



Our journey to an ADA Transition Plan

- Special Events
- Heritage Park & Old Town


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- Population: 42,000 people
- Comprising of:
 - Residential
 - Warehouse district
 - Shopping/retail
 - Historic Old Town

How did we acquire our ADA Transition Plan?

The City of Coppell was reminded of the Department of Justice's role in recent years for requiring cities/counties to have an ADA Transition Plan in place




We realized the DIRE NEED for a Transition Plan, so we presented to council and hired an accessibility consultant to help us




Our ADA Transition Plan report was completed in 2016 and it has been ours to “conquer” ever since

How was the full time ADA Coordinator position created?

Once the ADA Transition Plan report was completed, it was VERY APPARENT that someone would need to manage this plan and a new position would need to be created



Jamie Brierton, Project Manager, printed out the report, weighed it, and presented it to council as an “Eleven pound baby” that she did not have time to properly take care of by herself



The full time ADA Coordinator position was created and filled in 2018



Sections of our ADA Transition Plan

- Facilities
- Parks/Pavilions
- Streets
- Signalized & Unsignalized Intersections
- Streets/Sidewalks
- Programs/Services
- Policies/Procedures

Facilities

- We have 45 facilities in the city
 - 33 of them are inhabited by the public on a “normal” basis

Item	Facility Name	GPS ID	Violation	Category	Priority	Public/Use Rating 1 is High, 3 is Low	Cost	Funding Dept.
320	Town Center Business Park	7	The ramp to the left of the accessible parking spaces has a cross slope of 3.9%, where 2% is the maximum allowed.	Slope	4	1	\$2,000.00	
321	Town Center Business Park	7	The cross slope of the sidewalk in front of the accessible parking spaces is up to 5.2%, where 2% is the maximum allowed.	Slope	4	1	\$2,500.00	
322	Town Center Business Park	7	The running slope of the ramp to the right of the accessible parking spaces has a slope of 9.2%, where 8.33% is the maximum allowed.	Slope	5	1	\$2,000.00	
323	Town Center Business Park	7	The left-hand accessible parking space has a slope of up to 3.3%, where 2% is the maximum allowed.	Slope	6	1	6,000.00	
324	Town Center Business Park	7	Both the 1st and 2nd floor women's restroom and the 1st men's restroom have some obstructions under the sink that violates knee space requirements.	Under Sink Clearance	9	2	\$150.00	
325	Town Center Business Park	7	The 1st floor soap dispenser is located 50" above finish floor elevation, whereas 44" is the maximum height above an obstructed high forward reach.	Dispenser	12	2	\$50.00	Facilities
326	Town Center Business Park	7	The 1st floor Purell dispenser is located 54" above the finish floor elevation, whereas 48" is the maximum.	Dispenser	12	2	\$50.00	Facilities

Facilities

Violation #1:

The cross slope of the sidewalk in front of the accessible parking spaces is up to 5.2%, where 2% is the maximum allowed.

Standard:

2010 ADAAG 403.3 Walking Surface Slope.

Text:

The running slope of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:20. The cross slope of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:48.

Recommendation:


Replace approximately 25 l.f. of sidewalk to achieve a cross slope of no greater than 2% (1:48)

Violation #1 Cost:

\$2,500

Priority

Level 4

	AR Violation 1	The cross slope of the sidewalk in front of the accessible parking spaces is up to 5.2%, where 2% is the maximum allowed.
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Parks & Pavilions

- We have 17 parks and 16 pavilions

Iter	Facility Name	GPS ID	Violation	Category	Priority	Public/Use Rating 1 is High, 3 is Low	Cost
63	Parks	15	Adjacent to the playground area is a Dogipot Litter Bag station that is 58" above the ground surface which is above the 48" maximum reach range from the existing ground surface.	Access/Missing	9	1	\$50.00
72	Parks	15	Adjacent to the playground are 3 picnic tables, but none of them are accessible dining surfaces with compliant clearances. At least one of the tables should be accessible.	Access/Missing	9		\$2,700.00
76	Parks	15	The scoring tables at each of the seven baseball fields are not accessible.	Access/Missing	9		\$10,000.00
78	Parks	15	All of the seven baseball fields have bleacher seating, but none of them have designated accessible seating.	Access/Missing	9		\$70,000.00

