SLOPE	Ramps are required to have one foot of ramp for each inch of rise (ADA 1.27)	1 inch of rise = 12 inches of run = approximate 5° angle	**ALL WOOD SHOULD FOR THE RAMP SHOULD BE PRESSURE TREATED. **
Width of Ramp	42"-48" wide so the inside clear width between mounted handrails is at least 36" (ADA 1.25)	Arrow width	Try to avoid building near roof line; however, i ramp has to be built along roof line, consider snowfall and dripping water which freezes on ramp (gutter installation along ramp?)
NON-SKID SURFACE Ramps should have a non-skid surface - stable, firm and slip resistant (ADA 1.26)	Apply non-skid coating similar to Anvil Paint's Gator Grip. Note: Cold weather options include IKO Ice & Water Shield or AZEK which can be installed in below zero conditions.	Length of Ramp No single run of ramp can exceed 30' unless it has a 4' long, level resting area at its mid-point	SPACE BETWEEN BOARDS ON DECKING OF RAMP ADA compliance: 1/2 inch maximum Between boards

Ramp and Entrance Door Guidelines (4 pages)

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5' x 5' landing at top of ramp Ramps must have at least a 5' x 5' clear, level landing at the top; flush with entrance door threshold.		5' x 5' landing at bottom of ramp Ramps must have a 5' x 5' level, pad at the bottom of the ramp, level with driveway or parking area, so there is a smooth transition from driveway to pad to ramp. NOTE: Using a product similar to Tractor Supply's 4 ft x 6 ft x ³ / ₄ inch "Thick Rubber Stall Mat" is ok in lieu of poured concrete or blacktop.	
4' x 4' vertical posts every 6'-8', both sides of ramp	For stability, ramps must be supported by 4'x4' vertical posts every 6'-8' on both sides of the ramp, as outlined in example to the right:	Ramp Framing	See SKETCH for estimates of how many 4'x4' vertical posts would be needed for this project *SONOTUBES for houses *DECKING SUPPORTS for rentals and mobile homes
Two 2' x 6' horizontal boards	On each side of the ramp, there should be at least two 2' x 6' horizontal boards attached to the 4' x 4' vertical posts.		

Board 3" above ramp surface	On each side of the ramp and landings (top and middle), there should be a board with its bottom no more than 3" to prevent the smaller front wheels of a wheelchair from going off the edge. (ADA 1.36)	less than 4"	This space should PREVENT a 4" diameter sphere from passing through.
HANDRAILS	 Ramps need handrails on each side. Handrails should be: *1 ¼"-2" in diameter (ADA 1.33) *Top edge 34"-38" above ramp surface, at height comfortable for peer (ADA 1.31) *Distance between rails (width of ramp) at least 36" (ADA 1.25) *Continuous, free of silvers, and not rotating within their fittings. *Space between handrails and wall of building or sideboard of ramp = 1 ½" (ADA 1.32) 	5/4x6 rail 2x4 rail Spindles required on ramps over 30 inches Handrail 1-1/2 inches from surface 2x4 toe board 5/4x6 flooring 4x4 post footer Post detail	A2" MIN

MAIN DOOR to the home	Minimum of a 32" clear opening (ADA 1.41)		If applicable:
** EXISTING SCREEN OR STORM DOORS CANNOT BE REPLACED UNLESS APPROVED BY HAP** (Door would swing out, towards ramp.)	 {Note: larger person in larger wheelchair may need larger doorway, ex. 34" or 36"} Lever type hardware with lock, 34"-48" above floor (ADA 1.44, 1.45) Threshold no higher than ½", beveled down to ¼" on each leading edge Door should swing in 	ENTRANCE DOOR SHOULD BE INSULATED FIBERGLASS DOOR With lever type lockset Existing screen and/or storm doors cannot be replaced unless approved by HAP prior to the installation	Peer wishes to keep these items and NOT have them taken away as part of the normal construction process:
STAIRS	In general, VCIL does not put stairs in with a ramp. In situations where that is necessary, these are the guidelines for steps:	 Stair tread (the part you step on) must be a minimum of 11 inches "deep" Stair riser (the distance between one step to the next) must be between 4 inches and 7 inches "high" 	Step riser height uniformity (<= 3/8" variation) - this means that more than 3/8 of an inch in variation of the height of steps from one step to another is a tripping hazard