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## **Mayor Madden: City to Collaborate with Disability Community to Expand Accessibility in Troy**

*Local disability advocates, residents to assist City explore ways to improve access to municipal services, programs, and activities*

*Mayor: ADA self-assessment process will benefit from the expertise, knowledge, and advocacy of group members*

**TROY, NY** – On the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) being signed into law, Mayor Patrick Madden today announced the creation of Troy’s first-ever ADA Review Group to assist in the Collar City’s ongoing self-evaluation process to improve access for individuals with disabilities. The group – which includes local disability advocates, former elected officials, and individuals with disabilities from the Troy community – will assist the City’s ADA Coordinator and department staff conduct a comprehensive review of municipal programs, services and activities in accordance with Title II of the ADA.

**Mayor Madden said**, “The City of Troy is committed to providing universal access and create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all. Our community’s self-assessment process will benefit from the expertise, knowledge and advocacy of these dedicated volunteers from Troy’s disability community, and I express my thanks for their willingness to serve in this important capacity. We look forward to working collaboratively to help build a more accessible Troy for our residents, families and visitors of all ages and abilities.”

The following individuals will serve as members of the ADA Review Group:

**Denise Figueroa** – Executive Director, Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley

**Sandy VanEck** – Director of Innovation and Design, Arc of Rensselaer County

**Robert Doherty** – former Troy City Councilmember, District 4

**Cliff Perez** – Systems Advocate, Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley  
**John Salka** – ADA Coordinator, City of Troy

Group members will participate in a department level review of all municipal services and provide feedback on ways to improve access to programs, services and activities provided by the City of Troy. Additionally, the group will evaluate the accessibility of public facilities, including City Hall, parks and recreational areas. Input provided by review group members will be utilized to develop a transition plan in accordance with the ADA to remove any identified physical barriers which limits access of individuals with disabilities to City programs or activities.

For more information, please visit the City of Troy’s Americans with Disabilities Act page at <http://www.troyny.gov/accessibility>

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