

# New Polling Place at Bard College: Visual Evidence



**I. ADA Compliance**

**II. Covid Safety**

**III. Bard is Open**

**Board of Elections'  
Americans with  
Disabilities Act Failure**

**“The Access Survey did  
not identify areas of  
non-compliance.”**

**Commissioner Haight**

# BOE Completed False and Negligent Form in 2019

## ADA Checklist for Polling Places Survey Form

*Checklist Survey for Accessible Polling Places*

County: Dutchess Election District(s): 5<sup>th</sup>  
Surveyed on: 3/11/19 Surveyed by: Karen Bucher and Jill Fieldstein  
Polling Place: St. John's Episcopal  
Address: 1114 River Road City: Barrytown State: NY Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Town: Red Hook

## Sidewalks & Walkways

1. Is an accessible route provided from accessible parking spaces to the accessible entrance of the building? Yes  No
2. Is an accessible route provided from public sidewalks and public transportation stops on the polling site (if provided) to the accessible entrance of the building? Yes  No  **NA**
3. Is the accessible route at least 36 inches wide? Yes  No
4. Is the accessible route free of steps and abrupt level changes over 1/2 inch? Yes  No
5. Where an accessible route crosses a curb-is a curb ramp provided? Yes  No   
If so,  
Is the ramp surface at least 36" wide? Yes  No   
Is the slope no more than 1:12? Yes  No
6. If the slope of part of the accessible route is greater than 1:20, does this part meet the following requirements for an accessible ramp? Yes  No   
Is the slope no greater than 1:12? Yes  No   
Is the ramp width at least 36"? Yes  No   
Does the ramp have a level landing at the top and bottom of each ramp section that is at least 60 inches long? Yes  No   
If a ramp is more than 30' long, is a level landing at least 60" long provided every 30' of horizontal length? Yes  No   
Is a level landing, at least 60 x 60, provided where a ramp changes direction? Yes  No   
Are the handrails mounted between 34 & 35" above the ramp surface? Yes  No   
If the ramp or landing has a vertical drop-off on either side of the ramp, is edge protection provided? Yes  No

# Multiple ADA Violations

- No Handicap parking
- Ramp slope (10%) is **2x** steeper than recommended slope (5% or 1:20) and **more than 20% steeper** than allowed by law (8.33% or 1:12).
- No edge protection at top of the ramp
- No 60 sq inch landing
- Insufficient space for access to door






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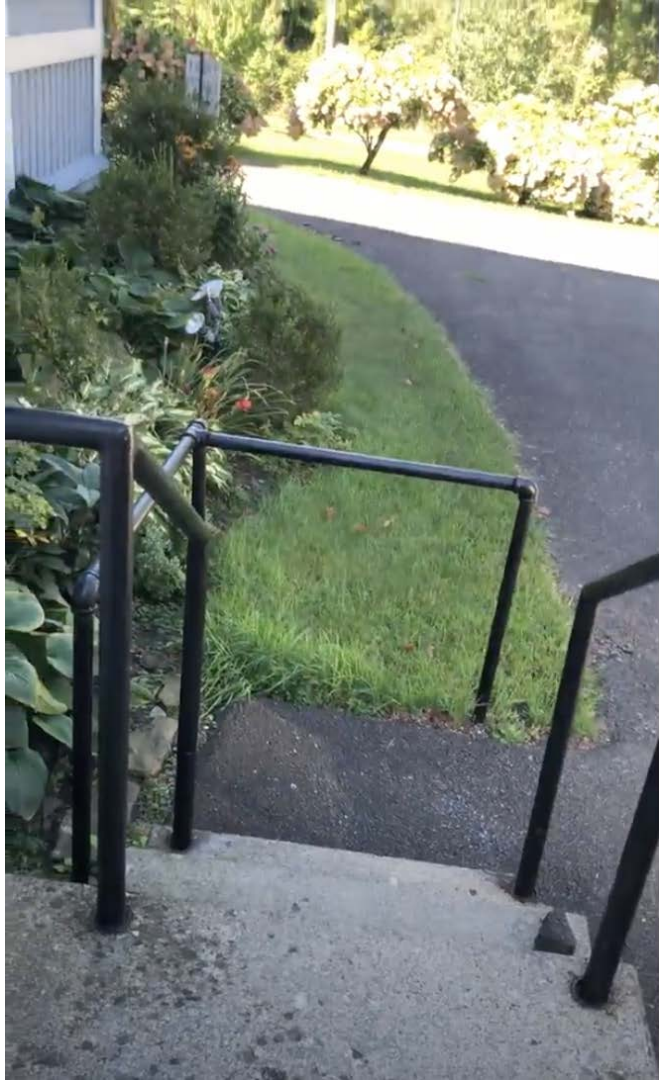


