higher than 32" above ground		X	
Surface of the clear ground space under and around the table must be stable, firm and slip-resistant, and evenly graded with a maximum slope of 2% in all directions		X	
Accessible tables, grills and fire rings must have clear ground space, at least 36" around perimeter		X	

**TRANSITION PLAN FOR FATHER RYE PLAYGROUND:**

When the Father Rye Playground undergoes its next rehabilitation, improvements would include efforts to:

- Replace the sand base under play elements with ADA compliant material.
- Develop a wheelchair accessible pathway from street parking to the play areas and tables.
- Add wheelchair accessible picnic tables.
- Add wheelchair accessible play components.
- Increase space around play elements so they are wheelchair accessible.

**Facility Inventory** LOCATION: **Giles Firman Playground (County Road, Rte. 1A)**

Small tot play area and picnic area located in the neighborhood of subsidized housing (both public and private) for families, senior citizens and persons with disabilities. There are fences in front and back of park, and wooded side lot barriers. Park is grass-surfaced with sand-based enclosed play area. Equipment includes tot swings, climber, platforms, railings, diggers, play walls, slides, steps, decks, steering wheel. Only feature designed to improve access for persons in wheelchairs is mat ramp to sandy play area. Picnic tables and equipment are not accessible for wheelchairs.

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches: 2 & 2	Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>no</b>
		Access to Open Spaces: <b>yes</b>
		Back and Arm Rests: <b>no, except back rests on benches</b>
		Adequate number: <b>yes</b>
	Grills	Height of Cooking Surface Located adjacent to accessible paths
	Trash Cans	Located adjacent to accessible paths
	Picnic Shelters	Located adjacent to accessible paths Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.
Play Areas (tot lots)	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, slides	Same experience provided to all: <b>no</b>
	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>no</b>
		Enough space between equipment for wheelchair: <b>no</b>
Game Areas: <b>N/A</b> *ballfield *basketball *tennis	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths Berm cuts onto courts
		Equipment
	Dimensions	
	Spectator Seating	
Programming: <b>N/A</b>	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim
		Guided Hikes
		Interpretive Programs
<b>PARKING</b>		
Total Spaces		Required Accessible Spaces: none
Up to 25: <b>4 spaces</b>		1 space
26-50		2 spaces
51-75		3 spaces
76-100		4 spaces
101-150		5 spaces
151-200		6 spaces
201-300		7 spaces
301-400		8 spaces
401-500		9 spaces
Specification for Accessible Spaces		Yes No Comments/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance		N/A

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES		
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.				"
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle				"
Van space - minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.				"
				"
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces				"
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign				"
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)				"
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%				"
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present				"
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow				"
<b>RAMPS</b>				
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>	
Slope Maximum 1:12			<b>About 75' from parking to play area; about 4' ramped at edge entering play area; appropriate grade; no other features</b>	
Minimum width 4 ft between handrails				
Handrails on both sides if ramp is longer than 6 ft				
Handrails at 34" and 19" from ramp surface				
Handrails extend 12" beyond top and bottom				
Handgrip oval or round				
Handgrip smooth surface				
Handgrip diameter between 1¼" and 2"				
Clearance of 1½" between wall and wall rail				
Non-slip surface				
Level platforms (4ft x 4 ft) at every 30 ft, at top, at bottom, at change of direction				
<b>SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES</b>				
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>	
<b>Site Access</b>				
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance		X	<b>Level mowed grass field</b>	
Disembarking area at accessible entrance	X		<b>Entrance 5' wide</b>	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed	X			



ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES	
No ponding of water		X	
<b>Path of Travel</b>			
Path does not require the use of stairs	X		
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant		X	
3 ft wide minimum			<b>Width of playground</b>
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).	X		
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than ½ inch			<b>Grassy field</b>
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane		X	
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"		X	
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			<b>N/A</b>
<b>Entrances</b>			
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance		X	
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors		X	
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)	X		
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door		X	
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist	X		
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space			<b>N/A</b>
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible			"
Door mats less than ½" thick are securely fastened			"
Door mats more than ½" thick are recessed			"
Grates in path of travel have openings of ½" maximum			"
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance			"
Emergency egress - alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted			"
<b>Signs</b>			
Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign		X	
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed			<b>N/A</b>
Letters and numbers at least 1¼" high		X	
Letters and numbers raised .03"		X	
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color		X	

**TRANSITION PLAN FOR GILES FIRMAN PLAYGROUND:**

When the Giles Firman Playground undergoes its next rehabilitation, additional accessible features to be included are:

- Development of a wheelchair accessible pathway to the play area.
- Replacement of sand base with ADA compliant material.
- Addition of wheelchair accessible picnic tables.
- Addition of play components accessible to persons with wheelchairs.

