

# **Gramercy Farms Community Development District**

# Board of Supervisors Meeting January 24, 2024

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# GRAMERCY FARMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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**District Counsel** Wes Haber Kutak Rock

**District Engineer** Greg Woodcock Stantec

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Board of Supervisors
Gramercy Farms Community
Development District

**January 17, 2023** 

#### FINAL AGENDA

#### **Dear Board Members:**

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Gramercy Farms Community Development District will be held on **January 24**, **2024**, **at 9:00 a.m.** at the **Anthem Park Clubhouse** located at **2090 Continental Street**, **St. Cloud**, **Florida 34769**. The following is the **final** agenda for the meeting:

1. 2.		L TO ORDER/ROLL CALL BLIC COMMENT
2. 3.	_	MMUNITY UPDATES
<b>J</b> .	A.	Landscape Inspection Report
	л. В.	Monthly Report from Aquatic Weed Management
	В. С.	Down to Earth Updates
	Ο.	December Proposals
	D.	HP Home Solutions Monthly Updates
	D.	Pond Signs
		Pressure Washing
		Monument Painting
		Removal of Holiday Lights
4.	BUS	SINESS ADMINISTRATION
••	Α.	
		Meeting held on December 20, 2023Tab 1
	B.	Ratification of Operation and Maintenance Expenditures for
		November 2023Tab 2
5.	BUS	SINESS ITEMS
	A.	Consideration of Water Fountain Proposal
		(Under Separate Cover)
	B.	Consideration of Conservation Area Maintenance ProposalTab 3
	C.	Consideration of Osceola County Property Appraiser AgreementTab 4
6.	STA	AFF REPORTS
	A.	District Counsel
	B.	District Engineer
		1. Backflow Updates
	C.	District Manager
		1. Update on Grass Area
		2. Website AuditTab 5

### 7. SUPERVISOR REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (407) 472-2471.

Brian Mendes Brian Mendes

#### MINUTES OF MEETING

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#### GRAMERCY FARMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Gramercy Farms Community Development District was held on **Wednesday**, **December 20**, at 9:01 a.m. at the Anthem Park Clubhouse located at 2090 Continental Street, St Cloud, Florida 34769.

Present and constituting a quorum:

Rolando Fernandez	Board Supervisor, Chairman
Maria Borrero	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b>
Elizabeth Fernandez	<b>Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary</b>

Also present were:

Brian Mendes	District Manager, Rizzetta & Co., Inc.
Bryan Schaub	Field Services Manager, Rizzetta & Co, Inc
Wes Haber	District Counsel, Kutak Rock, LLP
Greg Woodcock	District Engineer, Stantec
Micheal Furber	Landscape, Down 2 Earth
Justin Kaber	Landscape, Down 2 Earth

Audience Not Present

#### FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS Call to Order/Roll Call

Mr. Mendes called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum.

SECOND ORDER	OF BUSINESS	Public Comment
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No audience present.

#### THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS Community Updates

#### **A.** Landscape Inspection Report

Mr. Schaub presented his report to the board.

It is stated that Down to Earth will provide proposal from Bryan Schaub's report.

Mr. Schaub reported that the irrigation hole is filled in the park.

Mr. Schaub stated that item 37 needs weed treatment.

Ms. Borrero commented on some issues for community improvement. She stated that there are irrigation issues behind the townhomes, and now there is an erosion issue. It is stated that the district engineer is involved and the landscaping team is in communication with home owner to resolve this issue.

### B. Monthly Report from Aquatic Weed Management

Mr. Mendes briefed the board.

Ms. Borrero commented on how great the ponds have been looking. She also commented on the entry park is missing a bench.

It is stated the HP Home Solutions is to bring it back.

### C. <u>Hp Home Solutions Project Update</u>

Mr. Pastrana briefed the board and stated that HP will inspect street sign in the community.

Ms. Borrero commented on pressure washing the playgrounds and requested district staff to gather proposals.

Mr. Pastrana stated that he will add leak repairs to fountain proposal and have it ready to present next meeting.

Mr. Mendes striked "consideration of sign repairs" off the record.

Ms. Borrero requested a proposal to repaint trim on monuments and little fences throughout the district.

#### **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Consideration of the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on November 29, 2023

Mr. Mendes presented the meeting minutes of the board of Supervisors meeting held on November 29, 2023 and asked if any changes are requested. No changes were requested.

Mr. Mendes presented and touched on some of the landscape items mentioned in the previous board meeting.

