



SustainABLE for ME:

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NEW! 2018 QAP Accessibility Points

Type of Project	Maximum Points
Senior Housing Projects	11 points
Other Projects	5 points

Every time we build a home without even basic access needs like level entry access, we are burdening future generations with more economic costs.





A sustainable designed home reduces it environmental and social impacts while saving money on the cost of living over the lifetime of the home.

As the single largest item in most household budgets, housing costs directly affect day-to-day financial security.







INCLUSION

If you cannot find adequate, affordable housing it limits your ability to be involved in the community and find employment, which leads to lower incomes in the community.

"Apartments for life," or A4L, are a subcategory of senior apartments and include universal design principles, a concierge function to help residents arrange for off-site services, social gatherings and pricing that resembles traditional apartments rather than typical independent living rent..."



UNIVERSAL DESIGN: ALL AGES AND ABILITIES



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ENTRIES

Landscape walkways in place of traditional ramps Opportunity to incorporate garden beds Enables everyone to take the same route including carts, strollers, wagons Maine Weather Emergency Exit plan?



A 17-foot long brick ramp, flanked by 16-inch-fall brick planters, leads up to the door of the Southerns' Role gh terms, JLEONARD/GNEWSOBSERVER, COM — JULI LEONARD







ENTRIES WEATHER PROTECTION

Provide weather protection at exterior doors with no threshold for rain and snow.

Consider providing small grating at exterior door to keep snow and dirt outside.

Provide a shelf or bench to set items down outside of the door.

Well lit, outdoor lighting with sensor

Glazing in door or side lite; or multiple height peep holes

High contrast house number





DOORS

Wide Doors 36+ inches *40 inches * Low profile door thresholds Threshold ramps with tapered edges for existing Accessible pocket door pull (example: Trimco)



STORM DOORS

Lever hardware Closer location:

- High: Above reach range
- Low: obstructs clear width
- Opening <90 degrees

Alternative:

Insulated door with glazing





WINDOWS

Low sill

- *Operable parts* shall be operable with <u>one hand</u> and
- No tight grasping,
- No pinching,
- No twisting of the wrist
- The force required to activate *operable parts* shall be 5 pounds maximum.

Consider casement, awning, or powered





BATHROOMS

- Full bathroom on main floor.
- Reinforcement in walls for grab bars
- Open floor space around one side of toilet
- Slip resistant flooring
- Lighting over shower/toilet/sink
- Contrasting colors
- Low or full height mirror
- Mount medicine cabinet to side of sink







From FHA Design Guide and Center for Universal Design

"USABLE" VS. ACTUALLY USABLE







ROLL-IN SHOWER

No Curtain Needed

Adjoining the bathroom is a wet room with a shower. The whole floor is covered with Golden Decking's Goldeck ipe decking tiles with a drain in one corner, goldendecking.com





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EXISTING BATHROOMS

With limited space:

- "Wet room"
- Recess sink





"USABLE" VS. ACTUALLY USABLE

Not a public restroom, it is someone's home that they use everyday







BEDROOMS MSHA: Primary Bedroom size: 120 SF min. Least Dimension: 9'-6" Vs. ADA lodging example HUD Disaster Relief Housing 10 SF CFS 21 SF T-turn Mattresses: Twin = 20 SF Full = 28 SFQueen = 33 SF King = 42 SF

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KITCHENS

Variety of counter heights (34" +/-) Open knee space Shallow bowl sink









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Equality/Flexibility







Senatore Architecture



36"-48" ideal range

STORAGE REACH RANGES

24-48 inches Open, visible, and flexible Drawers Pullout shelves Panty height D or loop shaped

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Elevated appliances 24-48 inches













MAINTENANCE

Maintain facilities in working order (35.133/36.211/MHRA 7.13)







UNIVERSAL DESIGN

"Bad design disables, Good design enables."

flexible, impartial, safe, and simple.



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