

MAKING NATURE ACCESSIBLE & INCLUSIVE

A OVERVIEW BY THE NEW JERSEY SELF-ADVOCACY PROJECT

Accessibility:

An environment is designed, constructed, and operated to be usable by people with disabilities, ensuring they can participate fully.

ADA Compliant: Includes having even, slip resistant surfaces at least 36 inches wide. No obstacles higher than 1/2" and no slopes greater than 5% without ramps. Compliant parking spaces and restrooms on site.

Other examples: clear signage with important information available in braille/audio format, travelable using public transportation and Access Link, Accessible boat launches, guideropes and tactile paving, etc.



Inclusivity:

An environment where everyone feels welcome, valued, and has equitable opportunities to participate fully, regardless of their varied abilities or backgrounds.

Inclusionary planning: Involves inviting all local residents to the decision-making process. Advocates have a chance to speak out and make sure their needs are being met.

Possible Amenities: mobile apps, sensory gardens, quiet zones, inclusive slides and playground equipment, ground level activities, trail programming for people with disabilities, multi-use paths, predictable loops,

