

[News release from Monroe County clerk Nicole Browne on April 28, 2026.]

Voting is a fundamental right and responsibility. However, physical barriers at polling locations can make it impossible for voters with disabilities to exercise their constitutional right.

Monroe County has 28 polling locations for the 2026 off-Presidential elections. These include schools, churches, and community centers. While some of these buildings are fully accessible for those using wheelchairs or living with other disabilities, others are not. To respond to this issue, Monroe County's Election Board collaborated with the City of Bloomington's [Council for Community Accessibility](#) (CCA) to survey each polling location and create an accessibility report.

Volunteer surveyors from the CCA used BlueDAG's accessibility software to compare existing conditions to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards for all polling locations. They reviewed parking, paths of travel, ramps, doors, restrooms, and other shared spaces and proposed recommended mitigations to improve accessibility conditions.

Accessibility reports will be available at each polling location. If you have questions about accessibility at a particular location, you may contact Election Central at 812-349-2690.

The primary election will be held on May 5, 2026. [Early voting is currently open](#) at Election Central (501 N. Morton St., Bloomington, IN 47404). The Election Central site is accessible to those with disabilities and has dedicated parking.

The CCA is a volunteer group at the City of Bloomington that advocates for the interests of people with disabilities and works to develop solutions to problems of accessibility in the community. Visit bloomington.in.gov/cca for more information. You may also contact Michael Shermis at cca@bloomington.in.gov or 812-349-3471 to learn about free accessibility surveys for your business or facility.