



Van Voorst Park

Van Voorst Park is a small neighborhood park that provides picnic table, grill and ballfield. The main issues at this park are slopes too steep, protruding branches, no accessible routes to player bench and entrance to the field, no companion seating at bleachers and bench, no accessible surface at grill and only one grill and one accessible picnic table provided. **Please Note:** When a **UD** is indicated, this is a Universal Design (**UD**) recommendation to enhance accessibility. The **UD** recommendation is not required to meet the minimum accessibility standards but it would be encouraged.




The report uses two different accessibility codes. The Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) can be down loaded from the Access Board website. The website is www.access-board.gov. In addition, the Illinois Accessibility Code (IAC) was also used in this report. This code can be down loaded from the website, www.cbd.state.il.us/IAC.

The park district is part of a local government which requires compliance with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Changes to the park district would allow for equal opportunity to participate in programs and activities, effective communication, and program accessibility. Access of programs and activities can be achieved by removal of physical barriers, modification of policies, practices and procedures that discriminate against a person with a disability and relocation to an accessibility facility. In existing facilities, the ADA does allow the relocation of a program from an inaccessible facility to an accessible facility until all access barriers have been removed. See 28 C.F.R. §35.150(a)(1);(b)(1) for additional information.




PLEASE NOTE: Any references for Outdoor Developed Areas is presently not approved by the Department of Justice. However, it would be recommended to follow these standards as "Best Practices" at this point in time. In addition, in existing facilities, the ADA does allow the relocation of a program from an inaccessible facility to an accessible facility until all access barriers have been removed. See 28 C.F.R. §35.150(a)(1);(b)(1) for additional information. ADAAG 206.2 requires that at least one accessible route be provided within the boundary of the site. The reports provide comments on all routes that when upgrades are made in the future modifications can be made to correct the access barrier or in some cases modify to the greatest extent possible.

Photo	Barrier	ADAAG/IAC	Solution	Priority	By Whom	Projected Cost	Projected Date	Action Taken
	The walkway from the picnic table and grill has a cross slope too steep at 2.6% to 4.5% for 71'.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.			\$2,350	2024	
	A pine tree branch near the picnic table protrudes into the walkway at 62".	ADAAG 307	Trim the branch to provide an 80" minimum clear head space and back to the edge of the walkway.			\$50	2013	Tree trimmed 4/2013


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	The walkway near the drinking fountain to the west bleachers has a cross slope too steep at 174'.	ADAAG 403.3	Remove and regrade section to provide a cross slope no greater than 2%.			\$5,750	2024	
	The west bleachers at the ballfield do not provide companion seating.	ADAAG 221.2.1 & 802.1	Provide the appropriate number of wheelchair spaces (30" X 48" space) per total number of seats (\$250 per space) with a slope of 2% in all directions.			\$500	2024	
	The west players bench has no accessible route or companion seating for 16'. This includes some timbers that would need to cut through.	ADAAG 403.3	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36" including through the timbers. Until that time, relocate to an accessible field as needed.			\$525	2024	
		ADAAG 221.2.1.4 & 802.1	Provide at least one wheelchair space on an accessible route that has a 36" by 48" clear floor space from the front or rear or provide a 36" by 60" clear floor space for a side approach.			\$250	2024	


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	No accessible route is provide to the west field entrance for 20'.	ADAAG 403.3	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36".			\$660	2024	
	No accessible route to trash cans or equipment box for 25'.	ADAAG 403.3	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36". Move trash cans or turn equipment box around to be on the accessible route.			\$825	2024	
	No accessible route to south field entrance for 16'.	ADAAG 403.3	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36".			\$525	2024	


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	No route or companion seating at south players bench for 20'.	ADAAG 403.3	Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36".			\$660	2024	
		ADAAG 221.2.1.4 & 802.1	Provide at least one wheelchair space on an accessible route that has a 36" by 48" clear floor space from the front or rear or provide a 36" by 60" clear floor space for a side approach.			\$250	2024	


