

Commission on Disability Ongoing Projects

- Universal Trail at Acton Arboretum.
- COD members attend Acton Citizen's Police Academy.
- COD speakers to civic organizations, such as, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, etc.
- Survey all municipal buildings, facilities and sidewalks for access.
- COD member on the school building committee.
- Emergency services such as police and fire departments should have telecommunication devices for the deaf (TTY - a device which enables a deaf person to communicate by telephone).
- Survey businesses, agencies and organizations for communication and architectural access. Work with owners and managers to encourage compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Architectural Access Board's regulations and other disability laws.
- Survey all parking lots that are open to the public for HP designated spaces. Work with owners and the building inspector to bring the lots into compliance with AAB and ADA regulations and municipal by-laws.
- Evaluate transportation needs. Work with the Regional Transit Authority, Council on Aging and municipal officials to increase (or to provide!) accessible transportation.
- Work with the Housing Authority to increase adaptable and accessible housing.
- Meet with local builders/developers to encourage development of accessible and adaptable housing.
- Evaluate programs for students with disabilities for mainstreaming and integration.
- Evaluate schools for architectural accessibility.
- Introduce a disability awareness program in the schools.
- Work with the Massachusetts Office on Disability Client Services Program.
- Find out what people's needs are. Conduct a needs survey or hold a public hearing.
- Develop disability cohesion in Acton through social programs and activities, later to include rest of citizen's.
- Investigate the need for a specialized volunteer program in Acton.