**Facility Inventory**

**LOCATION: Howe Street Playground (Howe Street near corner of Linebrook Road)**

Grassy, well-maintained and mowed knoll set back from street in subdivision of many homes with children. Compacted soil on path that can be used by autos to access play equipment, picnic tables and open space areas about 150' from Howe Street. Play elements include climbers, slides, play walls, decks, diggers, bouncers, and tot swings.

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches: 2 & 2	Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>no</b>
		Access to Open Spaces: <b>no</b>
		Back and Arm Rests: <b>no, except benches have back rests</b>
		Adequate number: <b>yes</b>
	Grills	Height of Cooking Surface Located adjacent to accessible paths
	Trash Cans: none	Located adjacent to accessible paths: near tables and play units
Picnic Shelters		Located adjacent to accessible paths
		Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc.
Trails: <b>N/A</b>		Surface material
		Dimensions
		Rails
		Signage (for visually impaired)
Swimming Facilities: <b>N/A</b>	Pools	Entrance
		Location from accessible parking
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired
	Beaches	Location from accessible path into water
		Handrails
		Location from accessible parking Shade provided
Play Areas (tot lots)	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, slides	Same experience provided to all: no
	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths: no
		Enough space between equipment for wheelchair: yes
Game Areas: <b>N/A</b> *ballfield *basketball *tennis	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths
		Berm cuts onto courts
	Equipment	Height
		Dimensions
		Spectator Seating
Boat Docks: <b>N/A</b>	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths
		Handrails
Fishing Facilities: <b>N/A</b>	Access Routes	Located adjacent to accessible paths
		Handrails
	Equipment	Arm Rests
		Bait Shelves
		Handrails
		Fish Cleaning Tables
	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES		
Programming: N/A		Guided Hikes		
		Interpretive Programs		
Services and Technical Assistance: N/A	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired			
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings			
<b>PARKING</b>				
Total Spaces		Required Accessible Spaces: none		
Up to 25: <b>on Howe Street</b>		1 space		
26-50		2 spaces		
51-75		3 spaces		
76-100		4 spaces		
101-150		5 spaces		
151-200		6 spaces		
201-300		7 spaces		
301-400		8 spaces		
401-500		9 spaces		
Specification for Accessible Spaces		Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance				None
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.				N/A
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle				"
Van space - minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.				"
				"
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces				"
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign				"
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)				"
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%				"
Curbscut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present				"
Curbscut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow				"
<b>RAMPS: N/A</b>				
<b>SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES</b>				
Specification		Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
<b>Site Access</b>				
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance			X	Path is over grassy mown field
Disembarking area at accessible entrance			X	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed			X	

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES		
No ponding of water				
<b>Path of Travel</b>				
Path does not require the use of stairs		X		
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant			X	
3 ft wide minimum				Open grassy area
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).				
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than 1/2 inch		X		
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane			X	
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"			X	
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs				N/A
<b>Entrances: N/A</b>				
<b>FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES: N/A</b>				
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>	
<b>Floors</b>				
<b>Drinking Fountains</b>				
<b>Telephones</b>				
<b>SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES</b>				
<i>Specification</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Comments/Transition Notes</i>	
<b>Switches, Controls and Signs</b>				
Switches and controls for light, heat, ventilation, windows, fire alarms, thermostats, etc, must be a minimum of 36" and a maximum of 48" above the floor for a forward reach, a maximum of 54" for a side reach				
Electrical outlets centered no lower than 18" above the floor				
Warning signals must be visual as well as audible				
<b>Signs</b>				
Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign			X	
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed				N/A
Letters and numbers at least 1 1/4" high			X	
Letters and numbers raised .03"			X	
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color			X	
<b>SWIMMING POOLS - accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area: N/A</b>				
<b>SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use: N/A</b>				
<b>PICNICKING: N/A</b>				

**TRANSITION PLAN FOR HOWE STREET PLAYGROUND:**

When the Howe Street Playground undergoes its next rehabilitation, the following accessible features should be included:

Add wheelchair accessible play components.