On a motion by Ms. Borrero, seconded by Mr. Fernandez, with all in favor, the Board approved the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors' Meeting held on November 29, 2023, for the Gramercy Farms Community Development District.

## GRAMERCY FARMS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT December 20, 2023, Minutes of Meeting Page 3

FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Ratification of Operations and Maintenance Expenditures for October 2023
Mr. Mendes presented the operation to the board of Supervisors and asked if the Mr. Mendes stated he will following up with	
On a motion by Ms. Borrero, seconded	by Ms. Fernandez, with all in favor, the Board nce expenditures for October 2023, for the
SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Consideration of Down to Earth Proposals (Under Separate Cover)
Discussion ensued amongst the bo	pard and after the proposals were presented.
approved the Down to Earth proposals 6	by Ms. Fernandez, with all in favor, the Board 8144, 68145, and 68146 under the contingency \$6,000, for the Gramercy Farms Community
•	by Mr. Fernandez, with all in favor, the Board of 167895 involving irrigation decoder, for the ent District.
Down to Earth reported maintenance	e updates.
Mr. Mendes commented on the communication thread.	city grass area maintenance updates with
SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Consideration of Lighting Service Agreement for Phase 9
Mr. Mendes presented the propose asked if they had any questions. There we	ed agreement to the board of supervisors and ere none.
On a motion by Mr. Fernandez, second	led by Ms. Borrero, with all in favor, the Board nent for Phase 9, for the Gramercy Farms

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EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Consideration of LLS Tax Solutions Inc. Engagement Letter
Mr. Mendes presented the propose and asked if they had any questions. The	ed engagement letter to the board of supervisors re were none.
III	I by Ms. Fernandez, with all in favor, the Board the Gramercy Farms Community Development
NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Ratification of 1 <sup>st</sup> Addendum for Rizzetta & Company Professional Technology Services Agreement
Mr. Mendes presented the addend had any questions. There were none.	um to the board of supervisors and asked if they
	ded by Ms. Borrero, with all in favor, the Board & Company Professional Technology Services ommunity Development District.
TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Consideration of 1 <sup>st</sup> Addendum for Rizzetta & Company Contract for Professional Landscape Inspection Services
Mr. Mendes presented the addend had any questions. There were none.	um to the board of supervisors and asked if they
	d by Mr. Fernandez, with all in favor, the Board a & Company Professional Technology Services Immunity Development District.
TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Staff Reports
A. <u>District Counsel</u>	
District counsel briefly touched on	potential litigation with the board.
Counsel encouraged the board to i	reach out to counsel directly.
Mr. Fernandez requested counse	-
information.	I to email the board of supervisors his contact

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163 164	Mr. Woodcock briefed the board of s	supervisors.				
165 166	He updated the board on Backflow.					
167 168 169	He also touched on erosion issues on the will be doing a site review next we	on the pond behind the townhome. He stated that eek.				
170 171 172	Mr. Mendes touched on splash pad district engineer to review the next co	project. He stated he will schedule a call with the ourse of action to take.				
172 173 174	C. <u>District Manager</u>					
175 176	The district manager had nothing to questions. There were none.	to report and asked the board if they had any				
177 178 179	TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Supervisor Requests and Comments				
179 180 181	There were no supervisor requests.					
	ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS	Adjournment				
		by Ms. Fernandez, with all in favor, the Board Meeting at 10:15 a.m. for Gramercy Farms				
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191	Assistant Secretary	Chairperson/Vice Chairman				

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# Operation and Maintenance Expenditures November 2023 For Board Approval

Attached please find the check register listing the Operation and Maintenance expenditures paid from November 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023. This does not include expenditures previously approved by the Board.

The total items being presented: \$70,348.83

Approval of Expenditures:				
	Chairperson			
	Vice Chairperson			
	Assistant Secretary			

