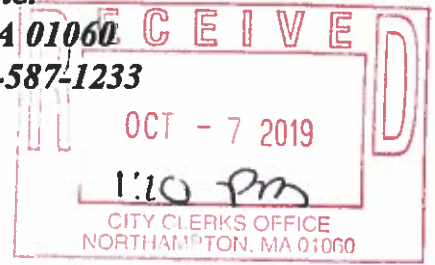




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AGENDA

Northampton Disability Commission Schedules Public Forum Seeking Community Input on Draft ADA Self-Assessment and Transition Plan

Octobers Meeting will be held Tuesday Oct 15th from 5:00-6:30

Where : JFK Middle School, 100 Bridge Rd, Florence, MA 01062

The Disability Commission has been carrying out an assessment, in partnership with the Office of Planning & Sustainability, to strengthen the City's capacity to promote the full participation of people of all ages with physical, sensory, communication, cognitive, neurological and developmental disabilities in public programs and facilities.

The Disability Commission will present 13 recommendations to the community for discussion and comment. Input is especially sought from residents from the large and diverse community of persons with disabilities living and working in the City of Northampton. The aim of the recommendations is to strengthen the City's capacity to mitigate and eliminate barriers faced by people with disabilities including:

- Architectural barriers (i.e., deteriorated pedestrian environment, lack of fully accessible restrooms etc...)
- Communication barriers (i.e., need for additional sign language interpretation and assistive listening systems)
- Operational barriers (i.e., staff training)

The public forum seeking community input *on the recommendations will be held on

The assessment has been supported in part by funding from the Massachusetts Office on Disability. The original planning grant and city funded capital improvement funds helped to make the pedestrian environment in and around City Hall and Annex more accessible.

A copy of the draft assessment containing the 13 recommendations is available at <https://northamptonma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12833/DRAFT-ADA-Self-Evaluation-and-Transition-Plan-Update>

For additional information on the forum or to arrange for accommodations (*an ASL translator will be provided) please contact Marie Westburg, ADA Coordinator at the Northampton Senior Center.