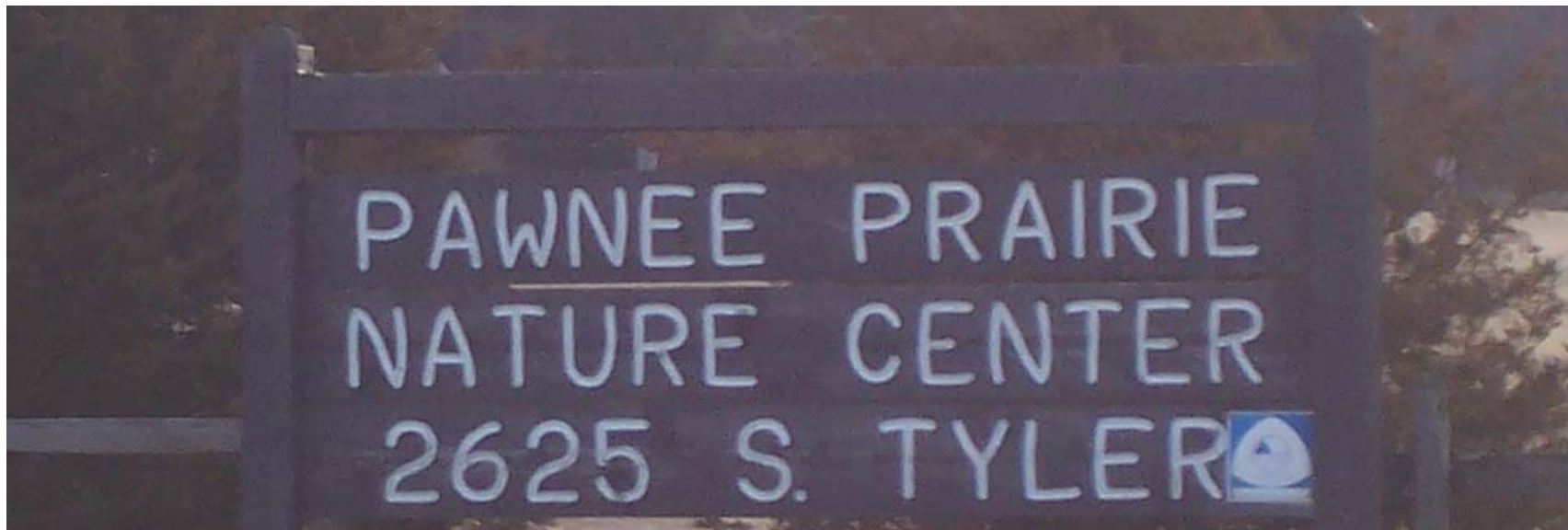


**Sedgwick County, Kansas – Pawnee Prairie Nature Center
Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan
(2625 S. Tyler)**

December 2006



Prepared by

DMCG
Disability Management Consulting Group L.L.C.
(dba; ADA Accrediting and Consulting)
2801 Jonquil Place
Columbia, MO 65202

In conjunction with

Sedgwick County and the Wichita/Sedgwick County Access Advisory Board

Note: This is a facility owned by the City of Wichita. The City has developed an ADA Transition Plan for this site. The County will coordinate with the City to ensure program access [Lindsey Mahoney, ADA Coordinator].

Sedgwick County – ADA/504 Transition Plan – Pawnee Prairie Nature Center - December 2006 Legend: **Blue** font identifies hyperlinked documents – **Red** font indicates recommended changes to structures or policies