# **Gramercy Farms Community Development District**

Paid Operation & Maintenance Expenditures

November 1, 2023 Through November 30, 2023

Vendor Name	Check #	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	<u>  In</u>	voice Amount
Aquatic Weed Management, Inc	100153	16624	Pond Maintenance 09/23	\$	1,250.00
Aquatic Weed Management, Inc	100153	16814	Pond Maintenance 10/23	\$	1,250.00
Elizabeth Fernandez	100154	EF102523 -225	Board of Supervisors Meeting 10/25/23	\$	200.00
Florida Department of Commerce	100152	88834	Special District Fee FY 23/24	\$	175.00
Innersync Studio, Ltd	100155	21633	Website & Compliance Services 10/23	\$	384.38
Joel Sanchez	100156	JS102523	Board of Supervisors Meeting 10/25/23	\$	200.00
Kutak Rock, LLP	100157	3292733	Legal Services 08/23	\$	1,553.50
Kutak Rock, LLP	100157	3298066	Legal Services 09/23	\$	1,245.97
Lerner Reporting Services, Inc.	100158	342	Annual Disclosure Fee FY 23-24	\$	2,500.00
Maria V. Borrero	100159	MB102523	Board of Supervisors Meeting 10/25/23	\$	200.00
Orlando Sentinel Communications	100160	082016225000	Legal Advertising 10/23	\$	438.84
Orlando Utilities Commission	ACH	Monthly Summary 09/23A ACH	Electric Services 09/23	\$	15,948.53

# **Gramercy Farms Community Development District**

Paid Operation & Maintenance Expenditures

November 1, 2023 Through November 30, 2023

Vendor Name	Check #	Invoice Number	Invoice Description	!	Invoice Amount
Rizzetta & Company, Inc.	100151	INV0000084909	District Management Fees 11/23	\$	4,737.58
Rolando Fernandez	100161	RF102523	Board of Supervisors Meeting 10/25/23	\$	200.00
SSS Down To Earth Opco, LLC	100162	INV169815	Landscape Maintenance 10/23	\$	18,371.25
SSS Down To Earth Opco, LLC	100162	INV172705	Landscape Maintenance 11/23	\$	18,371.25
Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.	100163	2153496	Engineering Services 09/23	\$	3,010.20
Toho Water Authority	ACH	Monthly Summary 10/23 ACH	Monthly Summary 10/23 ACH	\$	312.33
Report Total				<u>\$</u>	70,348.83

## **ESTIMATE**

**Aquatic Weed Management, Inc.** PO Box 1259 Haines City, FL 33845 WATERWEED1@AOL.COM +1 (863) 412-1919



## **Gramercy Farms CDD**

#### Bill to

Gramercy Farms CDD c/o Rizzetta & Company 3434 Caldwell Ave. Ste. 200 Tampa, FL 33614

