

Raymond J. Martin Riverside Park



City of Methuen ADA Transition Plan

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Background

Year Renovated: 2023

Raymond J. Martin Riverside Park is located at 971 Riverside Drive with the Merrimack River running along the park’s south side. Park amenities include parking, an accessible fishing platform, a gazebo that can be accessed via an exterior ramp, a playground, a book share stand, picnic tables, benches, walkways, trash containers and a bike rack.

Key Accessibility Issues

Parking

Accessibility issues include a slightly excessive slope at the access aisle that is located in the van accessible parking space, lack of an identification sign with the designation “Van Accessible” at the van accessible parking space, and lack of one (1) car accessible parking space with a marked access aisle and sign with the International Symbol of Accessibility (ISA).

Playground

Accessibility issues include lack of an accessible route to the playground and lack of an impact-attenuating surface to and around the play components within the playground.

Note: The Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB) does not consider engineered wood fiber (EWF) to comply with its regulation requiring an accessible route to each play component and around the playground.

Additional Accessibility Issues

- Lack of an accessible route to some park amenities including to accessible picnic tables, a book share stand and to benches in some areas.

Order of Magnitude Cost Estimates

- Miscellaneous corrective actions (accessible parking signage): \$1,000

Total: \$1000*

***Note:** IHCD is not providing costs for accessibility renovations for outdoor areas or stairs.




Best Practice and Inclusive Design

Best practice and inclusive design recommendations include elements that are not required in the standards but may create enhanced experiences for all users.

- Recommend providing a contrasting color on the first 2" of each stair nosing at the gazebo stairs.

Exterior Benches

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ID	Location	Floor	Room	Element	Type	Photo	Issues	Current Measure	Recommendations	Quantity	Price	Cost Estimation
5		Ext.		Exterior Benches	N/A		No accessible route to one bench in area	-	Provide an accessible route to at least one bench in the playground area.	1	-	-
Play and Sport Areas												
Play Areas												
6	Playground	Ext.		Play Areas	N/A		Accessible route not provided to playground Accessible route not provided to play components	3" -	Install an accessible route to and around the playground. (There is an excessive change in level at the playground entry.) Provide a compliant impact-attenuating surface to and around the play components within the playground.	1	-	-
Best Practice												
Exterior Stairs												
7	Gazebo	Ext.		Exterior Stairs	N/A				Recommend providing a contrasting color on the first 2" of each stair nosing.	1	-	-