

MassAccess



An online accessible and affordable housing registry

<http://www.massaccesshousingregistry.org>

Features for Consumers and Housing Search Advocates:

- Conduct quick and/or advanced housing searches based on various criteria including by town, accessibility features, or rent level
- Register with the site to save searches, developments, and opt for e-mail notifications
- Download applications and brochures
- View pictures of developments
- Fully accessible web design for users with disabilities

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The Massachusetts Accessible Housing Registry

Funded by the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, the Massachusetts Accessible Housing Registry (Mass Access) is a free program that tracks vacancies of accessible and affordable apartments for people with disabilities. Mass Access is one of the only statewide housing registries in the country that was created by state legislation. Chapter 151B (commonly referred to as the Housing Bill of Rights for People with Disabilities) requires all managers and owners of accessible housing in Massachusetts to report vacancies to a centralized database managed by MRC, which is Mass Access.

Under a state contract with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC), CHAPA has managed Mass Access since 1995. In 2007, CHAPA redesigned and redeveloped the Mass Access website, with funding assistance from MRC and MassHousing, in an effort to expand the number and type of properties being listed on the site, as well as to increase the use of the site. The new site, launched in December of 2008, with funding assistance for outreach and marketing from the Massachusetts Systems Transformation Grant, features a user-friendly design; an expanded database of all affordable rental housing in Massachusetts, including accessible and adaptable units for people with disabilities; a web design constructed to be fully accessible to all users; the ability for property managers to login to the site and post their own property information; and an automated feature using Google maps to track the location of available units.