#### **Estimate details**

Estimate no.: 1385

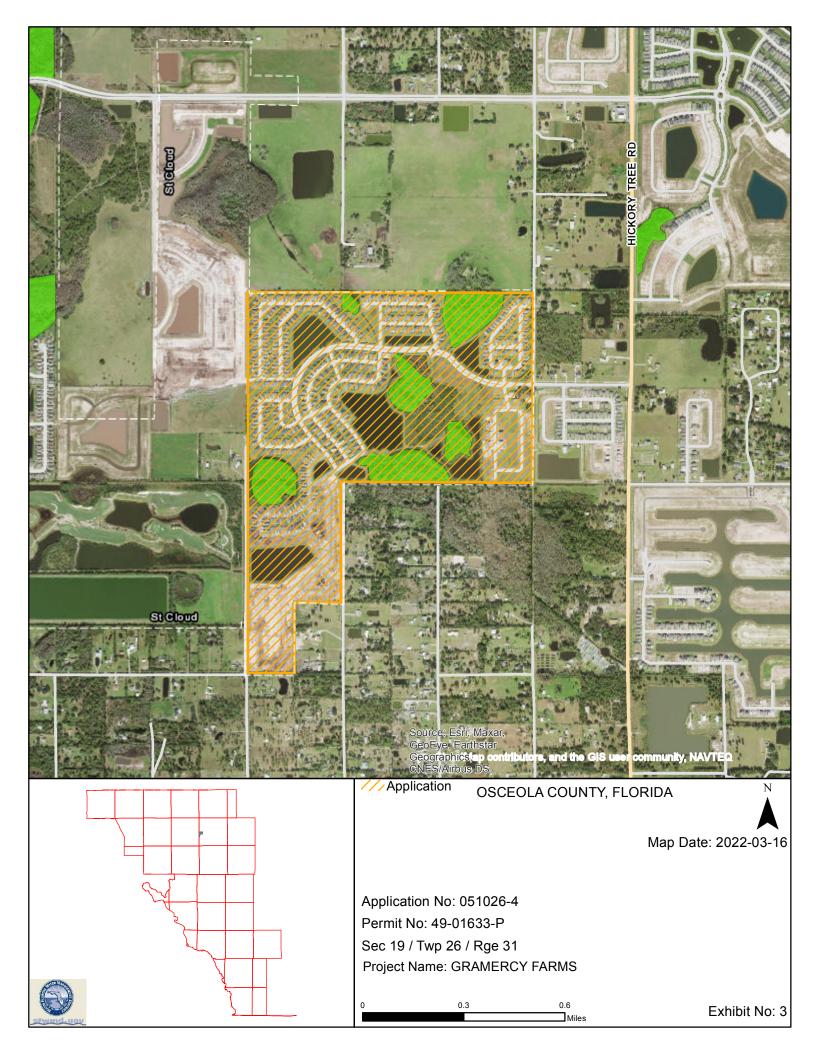
Estimate date: 01/11/2024

#	Date	Product or service	SKU	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.		Scope of Work		1	\$22,225.00	\$22,225.00
		Conservation easement exotics maintenance 2024				
		This treatment is in an effort to keep you compliant with SFWMD reg	gulations.			
		Price includes all materials and labor.				
		Price assumes this treatment will be completed prior to 3/31/2024.				

Total \$22,225.00

#### Note to customer

Thank you for your business!





# KATRINA S. SCARBOROUGH, CFA, CCF, MCF OSCEOLA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER

#### **Grammercy Farms CDD**

This Data Sharing And Usage Agreement, hereafter referred to as "Agreement," establishes the terms and conditions under which the **Grammercy Farms CDD**, hereafter referred to as agency, can acquire and use Osceola County Property Appraiser (OCPA) data that is exempt from Public Records disclosure as defined in FS 119.071.

Please note the referenced statute has amended as of October 1, 2021. The paragraph below reflects the changes.

The confidentiality of personal identifying and location information including: names, mailing address, or any other descriptive property information that may reveal identity or home address pertaining to parcels owned by individuals that have received exempt/confidential status, hereafter referred to as confidential personal identifying and location information, will be protected as follows:

- 1. The **agency** will not release confidential personal identifying and location information that may reveal identifying and location information of individuals exempted from Public Records disclosure.
- 2. The agency will not present the confidential personal identifying and location information in the results of data analysis (including maps) in any manner that would reveal personal identifying and location information of individuals exempted from Public Records disclosure.
- 3. The **agency** shall comply with all State laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of personal identifying and location information that is the subject of this Agreement.
- 4. The **agency** shall ensure any employee granted access to confidential personal identifying and location information is subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 5. The agency shall ensure any third party granted access to confidential personal identifying and location information is subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Acceptance of these terms must be provided in writing to the agency by the third party before personal identifying and location information is released.
- 6. The terms of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2024 and shall run until December 31, 2024, the date if signature by the parties notwithstanding. This Agreement shall not automatically renew. A new agreement will be provided annually for the following year.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, both the Osceola County Property Appraiser, through its duly authorized representative, and the **agency**, through its duly authorized representative, have hereunto executed this Data Sharing and Usage Agreement as of the last below written date.

Grammercy Farms CDD
Signature:
Print:
Title:
Date:

Please returned signed original copy, no later than January 31, 2024

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# **Quarterly Compliance Audit Report**

# **Gramercy Farms**

**Date:** December 2023 - 4th Quarter **Prepared for:** Scott Brizendine

**Developer:** Rizzetta **Insurance agency:** 



## **Preparer:**

Jason Morgan - Campus Suite Compliance ADA Website Accessibility and Florida F.S. 189.069 Requirements



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# **Compliance Audit Overview**

The Community Website Compliance Audit (CWCA) consists of a thorough assessment of Florida Community Development District (CDD) websites to assure that specified district information is available and fully accessible. Florida Statute Chapter 189.069 states that effective October, 2015, every CDD in the state is required to maintain a fully compliant website for reporting certain information and documents for public access.

The CWCA is a reporting system comprised of quarterly audits and an annual summary audit to meet full disclosure as required by Florida law. These audits are designed to assure that CDDs satisfy all compliance requirements stipulated in Chapter 189.069.

# **Compliance Criteria**

The CWCA focuses on the two primary areas – website accessibility as defined by U.S. federal laws, and the 16-point criteria enumerated in <u>Florida Statute Chapter</u> 189.069.



## **ADA Website Accessibility**

Several federal statutes (American Disabilities Act, Sec. 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) require public institutions to ensure they are not discriminating against individuals on the basis of a person's disability. Community websites are required to conform to web content accessibility guidelines – WCAG 2.1, which is the international standard established to keep websites barrier-free and the recognized standard for ADA-compliance.



