

AN ACT concerning conservation.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act is amended by adding Section 5.5 as follows:

(525 ILCS 35/5.5 new)

Sec. 5.5. Accessibility; universal design elements. The Department shall prioritize projects that incorporate universal design elements. The Department shall adopt rules to establish the priorities and scoring matrix under this Section within its grant application review process under this Act. In this Section, "universal design elements" includes, but is not limited to, the following elements:

(1) poured-in-place rubber surfacing or synthetic turf for enhanced mobility and continuously accessible surfacing routes;

(2) multiple access points and routes suitable for wheelchairs, including additional ramps for seamless entry to play equipment;

(3) a variety of ground-level and elevated play components accessible to individuals with diverse physical abilities;

(4) inclusive swings and seating;

(5) a variety of single and multi-sensory play elements, such as tactile panels and musical features;

(6) shaded areas to accommodate individuals with sensory sensitivities; and

(7) any other construction, material, design, product, or technology as set out in administrative rule.