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**Covid Safety:**  
**St. John's, Barrytown**  
**Vs.**  
**Bard Campus Center**

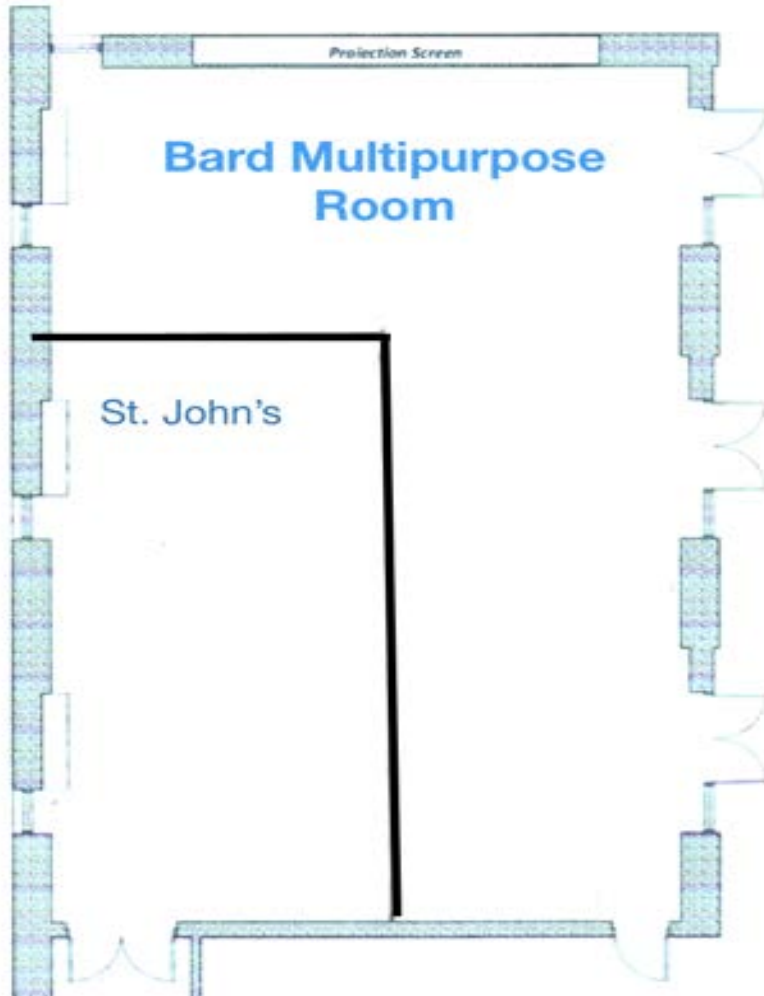


# St. Johns Episcopal Views Poll Site as Unsafe

[We] recommend that you find another polling site for Red Hook District 5... Our concerns revolve around the current pandemic of COVID-19, and **our inability to provide an adequately safe environment for the poll workers as well as the voters.** Simply put, **our space is too small to support much-needed social distancing,** and other sites within District 5 are much larger.

*Letter, St. John's Episcopal to BOE, September 15*





St. John's: ~700 sq feet

Bard MPR: 2,280 sq feet

**Is the BOE interested in voter safety?**

**“It makes little sense to move a polling place at the last moment in order to protect people from Covid-19”**

**BOE Response, September 21**

**Bard is Open for  
Essential Civic Activities**

*\*"Although the College has applied strict measures to contain COVID, it will take equally extraordinary measures to make sure that access to voting on election day is easy, fair, and safe. Based on the College's record in preventing any cases on campus so far, voting on the campus should be considered the safest and most convenient alternative for in-person voting."*



“There is no sidewalk but there is a  
shoulder”

Commissioner Haight