## Florida Statute Compliance

Pursuant to F.S. <u>189.069</u>, every CDD is required to maintain a dedicated website to serve as an official reporting mechanism covering, at minimum, 16 criteria. The information required to report and have fully accessible spans: establishment charter or ordinance, fiscal year audit, budget, meeting agendas and minutes and more. For a complete list of statute requirements, see page 3.

# **Audit Process**

The Community Website Compliance Audit covers all CDD web pages and linked PDFs.\* Following the <u>WCAG 2.1</u> levels A, AA, and AAA for web content accessibility, a comprehensive scan encompassing 312 tests is conducted for every page. In addition, a human inspection is conducted to assure factors such as navigation and color contrasts meet web accessibility standards. See page 4 for complete accessibility grading criteria.

In addition to full ADA-compliance, the audit includes a 16-point checklist directly corresponding with the criteria set forth in Florida Statute Chapter 189.069. See page 5 for the complete compliance criteria checklist.

\* NOTE: Because many CDD websites have links to PDFs that contain information required by law (meeting agendas, minutes, budgets, miscellaneous and ad hoc documents, etc.), audits include an examination of all associated PDFs. PDF remediation and ongoing auditing is critical to maintaining compliance.



## **Accessibility Grading Criteria**

Passed	Description
Passed	Website errors*  O WCAG 2.1 errors appear on website pages causing issues**
Passed	<b>Keyboard navigation</b> The ability to navigate website without using a mouse
Passed	Website accessibility policy A published policy and a vehicle to submit issues and resolve issues
Passed	Colors provide enough contrast between elements
Passed	Video captioning Closed-captioning and detailed descriptions
Passed	PDF accessibility Formatting PDFs including embedded images and non-text elements
Passed	Site map Alternate methods of navigating the website

<sup>\*</sup>Errors represent less than 5% of the page count are considered passing

<sup>\*\*</sup>Error reporting details are available in your Campus Suite Website Accessibility dashboard



# Florida F.S. 189.069 Requirements Result: PASSED

# **Compliance Criteria**

Passed	Description	
Passed	Full Name and primary contact specified	
Passed	Public Purpose	
Passed	Governing body Information	
Passed	Fiscal Year	
Passed	Full Charter (Ordinance and Establishment) Information	
Passed	CDD Complete Contact Information	
Passed	District Boundary map	
Passed	Listing of taxes, fees, assessments imposed by CDD	
Passed	Link to Florida Commission on Ethics	
Passed	District Budgets (Last two years)	
Passed	Complete Financial Audit Report	
Passed	Listing of Board Meetings	
Passed	Public Facilities Report, if applicable	
Passed	Link to Financial Services	
X	Meeting Agendas for the past year, and 1 week prior to next	

# Accessibility overview

## Everyone deserves equal access.

With nearly 1-in-5 Americans having some sort of disability – visual, hearing, motor, cognitive – there are literally millions of reasons why websites should be fully accessible and compliant with all state and federal laws. Web accessibility not only keeps board members on the right side of the law, but enables the entire community to access all your web content. The very principles that drive accessible website design are also good for those without disabilities.

of population has a disability.



Sight, hearing, physical, cognitive.

## The legal and right thing to do

Several federal statutes (American Disabilities Act, Sec. 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) require public institutions to ensure they are not discriminating against individuals on the basis of a person's disability. Community websites are required to conform to web content accessibility guidelines, WCAG 2.1, the international standard established to keep websites barrier-free. Plain and simple, any content on your website must be accessible to everyone.



# **ADA Compliance Categories**

Most of the problems that occur on a website fall in one or several of the following categories.



## **Contrast and colors**

Some people have vision disabilities that hinder picking up contrasts, and some are color blind, so there needs to be a distinguishable contrast between text and background colors. This goes for buttons, links, text on images – everything. Consideration to contrast and color choice is also important for extreme lighting conditions.

Contract checker: <a href="http://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker">http://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker</a>



## Using semantics to format your HTML pages

When web page codes are clearly described in easy-to-understand terms, it enables broader sharing across all browsers and apps. This 'friendlier' language not only helps all the users, but developers who are striving to make content more universal on more devices.



## Text alternatives for non-text content

Written replacements for images, audio and video should provide all the same descriptors that the non-text content conveys. Besides helping with searching, clear, concise word choice can make vivid non-text content for the disabled.