Parks & Pavilions

Violation #2:	Only two parking space identification signs are provided and they are only 55" above ground surface. Each accessible parking space requires an accessible identification sign at 60" above ground surface.	
Standard:	2010 ADAAG 502.6 Identification	
Text:	Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility. Signs shall be 60 inches minimum above ground surface measured to the bottom of sign.	
Recommendation:	Remove existing two non-compliant signs and provide compliant identification signs in front of each accessible parking space.	
Violation #2 Cost:	\$1,250	Priority Level 3

	<p>Parking Violation #2</p>	<p>Only two parking space identification signs are provided and they are only 55" above ground surface. Each accessible parking space requires an accessible identification sign at 60" above ground surface.</p>
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Programs/Services

For public Programs/Services and Board/Commission/Committee meetings:

The City of Coppell acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Thus, in order to assist individuals with disabilities who require special services (i.e. sign interpretative services, alternative audio/visual devices, and amanuenses) for participation in or access to the City of Coppell sponsored public programs, services, and/or meetings, the City requests that individuals makes requests for these services seventy-two (72) hours – three (3) business days ahead of the scheduled program, service, and/or meeting. To make arrangements, contact Kori Allen, ADA Coordinator, or other designated official at (972) 462-0022, or (TDD 1-800-RELAY, TX 1-800-735-2989).

For agendas distributed at Board/Commission/Committee meetings and for other printed materials made available to the public:

This publication can be made available in alternative formats, such as Braille or large print, by contacting Kori Allen, ADA Coordinator, or other designated official at (972) 462-0022, or (TDD 1-800-RELAY, TX 1-800-735-2989).

FACILITY	POINT(S) OF CONTACT	ADA LIAISON ADVOCATE FOR DEPT/FACILITY	# OF ALD'S AVAILABLE NOW	TYPE	# OF ALD'S REQUIRED	# OF ALD'S WE NEED
Arts Center	Bryan Nordin	Bethany Atwell	20	FM System & Loop	20	0
Council Chambers	Ashley Owens	Ashley Owens	4	FM System	4	0
Cozby Library	Amy Pittman-Hassett	Amy Pittman-Hassett	4	FM System	4	0
Senior & Community Center	Laci McKinney	Laci McKinney	4	FM System	4	0
The CORE	Sheri Freestone-Belmont	Lindsay Dobson	4	FM System	4	0
Life Safety Park	Jeana Lantiere	Bethany Everett	4	Infrared	4	0
The BEC	Maura Reed	Maura Reed	4	FM System	4	0
Justice Center	Elizabeth Labori	Elizabeth Adams	4	FM System	4	0

Policies/Procedures

- Grievance Process
- Emergency Management Plan
- Reasonable Accommodation Requests
- ADA Coordinator's information posted

Accessible Coppel

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) & How It Applies to Coppel

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a civil rights law that was enacted on July 26, 1990. The ADA guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services, and telecommunications. In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the City of Coppel will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in the City's services, programs, or activities. The City welcomes and requests input from persons with disabilities regarding accessibility. Input, questions, or requests should be directed to the City of Coppel [ADA Coordinator](#).

ADA Coordinator

According to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a public entity that has a minimum of 50 employees is required to designate an individual to oversee their compliance with the ADA. These responsibilities for compliance only apply to the City of Coppel with regards to its services, programs, activities, and facilities.

ADA and Capital Programs Coordinator
265 E Parkway Boulevard
Coppel, TX 75019
Phone: 972-462-5148
[Email Coppel's ADA Coordinator](#)

Signalized/Unsignalized Intersections

Streets/Sidewalks

- Internal repairs in the Public Works Department
- External repairs from outside contractors



- ADA Liaison Advocates

- Programs/Services
- Policies/Procedures
- Onsite in each facility for in-person inquiries
- Meets quarterly

- ADA Facilities Parks Plan

- Facilities
- Parks
- Meetings coincide with the 1 year and 5 year budget schedule

The budget for each of the violations in the Transition Plan comes from the program account in each department

New Facilities that are not in the Transition Plan

- During design, the architect registers the project with TDLR if it is over \$50,000
 - Registered Accessibility Specialist
 - Plan Review
 - Final Inspection
- Using the Texas Accessibility Standards



Special Events in Coppell

- Creativity is key
- The ADA standards are concrete, but how you accomplish the accessibility is not concrete
- The Fab Five:
 - Parking
 - Accessible Route
 - Bathrooms
 - Drinking fountains
 - Shelter



Main Points to Focus On

A Planning Guide for Making Temporary Events Accessible to People with Disabilities



<https://adata.org/guide/planning-guide-making-temporary-events-accessible-people-disabilities>

