



## **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan**

### History

The Americans with Disabilities act was passed into law in 1990 and took effect in January 1992. An advisory committee, consisting of park district staff, NISRA staff and residents, was assembled to review and assess all park district facilities. The report of this advisory committee became the first ADA Transition Plan for the Crystal Lake Park District.

Between 1992 and 2008 the Crystal Lake Park District worked routinely to upgrade buildings and facilities to comply with guidelines. In 2008, the park district hired the National Center on Accessibility (NCA) to audit all sites and facilities for compliance with the ADA guidelines and to make recommendations to achieve compliance. NCA's report was completed and presented to the Park Board of Commissioners in 2009.

In September of 2010 the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) published new ADA Title II Regulations, along with a new 2010 Standard for Accessible Design. Title II requires all park district sites and facilities to be evaluated (or re-evaluated if in existence prior to 1992) for the accessibility of programs and services provided within those sites and facilities. Per the DOJ ruling, an audit of this type was to be completed than a plan to show deficiency compliance by March 2015 if required of the park district.

### Current Status

The Crystal Lake Park District 2012 Transition Plan is in the final step of completion. Public comment is welcomed at this time. A draft Transition Plan can be found on the park district website at [www.crystallakeparks.org](http://www.crystallakeparks.org) along with instructions on how to submit comments and suggestions. A hard copy is available at the Administrative Office during business hours, Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM and Saturday 9:30 AM – noon. The open comment period will close on July 15, 2013.

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