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	<p>A cement bench is provided near the west player bench but does not have companion seating and is not on an accessible route for 12'.</p>	<p>Proposed Outdoor Areas Standards ADAAG 1011</p>	<p>Bench Recommendation: Provide at least 20% but no less than two benches to provide a clear ground space of at least 30" by 48" positioned near the bench with one side adjoining the walkway and a slope no steeper than 2% in all directions. The clear ground space should not overlap the accessible route or another clear ground space. UD - Provide benches with armrests and no gaps between the seat and backrest.</p>			\$1,415	2024	
		<p>ADAAG 403.3</p>	<p>Provide a new accessible route with a running slope no steeper than 5% and a cross slope no steeper than 2% and a minimum clear width of 36".</p>			\$400	2024	

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	Only one accessible picnic table is provided.	<p>Proposed Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines ADAAG 245 & 1011</p>	<p>Picnic Table Recommendation: At least 20% of picnic tables, but no less than two, be of accessible design, connected to an accessible route. Relocate or purchase one more accessible picnic tables and locate it on an accessible surface.</p>			\$1,650	2024	
	The spacing to the accessible side of the picnic table is too narrow at 28".	ADAAG 403.3	When the surface for the grill is provided a 36" minimum space should be provided. However, the location of the accessible space would put the person very near the grill when seating at the table. Consider turning the picnic table so the accessible wheelchair space is away from the grill.			\$250	2024	

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	<p>Grill does not provide an accessible surface around it. And only one grill is provided.</p>	<p>Proposed Outdoor Developed Areas Guidelines ADAAG 1011.5</p>	<p>Grill Recommendation: Follow Outdoor Developed Area Report that states 20% of grills, but at least two, be of accessible design, and connected to an accessible route. The accessible grill should provide a cooking surface a minimum of 15" to 34" maximum AFF above the ground surface, a clear floor space and controls that are within a maximum reach range of 48" AFF. And a 48" by 48" space centered on the usable sides of the grill is required.</p>			<p>\$250</p>	<p>2024</p>	

Estimated Total Cost for Accessibility Upgrades of Van Voorst Park \$ -

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Public Sidewalks and Their Issues at Van Voorst Park								
	The northeast corner of the sidewalk has branches that protrudes at 61" AFF to 79" AFF.	ADAAG 307	Trim the branch to provide an 80" minimum clear head space and back to the edge of the walkway.			\$50	2013	Trimmed branches 2/2013
	In same area the birch tree has branches that protrudes at 61" AFF to 79" AFF.	ADAAG 307	Trim the branch to provide an 80" minimum clear head space and back to the edge of the walkway.			\$50	2013	Trimmed branches 2/2013
	The fern type tree by the sign and dog bags has branches that protrude at 67" AFF to 79" AFF.	ADAAG 307	Trim the branch to provide an 80" minimum clear head space and back to the edge of the walkway.			\$50	2013	Trimmed branches 2/2013
	The fern type tree west of the sign has branches that protrude at 71" AFF to 79" AFF.	ADAAG 307	Trim the branch to provide an 80" minimum clear head space and back to the edge of the walkway.			\$50	2013	Trimmed branches 2/2013

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	The dark maple west of the sign has branches that protrude at 67" AFF.	ADAAG 307	Trim the branch to provide an 80" minimum clear head space and back to the edge of the walkway.			\$50	2013	Trimmed branches 2/2013
	The fern type tree between the dark maples has a branch that protrudes at 63" AFF.	ADAAG 307	Trim the branch to provide an 80" minimum clear head space and back to the edge of the walkway.			\$50	2013	Trimmed branches 2/2013
	The dark maple furthest east has branches that protrude 74" AFF.	ADAAG 307	Trim the branch to provide an 80" minimum clear head space and back to the edge of the walkway.			\$50	2013	Trimmed branches 2/2013
Estimated Total Cost for Accessibility Upgrades of Public Sidewalk						\$ 16,660.00		