- **Planning**
 - Communicating with vendors, staff, and volunteers
 - Having an appointed subject matter expert in each area
 - Effective communication about the event
- **Access**
 - Parking
- **Participation**
 - Accessible Route
 - Ground/Floor Surfaces and Doors
 - Signage/Hazardous Protruding Objects
 - Activities/Assembly Areas
 - Communication
- **Service and Support**
 - Restrooms, drinking fountains, and shelter

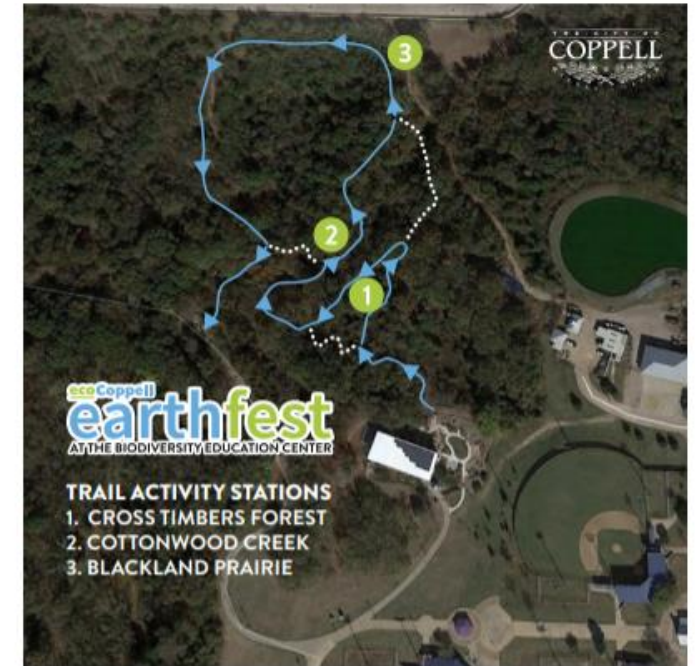
Planning



TRAIL ACTIVITY STATIONS

Coppell Nature Park features three different types of habitat. Explore the unique characteristics of the Cross Timbers Forest, Blackland Prairie, and Cottonwood Creek by visiting the learning stations set up by each habitat.

Take a photo of the map below and follow the signs along the trail!



