

1 AN ACT concerning conservation.

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

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

6 (525 ILCS 35/5.5 new)

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

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

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

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

23 (4) inclusive swings and seating;

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

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

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

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
8 becoming law.