

City of Barre  
ADA Committee  
Minutes from July 16, 2020

Housing for low income people for Barre with disabilities or low income people with families is limited to outside of town example Green Acres or High gate. Younger folks with disabilities are in with older folks with disabilities and not their peer groups so many times conflicts arise within the housing.

New housing construction does not have universal design or visitability built in, which may distract folks from aging in place or keep people with disabilities from buying homes in Barre. It's thought that if new homes had more universal design structure or even visitability then folks with disabilities would then want to move into homes then rent.

With housing on the outskirts of town families cannot get to playgrounds or activities if they do not own transportation. Green spaces, parks, playgrounds, bike paths, swimming is not easily accessible.

People that do not live within walking distance of a bus stop cannot easily use the bus system. Reliance on friends and family if they do not own a car. If they do own their own transportation there is not an incentive to not drive since there is no clear long term parking near a bus stop.

Sidewalk upkeep seems to be prioritized to main streets and not the side streets that are always in disrepair. Folks sometimes fear for walking to places where there may be an event such as the labor hall because of side walk issues or may not take a family to a playground because of lack of sidewalk .