

BARRIER FREE COMPLIANCE

Barrier-free compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a very important undertaking for the City of Midland. Those individuals in the community that are physically challenged should have every opportunity to use the parks to the best of their ability. In order to ensure there are opportunities available to all members of the City, this Master Plan has reviewed the parks and inventoried them to document their level of barrier-free compliance. The City will then take the necessary action to ensure compliance with state and federal barrier-free laws. Specifically, the City will address the following issues in its park facilities:

- Parking
- Paths To and From Parking: Location of parking areas in relation to activity areas to ensure that walking distance is minimized.
- Activity Areas
- Paths To and From Activity Areas: Existence, location, and condition of sidewalks.
- Restrooms: Existence, location, and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Amenities: Conditions of equipment such as play equipment, drinking fountains, and picnic tables that are barrier-free and usable by all people.
- Surfacing: Condition of paving material used for parking as it assists in allowing movement within.
- Signage

The Barrier-Free Inventory that begins on page 48 inventories Midland's parks based on barrier-free compliance. The parks are assessed and categorized as follows:

- **Deficient:** Does not meet barrier-free compliance
- **Compliant:** Meets barrier-free compliance standards
- **N/A:** The item does not exist within the park and therefore cannot be evaluated

Each park that has a barrier-free deficiency is accompanied by a set of recommendations aimed to rectify the deficiency. These recommendations are noted on the Barrier-Free Inventory. Each recommendation corresponds to a specific objective listed in the Action Program that begins on page 50. These recommendations are also referenced on the Capital Improvements Schedule on page 57. The

Block Parks are not included in the barrier-free inventory. This is due to the fact that they are oftentimes landlocked by homes and are quite small, often less than two acres in size. On-site parking is not available, however, on-street parking is available in adjacent neighborhoods. To develop parking lots or to expand on-site facilities is not feasible because of the inherent limitations of these small and isolated parks. Further, other park classifications, other than the Block Parks, may have some individual parks with similar limitations. In these cases it is clearly not feasible to meet all the barrier-free requirements. For example, the play space in Thrune Park is highly programmed and densely packed with structures that children can actively explore. On-street parking is readily available. Given its intent and use, providing an on-site parking lot at Thrune Park would not be feasible. Therefore, resources for barrier-free compliance will be directed to appropriate parks where space is available and can accommodate these improvements. The City of Midland is committed to ensuring its parks continue to be accessible for the disabled. The Action Program that begins on page 50 addresses these needs.

Barrier-Free Inventory	Parking			Paths To and From Parking			Activity Areas			Paths To and From Activity Areas			Restrooms			Amenities			Surfacing			Signage			Recommendations
	Compliant?	Deficient?	In Action Program?	Compliant?	Deficient?	In Action Program?	Compliant?	Deficient?	In Action Program?	Compliant?	Deficient?	In Action Program?	Compliant?	Deficient?	In Action Program?	Compliant?	Deficient?	In Action Program?	Compliant?	Deficient?	In Action Program?	Compliant?	Deficient?	In Action Program?	
As of August 2003																									
N/A = Not Applicable																									
Regional/Metropolitan Parks																									
Barstow Woods		x		x	Yes		x		N/A			x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x			Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Central Park		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Chippewassee	x			x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x		N/A			x			Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
City Forest		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Pere Marquette Rail-Trail	x			x			x			x			x	Yes	x			x			x			N/A	
Emerson	x			x			x			x			x		x			x			x			N/A	
Community Parks																									
Northwest		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Optimist Park		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Plymouth		x		x	Yes					x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Riverside Golfside Park	x			x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
St. Charles Park		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x		N/A			x			Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7	
Stratford Woods	x			x			x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes	x			Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Throne Park		x		x	Yes		x			x			x	Yes		x			x			x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7	
District Parks																									
Ann M. Winger		x		N/A			x			N/A			x	Yes		x		N/A			x			N/A	
Blake		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Briarwood		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Currie Bennett		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes	x			Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Fournie		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x		N/A			x			Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7	
Grove		x		x	Yes		x			x			x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Hart Park		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x		N/A			x			Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7	
Hillgrove		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Hintz Park		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Kaufman		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Revere		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x		N/A			x			Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7	
Russell		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Shippo Family Park		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Smith-Barstow		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
St. Mary's		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Sunset		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Valley		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Wallen		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	
Wyndemere		x		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2	

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Other City Recreation Areas																									
Towsley Dike Park		x			x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2
Environmental Conservation Areas																									
Adams		x			x	Yes	N/A			N/A				x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2
Chestnut Hill		x			x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2
Huron Park		x			x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2
Meadowbrook		x			x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2
Riverbend		x			x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2
Siebert		x			x	Yes	N/A			N/A				x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2
Sturgeon Creek		x			x	Yes	N/A			N/A				x	Yes		x			x	Yes		x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7 - Surfacing: See Objective F.2
Other Facilities																									
Arbury Centennial Park	x				x			x			x			x	Yes		x			x			x		N/A
Gerstacker Spray Park	x				x	Yes		x			x			x	Yes		x			x			x		Paths: See Objective F.1 - Restrooms: See Objective A.7