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### **Loudoun County Seeks Comments about Accessibility for ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan**

Loudoun County is asking for feedback from members of the public about the accessibility of county services for people with disabilities, including county-sponsored programs, activities, facilities and website. The survey is part of an update to the county's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.

Loudoun County encourages members of the community to participate in the online survey, especially people with disabilities, their family members and caregivers, organizations and agencies that support people with disabilities as well as individuals with experience in accessibility needs and best practices.

The survey, which is one part of the county's self-evaluation, will help the county identify any barriers impeding the participation in the county's programs, services and activities by people with disabilities. This includes, but is not limited to: obtaining a permit, paying a fee, participating in a recreational program and attending a public meeting. The responses to the survey will also help inform the county's Transition Plan that addresses any barriers to improving access for individuals with disabilities.

The survey will be open through January 2, 2024. Anyone who requires the survey in an alternative format may call 703-777-0113 or send an email to [publicAffairs@loudoun.gov](mailto:publicAffairs@loudoun.gov).

The ADA is a civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in all areas of public life, including jobs, schools, transportation and all public and private places that are open to the general public. The purpose of the law is to ensure that people with disabilities have the same rights and opportunities as people without disabilities.

The ADA, which became law in 1990, mandates an ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for all state and local government agencies employing 50 or more individuals. The U.S. Department of Justice recommends that localities review their transition plans every 10 years.

More information about the county's ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan as well as links to the survey and to sign up for email and text updates on the project, can be found at [loudoun.gov/adastudy](http://loudoun.gov/adastudy).

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