Locations		Structural Inconsistencies		Recommended Corrections/Modifications to Ensure Program Access			Criteria – L=low, M=medium, H=high			Supplemental Technical Information			Finalized Actions				
Location		Identified Issue		ADAAG Specifications		Recommended Correction			Priority (overall)	Public Access	Frequency - PWD	Photo #	Conceptual Costs	Support Information	Finalized Correction	Date to be Corrected	Date Completed <i>(Include initial)</i>
1. Parking		Designated accessible parking fully complies with ADAAG specifications.															
2. Exterior - Pedestrian Path		On the path of travel, from accessible parking to the Environmental Resources facility entrance, abrupt changes in level exist on the wooden bridge.		4.5.2		According to ADAAG, changes in level up to 1/4 in (6 mm) may be vertical and without edge treatment (see Fig. 7(c)). Changes in level between 1/4 in and 1/2 in (6 mm and 13 mm) shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2 (see Fig. 7(d)). Modify the path so that no abrupt changes in level exist beyond 1/4-inch and it fully complies with ADAAG specifications.			M	M	M	7 9 8 6	\$1,000	ADAAG			
3. Exterior - Pedestrian Path		On the path of travel, from accessible parking to the Environmental Resources facility entrance, abrupt changes in level exist on the wooden bridge.		4.5.2		According to ADAAG, changes in level up to 1/4 in (6 mm) may be vertical and without edge treatment (see Fig. 7(c)). Changes in level between 1/4 in and 1/2 in (6 mm and 13 mm) shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2 (see Fig. 7(d)). Modify the path so that no abrupt changes in level exist beyond 1/4-inch and it fully complies with ADAAG specifications.			M	M	M	7 9 8 6	\$1,000	ADAAG			

Sedgwick County – ADA/504 Transition Plan – Pawnee Prairie Nature Center - December 2006

Legend: **Blue** font identifies hyperlinked documents – **Red** font indicates recommended changes to structures or policies

Locations	Structural Inconsistencies		Recommended Corrections/Modifications to Ensure Program Access	Criteria – L=low, M=medium, H=high			Supplemental Technical Information			Finalized Actions		
Location	Identified Issue	ADAAG Specifications	Recommended Correction	Priority (overall)	Public Access	Frequency - PWD	Photo #	Conceptual Costs	Support Information	Finalized Correction	Date to be Corrected	Date Completed (Include initial)
4. Exterior Picnic Tables	The picnic tables do not provide appropriate knee space.	Out Door Areas 16.5.1.2	Technically, ADAAG nor the Recreational Facilities - Final Rule provide scoping for picnic tables. In addition, neither guideline provides specifications for what would constitute an accessible picnic table. However, the document titled “Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas” (AGSAPT) does provide both scoping and specifications for accessible picnic tables. These Guidelines (ODA) are neither final rules nor enforceable. 16.5.1.2 states, where two or more fixed picnic tables are provided in a picnic area, at least 50 percent, but never less than two, shall comply with 16.5.4 through 16.5.6. In addition, at least 40 percent, but never less than two, of the accessible picnic tables shall be connected to an outdoor recreation access route complying with 16.3. The seating space shall contain knee space at least 27 inches (685 mm) high, 30 inches (760 mm) wide, and 19 inches (485 mm) deep. Toe clearance 9 inches (230 mm) minimum in height shall extend an additional 5 inches minimum from the knee clearance. The existing picnic tables do not provide appropriate knee clearance. Provide 50% or at least two accessible picnic tables.	H	M	M	9/4	\$1,000	See the Outdoor Areas document, for more information			

Sedgwick County – ADA/504 Transition Plan – Pawnee Prairie Nature Center - December 2006

Legend: **Blue** font identifies hyperlinked documents – **Red** font indicates recommended changes to structures or policies

