

Church in Philadelphia, PA Civil Project

Project Location: Philadelphia, PA

Team Members Needed: Please see description and responsibilities of team members needed (at a minimum):

- 1. Responsible Engineer in Charge (REIC) Four years of professional experience and have appropriate licensure in project state or territory
- 2. Quality Assurance Manager (QAM) Four years of experience
- 3. Project Lead

Full descriptions and roles/responsibilities are linked and can be found on our website. Outside of those listed above, additional general project team members are welcome.

Project Background: A church in Philadelphia is striving to make its building accessible to individuals with disabilities. It is an older building in an urban neighborhood, with an auditorium much higher than street level and a basement below street level, so there have been challenges in identifying a solution that will work for all. The building was inherited, is over seventy years old, and is not accessible to individuals who have mobility challenges, such as those requiring wheelchair access. While the church has made efforts to accommodate those with mobility challenges, it lacks sufficient infrastructure, and has seen a decline in attendance as a result.

Description of the Community: The affected community includes the church's parishioners, including 45 members and 50 to 60 people in attendance Sunday mornings, as well as two paid staff members, 15 regular volunteers, and others who utilize the church and its property. The church is also used as a location to serve the community at large, which is a diverse, lower-income neighborhood in north Philadelphia. Any external solutions would also impact sidewalk traffic in the area.

Project Scope of Work: The scope of work includes the design of an accessibility solution. The scope may also include assistance with permitting requirements and identifying funding and implementation opportunities. The church's primary objectives in which they require assistance include identifying affordable and code-compliant solutions. The church is open to any solutions that are affordable and code compliant, with current suggestions including internal and external ramps and lifts...

Timeline: No set timeline, but as soon as possible to get the problems resolved.

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