



***Creating Accessible Communities:
A Conference for Housing Consumers, Designers and Builders***

Monday, April 23, 2007

Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center

One John Nolen Drive
Madison

Presented by Mayor David J. Cieslewicz
and Access to Independence, the Community Development Block Grant Office, Community
Development Authority, Community Living Alliance, the Department of Civil Rights,
and the Madison Area Community Land Trust

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8:30 Registration

9:00 Plenary Session

Welcome..... Mayor David J. Cieslewicz
Keynote Presentation Steve Levine

9:35 Break

Multifamily Housing Track

Single Family Housing Track

9:45 Workshops (pick one)

Remodeling Existing Housing for Greater Use-Ability

or

Building and Marketing Accessible Homes

10:45 Workshops (pick one)

Multifamily Housing Success Stories

or

Troy Gardens: A Universal Design Neighborhood

12:00 Lunch On your own

1:00 Workshops (pick one)

Beyond Section 504: A Short History of Fair Housing for People with Disabilities

or

Voluntary Accessible Housing Standards

2:00 Roundtable Discussions (pick one)

Accessible Multifamily Housing in the 21st Century

or

Builders/Consumers/Advocates

3:30 Adjourn

Registration Fee: Free to those pre-registered before Monday, April 16, 2007.
\$25 after April 16, 2007

Keynote Speaker

Steven Levine, a Madison attorney, is the current President of the State Bar of Wisconsin. He is Assistant General Counsel of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. As a member of the State Uniform Dwelling Code Council, appointed by Governor Doyle, he is interested in how state building codes impact the accessibility of new housing construction. He also has a personal interest in accessibility, as a person with Multiple Sclerosis who has used a wheelchair for mobility since 1980.

Workshops

Multifamily Housing Track

Remodeling Existing Housing for Greater Use-Ability

9:45 a.m.

This workshop will look at our existing housing stock, both single family and multi-family, and present successes and challenges in adaptations for people with disabilities.

Presenters: Thomas Hirsch, AIA; Larry Taff, Taff Construction; and Terri Goldbin, City of Madison Community and Economic Development

Multifamily Housing Success Stories

10:45 a.m.

What creative approaches are communities undertaking to provide accessible housing choices for their members with disabilities? What can we learn from their success? What challenges do they see to continued progress in making our communities more accessible to all members?

Presenters: Paul Jasenski, Common Wealth Development; Richard “Rocky” Marcoux, Commissioner, Milwaukee Department of City Development; and Collaboration between Milwaukee Public Housing Authority and Independence *First*.

Beyond Section 504: A Short History of Fair Housing for People with Disabilities

1:00 p.m.

The modern Independent Living Movement for people with disabilities was born in the 1970s with Section 504. Accessibility guidelines for new construction of federally funded housing were part of those regulations. Thus began a trend toward further legislation that, within the next 25 years, would greatly expand the housing choices of millions of Americans with disabilities. Since Section 504, what impact has this trend had on the availability of accessible housing in the Madison area? What current incentives do developers have for increasing accessibility of new multifamily housing? What enforcement and regulatory barriers still exist to increasing the supply of accessible housing?

Moderator: Fayth Kail, Housing Consumer and Disability Rights Advocate

Presenters: Mike VanErem, Plan Review Lead Worker for the City of Madison; Bill Boerigter, Multifamily Development Specialist with the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA); Margaret Bowitz, Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, Inc.; and Dontee Brown, Access Living

Roundtable Discussion: Beyond the Basics: Accessible Multifamily Housing in the 21st Century

2:00 p.m.

The earliest accessible, affordable housing in Madison, Karabis Apartments, was built in the late 1970s. Madison residents with disabilities were involved in planning the Karabis community, leading the movement to provide a place where people could live independently with dignity.

This workshop will look at the current stock of multifamily housing in Madison and Dane County, and consider population trends that will drive the need for more accessible housing in the coming decades. Lessons learned (beginning with Section 504) and examples of success point the way to the future of accessible housing in Madison.

Moderator: Karen Foxgrover, Housing Consumer, Motivational Speaker and Disability Rights Advocate

Participants: Lori Sommers, City of Madison Community Development Authority, Housing Operations Unit; (Invited) Tom Conrad, Dane County Housing Authority; Chris Laurent, Gorman & Company and member of the Board of Directors of Porchlight, Inc.; and Howard Mandeville, Movin' Out.

Single Family Housing Track

Building and Marketing Accessible Homes

9:45 a.m.

Building accessible homes requires attention to three ingredients: (a) an awareness of your buyer's potential accessibility needs, (b) attention to detail throughout the design and construction process, and (c) a little extra cost. In this workshop you will learn about key concepts of universal design, the continuum of accessibility, as well as how to work with nonprofit organizations to identify potential buyers with disabilities.

Presenters: Architect Jim Glueck; and Sharene Wilcox, Marketing and Outreach Director for the Madison Area Community Land Trust

Troy Gardens – A Universal Design Neighborhood

10:45 a.m.

One of the keys to creating an inclusive neighborhood is to make it physically accessible to all prospective homebuyers. This workshop will focus on Troy Gardens, a 30-unit condominium community located on Madison's North side, that was designed from the ground up to meet universal design standards. You will hear from the people who developed, designed, financed and marketed Troy Gardens, as well as from one of our homeowners and her family.

Presenters: Greg Rosenberg, Executive Director of the Madison Area Community Land Trust; Jim Glueck, Glueck Architects; Sharene Wilcox, former Marketing and Outreach Director for the Madison Area Community Land Trust during the Troy Gardens project; Micha Petersen, Vice President and mortgage lender for Monona State Bank; Kristin and Connie Kilmark, and Ann, Dan and Marge Maffet, Troy Gardens homeowners and their families.

Voluntary Accessible Housing Standards

1:00 p.m.

At present, there is no law in Wisconsin that sets minimum accessibility requirements for owner-occupied single-family housing. A number of builders and developers around the country have begun to highlight the accessibility features of their homes through voluntary standards – and there is increasing use of tax credit approaches to cover the additional costs of accessibility features. This movement parallels similarly structured efforts in the areas of green building and energy efficiency, which have met with significant success. In this workshop, you will hear about two approaches that could work well for Wisconsin.

Presenters: Attorney Steven Levine, President of the State Bar of Wisconsin and Brian Peters, Housing Program Coordinator for Independence First.

Roundtable Discussion: What *Should* the Future Look Like

2:00 p.m.

A provocative discussion between consumers, developers/builders, and advocates about the need for more accessible housing.

Moderator: John Stofflet, News Anchor, WMTV

Participants: Consumer: Shelley Peterman-Schwartz; Non-Profit Housing Provider: Dave Potterfield; Wisconsin Bar Association: Steve Levine; Builder: Chad [Wuebben](#), [Encore Construction](#); and City of Madison: Mark Olinger, Department of Planning and Development

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