Locations	Structural Inconsistencies		Recommended Corrections/Modifications to Ensure Program Access	Criteria – L=low, M=medium, H=high			Supplemental Technical Information			Finalized Actions		
Location	Identified Issue	ADAAG Specifications	Recommended Correction	Priority (overall)	Public Access	Frequency - PWD	Photo #	Conceptual Costs	Support Information	Finalized Correction	Date to be Corrected	Date Completed (Include initial)
5. Exterior - Trails	Two trails exist; one is grass and rocks (Plumlee Trail) and not intended to be accessible. The other trail is concrete (Nature Trail) and can be made accessible, but currently has steep running and cross slopes at intervals.	Out Door Areas 16.2.1	Technically, ADAAG nor the Recreational Facilities - Final Rule provide scoping or specifications for outdoor trails. However, the document titled “Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas” (ODA) does provide both scoping and specifications for accessible trails. These Guidelines (ODA) are <u>neither final rules nor enforceable</u> . Generally, we consider trails and other park amenities for use by the general public to be services provided by local governments, which own or operate the trail. Therefore, to ensure compliance with Title II’s program access requirements, we recommend following the scoping and specifications provided by the ODA to determine the accessibility of outdoor trails. Proposed 16.2.1 requires the surface of accessible trails to be firm and stable. ODA allows extreme departures from ADAAG 4.5 where the purpose of a particular trail may be substantially altered if full compliance is attempted. This departure states, “Where compliance would substantially alter the nature of the setting or purpose of the facility, or a portion of the facility.” A portion of the concrete trail can and should be made accessible according to ODA . Therefore, we recommend that a portion of the existing concrete trail be made accessible as defined by ODA to allow individuals with disabilities an opportunity to participate in the intended activity. In addition, we recommend providing signage at the trail head showing what portions of the trail are accessible. We do not recommend that the non-concrete trail be made accessible. We feel that doing so would substantially alter the purpose of this trail and the concrete trail will offer a similar experience to individuals with disabilities.	H	M	M	7 6 9 7 9 8 1 0 0	\$10,000	See the Outdoor Areas document, for more information			

Sedgwick County – ADA/504 Transition Plan – Pawnee Prairie Nature Center - December 2006

Legend: **Blue** font identifies hyperlinked documents – **Red** font indicates recommended changes to structures or policies

Locations		Structural Inconsistencies		Recommended Corrections/Modifications to Ensure Program Access			Criteria – L=low, M=medium, H=high			Supplemental Technical Information			Finalized Actions		
Location	Identified Issue	ADAAG Specifications	Recommended Correction	Priority (overall)	Public Access	Frequency - PWD	Photo #	Conceptual Costs	Support Information	Finalized Correction	Date to be Corrected	Date Completed (Include initial)			
6. Exterior-drinking fountain	The existing drinking fountain in the covered picnic area is inaccessible.	4.15 4.1.3(10)	According to ADAAG, the number of all facilities and elements, which are required to be accessible, are delineated in ADAAG section 4.1 . However, 4.1 only addresses drinking fountains in reference to floors of a building or facility. The program access provisions of Title II requires all programs and services to be accessible and usable. Drinking fountains are a service provided by the County and must be made accessible. The number of drinking fountains that are required to be accessible in a park or outdoor area setting is debatable, but we consider that at least one at this particular facility should be fully accessible to individuals who use wheelchairs and individuals who have difficulty bending or stooping. Modify the existing drinking fountain to comply with ADAAG specifications for individuals who use wheelchairs, including spout height. Additionally, we recommend providing a hi-lo fountain.	L	M	M	95	\$2,500	Building Block 7 – Drinking Fountains						
7. Interior	The men’s and women’s restrooms are highly inaccessible due to numerous inconsistencies.	4.23	Inconsistencies include, but are not limited to, auto entrance door mechanisms do not function, appropriate maneuvering spaces do not exist in the exterior or interior of entrance doors, narrow stalls, entrance door pull/push weights are very heavy, toilets are not centered at 18-inches, coat hooks are located too high, etc. In new construction, ADAAG requires all public restrooms to be fully accessible. However, this facility is not considered new construction, and therefore falls under the program access provisions of Title II. Each and every public restroom may not need to be made accessible according to program access. We recommend making these restrooms fully accessible, if it is technically feasible to do so, since no other interior restrooms exist.	M	M	M	82 84 85	\$16,000	See Building Block 9 – Accessible Restrooms , for more information						

Pawnee Prairie Nature Center - Transition Plan - Conceptual Cost Projections

Total	\$31,500
Year One (Very High – VH)	\$0
Year Three (High - H)	11,000
Year Five (Medium - M)	\$18,000
Year Ten (Low - L)	\$2,500
Year Ten (Very Low - VL)	\$0