- Develop an accessible pathway to the play area and table/bench area.
- Add wheelchair accessible picnic tables.
- Replace sand surface under play equipment with ADA compliant material.

**Facility Inventory      LOCATION: Great Neck Park/Pavilion Beach  
(end of Jeffreys Neck Road at beach site)**

Small public beach with gravel parking area, all generally undeveloped. There is a fenced play area and soccer field across the public way using same parking. Beach has rocky area where small marine vessels can be hand-launched. Barrier beach precludes improvements—in V zone on FIRM map. Accessible to most people with disabilities except those in wheelchairs. Playground equipment includes swings, slides, overhand ladder, decks, climbing net, pirate ship climbing structure and gazebo with accessibility. Equipment is accessible to those in wheelchairs, adjacent to accessible paths and is covered in rubber matting.

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES
Picnic Facilities	Tables & Benches: <b>2 &amp; 9 (5 at play area, 4 at beach)</b>	Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>no</b>
		Access to Open Spaces: <b>yes</b>
		Back and Arm Rests: <b>no, except back rests on benches</b>
		Adequate number: <b>yes</b>
	Grills	Height of Cooking Surface
		Located adjacent to accessible paths
	Trash Cans: none	Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>1 at beach; 1 at play area</b>
Picnic Shelters: Gazebo	Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>yes</b>	
	Located near accessible water fountains, trash can, restroom, parking, etc: <b>yes</b>	
Trails: perimeter walking path		Surface material: <b>cement</b>
		Dimensions: <b>4ft. wide</b>
		Rails: <b>none</b>
		Signage (for visually impaired)
Swimming Facilities	Pools: <b>no</b>	Entrance
		Location from accessible parking
		Safety features i.e. warning for visually impaired
	Beaches: <b>yes</b>	Location from accessible path into water
		Handrails
		Location from accessible parking
Play Areas (tot lots)	All Play Equipment i.e. swings, slides	Same experience provided to all: <b>no</b>
		Access Routes
	Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>yes</b>	
Game Areas: *soccer *basketball (1/2)	Access Routes	Enough space between equipment for wheelchair: <b>yes</b>
		Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>yes</b>
	Equipment	Berm cuts onto courts: <b>yes</b>
		Height
		Dimensions
Boat Docks	Access Routes	Spectator Seating: <b>none</b>
		Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>rocky terrain</b>
Fishing Facilities	Access Routes	Handrails: <b>no</b>
		Located adjacent to accessible paths: <b>rocky terrain</b>
	Equipment	Arm Rests: <b>no</b>
		Bait Shelves: <b>no</b>

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES		
		Handrails: <b>no</b>		
		Fish Cleaning Tables: <b>no</b>		
Programming: <b>N/A</b>	Are special programs at your facilities accessible?	Learn-to-Swim		
		Guided Hikes		
		Interpretive Programs		
Services and Technical Assistance: <b>N/A</b>	Information available in alternative formats i.e. for visually impaired			
	Process to request interpretive services (i.e. sign language interpreter) for meetings			
<b>PARKING</b>				
Total Spaces		Required Accessible Spaces: none		
Up to 25		1 space		
26-50		2 spaces		
51-75		3 spaces		
76-100		4 spaces		
101-150: <b>X</b>		5 spaces		
151-200		6 spaces		
201-300		7 spaces		
301-400		8 spaces		
401-500		9 spaces		
Specification for Accessible Spaces		Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
Accessible space located closest to accessible entrance		<b>X</b>		<b>Located at park entrance</b>
Where spaces cannot be located within 200 ft of accessible entrance, drop-off area is provided within 100 ft.				<b>N/A</b>
Minimum width of 13 ft includes 8 ft space plus 5 ft access aisle			<b>X</b>	
Van space - minimum of 1 van space for every accessible space, 8 ft wide plus 8 ft aisle. Alternative is to make all accessible spaces 11 ft wide with 5 ft aisle.			<b>X</b>	
Sign with international symbol of accessibility at each space or pair of spaces		<b>X</b>		
Sign minimum 5 ft, maximum 8 ft to top of sign			<b>X</b>	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed (no cracks)		<b>X</b>		
Surface slope less than 1:20, 5%		<b>X</b>		
Curbcut to pathway from parking lot at each space or pair of spaces, if sidewalk (curb) is present		<b>X</b>		
Curbcut is a minimum width of 3 ft, excluding sloped sides, has sloped sides, all slopes not to exceed 1:12, and textured or painted yellow			<b>X</b>	
<b>RAMPS: N/A</b>				
<b>SITE ACCESS, PATH OF TRAVEL, ENTRANCES</b>				
Specification		Yes	No	Comments/Transition Notes
<b>Site Access</b>				



ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES	
Accessible path of travel from passenger disembarking area and parking area to accessible entrance		X	
Disembarking area at accessible entrance		X	
Surface evenly paved or hard-packed		X	
No ponding of water		X	
<b>Path of Travel</b>			
Path does not require the use of stairs		X	
Path is stable, firm and slip resistant		X	
3 ft wide minimum		X	
Slope maximum 1:20 (5%) and maximum cross pitch is 2% (1:50).		X	
Continuous common surface, no changes in level greater than 1/2 inch		X	
Any objects protruding onto the pathway must be detected by a person with a visual disability using a cane		X	
Objects protruding more than 4" from the wall must be within 27" of the ground, or higher than 80"			N/A
Curb on the pathway must have curb cuts at drives, parking and drop-offs			N/A, no curbs
<b>Entrances</b>			
Primary public entrances accessible to person using wheelchair, must be signed, gotten to independently, and not be the service entrance		X	
Level space extending 5 ft. from the door, interior and exterior of entrance doors		X	
Minimum 32" clear width opening (i.e. 36" door with standard hinge)		X	
At least 18" clear floor area on latch, pull side of door			N/A
Door handle no higher than 48" and operable with a closed fist			"
Vestibule is 4 ft plus the width of the door swinging into the space			"
Entrance(s) on a level that makes elevators accessible			"
Door mats less than 1/2" thick are securely fastened			"
Door mats more than 1/2" thick are recessed			"
Grates in path of travel have openings of 1/2" maximum			"
Signs at non-accessible entrance(s) indicate direction to accessible entrance			"
Emergency egress - alarms with flashing lights and audible signals, sufficiently lighted			"
<b>STAIRS and DOORS: N/A</b>			
<b>RESTROOMS - also see Doors and Vestibules: N/A</b>			
<b>FLOORS, DRINKING FOUNTAINS, TELEPHONES: N/A</b>			
<b>SIGNS, SIGNALS, AND SWITCHES</b>			

ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT	NOTES	
<i>Signs</i>			
Mounting height must be 60" to centerline of the sign		X	
Within 18" of door jamb or recessed			N/A
Letters and numbers at least 1½" high		X	
Letters and numbers raised .03"		X	
Letters and numbers contrast with the background color		X	
<b>SWIMMING POOLS - accessibility can be via ramp, lifting device, or transfer area: N/A</b>			
<b>SHOWER ROOMS - Showers must accommodate both wheel-in and transfer use: N/A</b>			
<b>PICNICKING: N/A</b>			

**TRANSITION PLAN FOR GREAT NECK PARK:**

Great Neck Park was rebuilt in 2009 adding rubber matting to the play structure for better accessibility and safety, accessible pathways to all equipment and overall greater accessibility for persons using wheelchairs. Pavilion Beach has had few improvements over the years beyond the installation of benches and indication of where to park and where to launch hand-carried boats. There are no facilities at the Beach.

**Consolidated Transition Plan**

A summary of the transition plans identified above suggest that the town should consider bulk ordering equipment for installation in the parks at the same time and under the same contract. Most or all of the parks require:

- Accessible walkways from the parking area to the equipment
- Accessible picnic tables
- Accessible base materials for under the play equipment
- Accessible equipment

This plan suggests that the accessibility improvements be implemented in the order listed above. Several paths could be laid out and installed by town staff. An order of 6-10 accessible picnic tables could be placed in the short term. This could be followed by identification of several accessible play pieces, with different models installed in different parks. This would be installed after a location were selected and the appropriate base material ordered.

