

DID YOU KNOW?

- Nearly 1 million Baby Boomers and Seniors live on Long Island.
- Nearly 77,000 of Long Island's seniors have grandchildren living with them or have primary responsibility for their care.
- 186,286 Veterans live on Long Island. An estimated 9,000 Long Island Veterans have served on active duty since 2001.
- Currently there are 293,308 people over the age of 5 with a disability living on Long Island.

OUR MISSION:

The mission of *Accessible Long Island* is to increase accessibility for all Long Islanders through the promotion and use of Universal Design in all new and renovated buildings and homes.

UNIVERSAL DESIGN FEATURES:

- One no-step entry;
- Wider doorways (36" doors with a minimum 32" clear passage) with lever type handles on both sides of doors and extra outlets near the stairs for a lift if needed later on;
- One accessible bathroom on the first floor (60" clear turning radius) with lever faucets and backing to enable safe installation of grab bars at a later time;
- Bedroom on the first floor or habitable area for later conversion.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

We are a group of builders, planners, community organizers, architects, realtors, educators, elected officials, veterans and advocates working to shape policy, recommend best practices, and raise public awareness about the benefits of Universal Design.



One example of a Universal Design feature is how parents with children in strollers benefit from curb cuts in sidewalks and automatic doors, as well as someone who uses a wheelchair.

Simple modifications during the building process such as wider doors, no threshold, and placing a bedroom and bathroom on the ground floor create barrier-free access if needed in the future, thereby reducing later expense for renovation.



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An example of a Universally Designed door handle. There is no knob to grab and it can be easily opened without turning or twisting.

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