Helpful article: <a href="http://webaim.org/techniques/alttext">http://webaim.org/techniques/alttext</a>



## Ability to navigate with the keyboard

Not everyone can use a mouse. Blind people with many with motor disabilities have to use a keyboard to make their way around a website. Users need to be able to interact fully with your website by navigating using the tab, arrows and return keys only. A "skip navigation" option is also required. Consider using <a href="WAI-ARIA">WAI-ARIA</a> for improved accessibility, and properly highlight the links as you use the tab key to make sections.

Helpful article: www.nngroup.com/articles/keyboard-accessibility

Helpful article: <a href="http://webaim.org/techniques/skipnav">http://webaim.org/techniques/skipnav</a>

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## Easy to navigate and find information

Finding relevant content via search and easy navigation is a universal need. Alt text, heading structure, page titles, descriptive link text (no 'click here' please) are just some ways to help everyone find what they're searching for. You must also provide multiple ways to navigate such as a search and a site map.

Helpful article: <a href="http://webaim.org/techniques/sitetools/">http://webaim.org/techniques/sitetools/</a>



## **Properly formatting tables**

Tables are hard for screen readers to decipher. Users need to be able to navigate through a table one cell at a time. In addition to the table itself needing a caption, row and column headers need to be labeled and data correctly associated with the right header.

Helpful article: <a href="http://webaim.org/techniques/tables/data">http://webaim.org/techniques/tables/data</a>



## **Making PDFs accessible**

PDF files must be tagged properly to be accessible, and unfortunately many are not. Images and other non-text elements within that PDF also need to be ADA-compliant. Creating anew is one thing; converting old PDFs – called PDF remediation – takes time.

*Helpful articles:* <a href="http://webaim.org/techniques/acrobat/acrobat">http://webaim.org/techniques/acrobat/acrobat</a>



## Making videos accessible

Simply adding a transcript isn't enough. Videos require closed captioning and detailed descriptions (e.g., who's on-screen, where they are, what they're doing, even facial expressions) to be fully accessible and ADA compliant.

Helpful article: <a href="http://webaim.org/techniques/captions">http://webaim.org/techniques/captions</a>



## Making forms accessible

Forms are common tools for gathering info and interacting. From logging in to registration, they can be challenging if not designed to be web-accessible. How it's laid out, use of labels, size of clickable areas and other aspects need to be considered.

Helpful article: <a href="http://webaim.org/techniques/forms">http://webaim.org/techniques/forms</a>



## Alternate versions

Attempts to be fully accessible sometimes fall short, and in those cases, alternate versions of key pages must be created. That is, it is sometimes not feasible (legally, technically) to modify some content. These are the 'exceptions', but still must be accommodated.



## Feedback for users

To be fully interactive, your site needs to be able to provide an easy way for users to submit feedback on any website issues. Clarity is key for both any confirmation or error feedback that occurs while engaging the page.



## Other related requirements

## No flashing

Blinking and flashing are not only bothersome, but can be disorienting and even dangerous for many users. Seizures can even be triggered by flashing, so avoid using any flashing or flickering content.

#### **Timers**

Timed connections can create difficulties for the disabled. They may not even know a timer is in effect, it may create stress. In some cases (e.g., purchasing items), a timer is required, but for most school content, avoid using them.

### Fly-out menus

Menus that fly out or down when an item is clicked are helpful to dig deeper into the site's content, but they need to be available via keyboard navigation, and not immediately snap back when those using a mouse move from the clickable area.

### No pop-ups

Pop-up windows present a range of obstacles for many disabled users, so it's best to avoid using them altogether. If you must, be sure to alert the user that a pop-up is about to be launched.

# **Web Accessibility Glossary**

Assistive technology	Hardware and software for disabled people that enable them to perform tasks they otherwise would not be able to perform (eg., a screen reader)
WCAG 2.0	Evolving web design guidelines established by the W3C that specify how to accommodate web access for the disabled
504	Section of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that protects civil liberties and guarantees certain rights of disabled people
508	An amendment to the Rehabilitation Act that eliminates barriers in information technology for the disabled
ADA	American with Disabilities Act (1990)
Screen reader	Software technology that transforms the on-screen text into an audible voice. Includes tools for navigating/accessing web pages.
Website accessibility	Making your website fully accessible for people of all abilities
W3C	World Wide Web Consortium – the international body that develops standards for using the web