

## **VILLAGE OF SAUGERTIES**

### **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT STATUS**

The Village of Saugerties has been actively enforcing and promoting the Americans with Disabilities act for many years. All recently constructed/renovated buildings are in full compliance. The major buildings include Cahill Elementary School, The Saugerties Public Library, West Bridge Street Medical Center, Price Chopper Supermarket, Sawyer Diner, Mirabella's Restaurant, Diamond Mills Hotel and Lynch's Marina. Most buildings in our Historic District have direct level access. Most of those who don't have rear exits with ADA compliant ramps.

All municipal buildings which are open to the public have been made handicapped accessible as well as our municipal parking lots. We have just finished upgrading the 1985 NYS DOT street crossings on Partition and Main with new ADA compliant ramps, detector plates and highly visible crosswalks. A project to upgrade our historic Bluestone sidewalks and remove tripping hazards and other barriers is under way. Please note that the Village does not own or have control of Partition, Main, Malden and Ulster Avenues. These streets and their adjacent sidewalks are the property of Region 8 of the NYS Department of Transportation. No changes or repairs can be made without extensive review and great expense. We are in the process of repairing some of these walks as noted above, but the approval process took eight years.

Recently re-paved streets have had curbing removed at all intersections and new handicapped ramps and detector plates installed. Other streets will be upgraded as new paving is installed. All Village-owned municipal parking lots have proper designated handicapped spaces. Tina Chorvas Park and the Village Beach are designed to be handicapped compliant.

We have appointed Eyal Saad as ADA Coordinator and are in the process of inventorying all other Village owned facilities for compliance.

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