Access



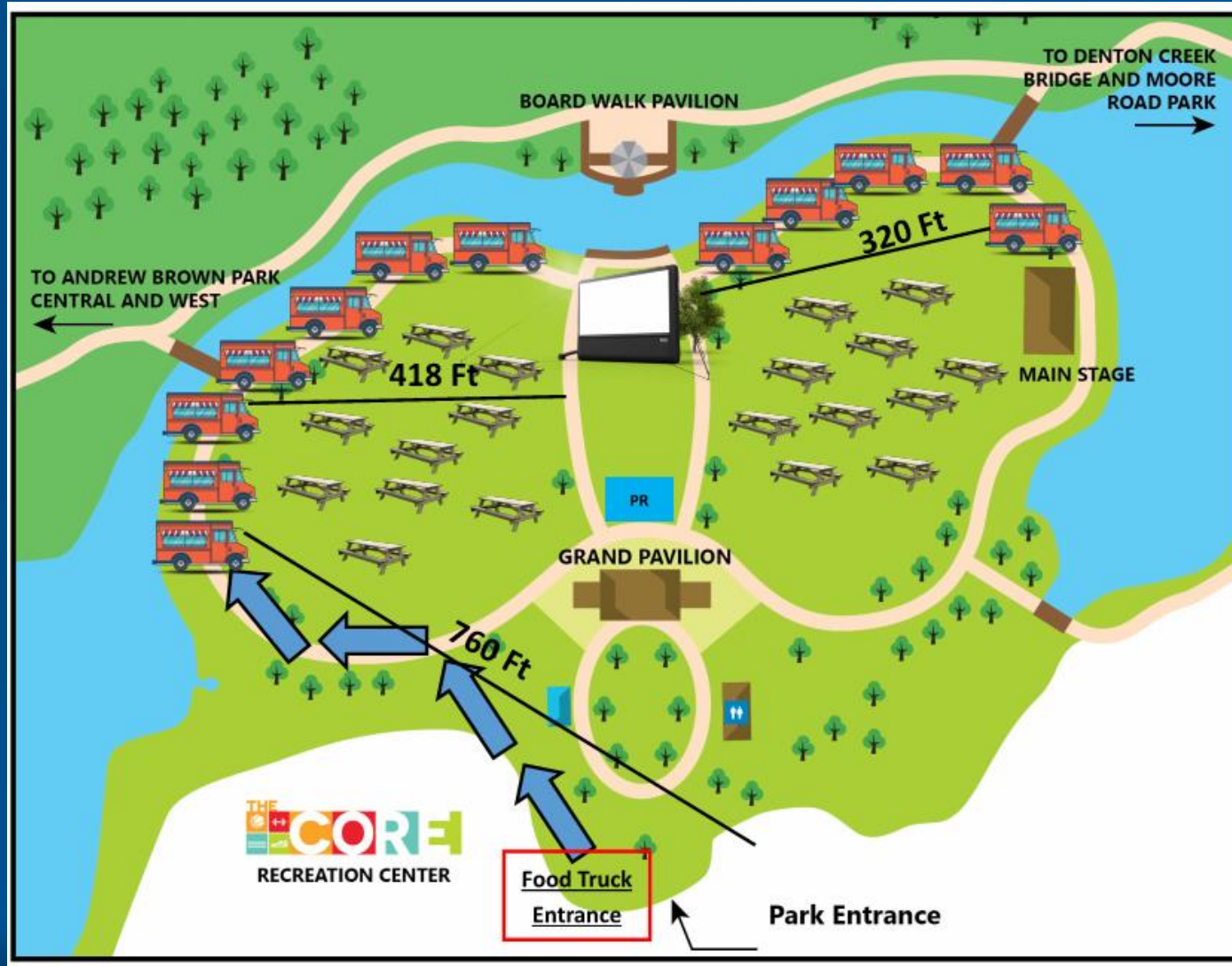
Participation



Service and Support

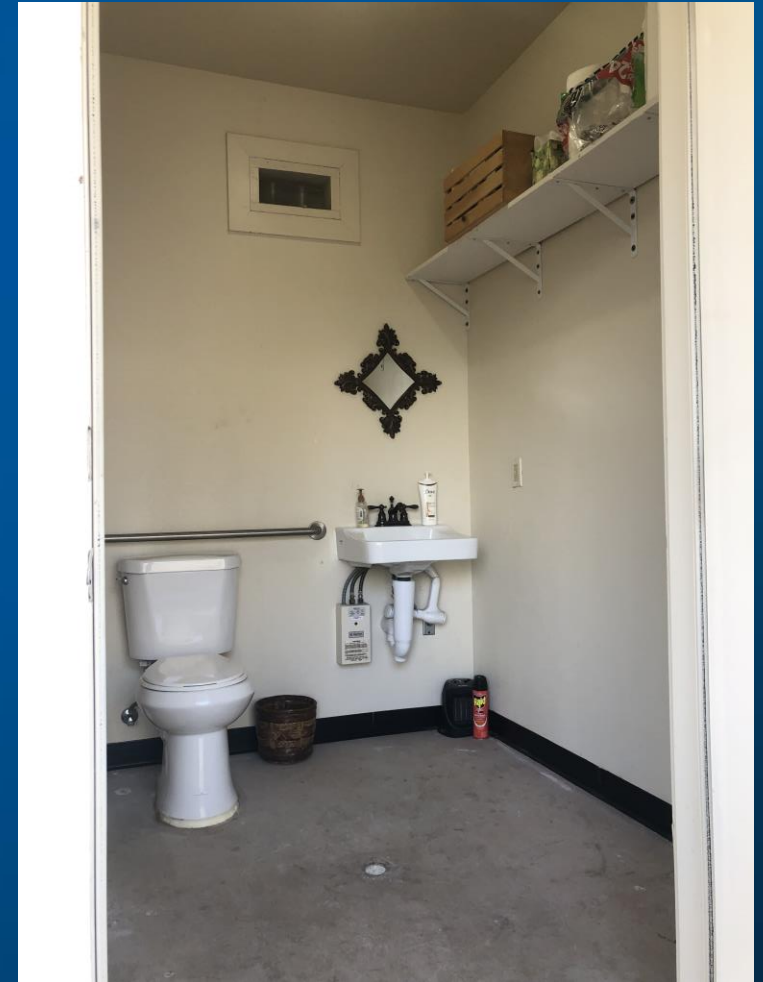


Accommodations



Heritage Park

- Donated to the Coppell Historical Society
- Events in each of the 5 historic homes
- Meetings in the main house



Heritage Park



Old Town



Old Town



**ADA National
Network Guide to
Special Events**

<https://adata.org/guide/planning-guide-making-temporary-events-accessible-people-disabilities>

**Department of
Justice
Common ADA Issues
in City Governments
<https://www.ada.gov/comprob.htm>**

Resources

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