**Conservation/Recreation Areas**

The Town of Ipswich is fortunate to have a variety of open parcels available for passive recreation. Most of these parcels are owned by TTOR, ECGA or the Commonwealth. The town has several parcels that are open to the public with parking and walking paths. These town-owned sites are listed in the table below. Access for people who require wheelchairs on these properties is limited.

***Town-Owned Conservation/Recreation Sites***

<b>Site</b>	<b>Parking</b>	<b>Paths</b>	<b>Other Facilities</b>
Strawberry Hill	6 spaces, no striping, no HP designation	On mown grass, not accessible for street wheelchairs	Informational kiosk with map, information; grass picnic area, 2 benches, non-motorized boat landing area,
Town Parking at Crane Beach	Large open lot with no spaces striped, no HP designation	Boardwalk with stairs	Educational kiosk
Dow Brook Conservation Area	6 unpaved spaces, no striping. 1 handicapped designated space	150-foot handicapped accessible walkway leading to a boardwalk across vernal pool with dirt path beyond not accessible to street wheelchairs	Information kiosk with trails map, environmental educational signage in 2 locations
Utilities-Reservoir Area	Paved parking, no HP designation	Path to dam is accessible, pathways along the reservoir and adjoining the Bay Circuit Trail are not	None
Nichols Field	Two spaces, no striping, dirt lot, no HP designation	Mown grass, hilly, access to area between 2 rocks about 4 feet apart, not accessible to street wheelchairs	Informational kiosk, fishing from riverbank
Riverwalk	Three parking spaces in dirt lot at one end. Paved Town Hall parking at the other end	About 1,500 feet of pathway with a hilly and uneven surface not navigable by a wheelchair	1 bench overlooking river
County Street Pocket Parks 1. Saw Mill Point 2. Unnamed	No parking on street; parking in Police lot; wheelchair access to sidewalk possible Same as above	Two entrances, ea. 4 ft. wide; grass surface, slight slope (below 5% grade), protective fence at river's edge Not accessible, sloped to river with no protective fence	One bench  One bench
Mile Lane Ball Fields	Level parking lot; no HP spaces	Path behind grass fields leads to network of dirt trails throughout watershed, not handicapped accessible	Baseball field has bleachers 20' from parking lot. Openings to fields 44" & 72" or more. Portapotty not accessible
Linebrook Woods Conservation Area	Dirt parking area across from trailhead, spaces undesignated, no handicapped access	Not accessible for wheelchairs, path through fields into wooded area with dirt trail	Information kiosk

Turkey Hill Conservation Area	4 space unpaved parking area, no handicapped access	Steep wooded dirt trail	Plans for information kiosk
Shady Creek Conservation Area	3 spaces designated in right of way, no handicapped space	Steep steps down to dirt path through woods along wetlands	Information kiosk,
Great Neck Conservation Area Clark Pond Overlook	Ample parking along right of way, no designated handicapped space	Wooden walkway leading to wooden platform overlooking Clark Pond, handicapped accessible	Plans for information kiosk and educational signage

**Non-Profit and State-Owned Conservation/Recreation Sites**

Several important outdoor resources in the immediate area are available to people in wheelchairs. While these are not town-owned sites, they provide important access to people with disabilities who seek an outdoor experience.

***Other Conservation/Recreation Sites Available to Residents with Physical Handicaps***

<b>Site</b>	<b>Parking</b>	<b>Paths</b>	<b>Other Facilities</b>
Bradley Palmer State Park – just outside of the Ipswich town line	Many parking spaces, no striping, none marked accessible. Parking lot can be navigated by a wheelchair	1. One accessible pathway running along the Ipswich River – stone dust surface 2. Closed paved road running about 1 mile through the park that can be accessed from the parking area and used by wheelchairs	Informational kiosk with map and information
Crane Beach – TTOR portion	Large open lot with no spaces striped – an area for about 8 cars is posted with HP signs. A sign in front of these spaces indicates availability of transport to the beach with a request at the office adjacent to parking.	Gently sloped access to beach with some hard surface beneath sand used by transport vehicle	Two sand wheelchairs that can be used by beach goers are available. Can navigate in up to 6 inches of water.

The ability to go to the beach or enjoy a state forest is an integral part of summer, so these key resources make available an important outdoor experience to persons in wheelchairs. No other public or private outdoor resource in Ipswich is available to residents in wheelchairs.