

## ARNOLD PARKER RAMP INSTALLATION

Arnold Parker is a 58 year old gentleman that uses a wheel chair and has very limited use of his legs. He lives alone in the basement level of his home in Midland, Pennsylvania because he can no longer navigate the stairs that lead to the regular living areas of his home. His kitchen and bathroom are located on the basement level of the home, so relocating to that area made it easier for him to function. Mr. Parker stated that he had not been in the upstairs portion of his home in over three years.

Mr. Parker approached Community Development in January 2017 to request a ramp installation. Medic Rescue had informed Mr. Parker that the conditions of the steep incline leading to his basement dwelling was too dangerous for their transporters to navigate in snowy and icy weather conditions. Mr. Parker stated that he was not able to receive assistance from the Office on Aging because he was under sixty years old.

Community Development investigated the situation and found that Mr. Parker was living in unsafe conditions. Having only one point of ingress/egress, in the event of a fire in the home, Mr. Parker could possibly be unable to evacuate, as the location of the only accessible door is through the kitchen.

Mr. Parker went through the application and project bidding process. Cost estimates for the installation of a ramp at his home ranged from \$12,000 to \$19,000. This was cost prohibitive and Community Development began looking for other organizations or agencies to partner with in order to get a ramp installed at the Parker home. Both government and religious organizations were contacted, to no avail. In the interim, Mr. Parker became very ill and spent a week in the hospital and a number of weeks in a rehabilitation facility.

Shortly after his discharge and return home in March 2018, Community Development was able to partner with Disability Options Network (DON) to offer some assistance to Mr. Parker. The construction arm of the DON organization was able to provide a ramp to Mr. Parker, along with modifications to the slope of the incline in front of his home, at a cost of \$8,000. Utilizing grant monies, DON was able to contribute \$4,000 toward the installation of the new ramp, with the Emergency Home Improvement Program providing the remaining \$4,000.

In May 2018, the installation of a concrete ramp was completed. Mr. Parker is now able to navigate from his basement living area, out to the street in his power wheelchair. DON is anticipating that additional grant funding will be available soon to install a stair glide from the basement to the upstairs area of Mr. Parker's home, as well as an access point from his front door to the street. This area is not navigable by wheelchair in the current configuration. While he is awaiting these other changes, Mr. Parker is very pleased with his new ramp and the freedom it has provided him.



Front View of Mr. Parker's Home



Steps on Left Leading From Home; Stairs on Right Leading to Street



Incline From Basement to Street Level (Pre-Modification)



Basement Ingress/Egress Point (Pre-Modification)



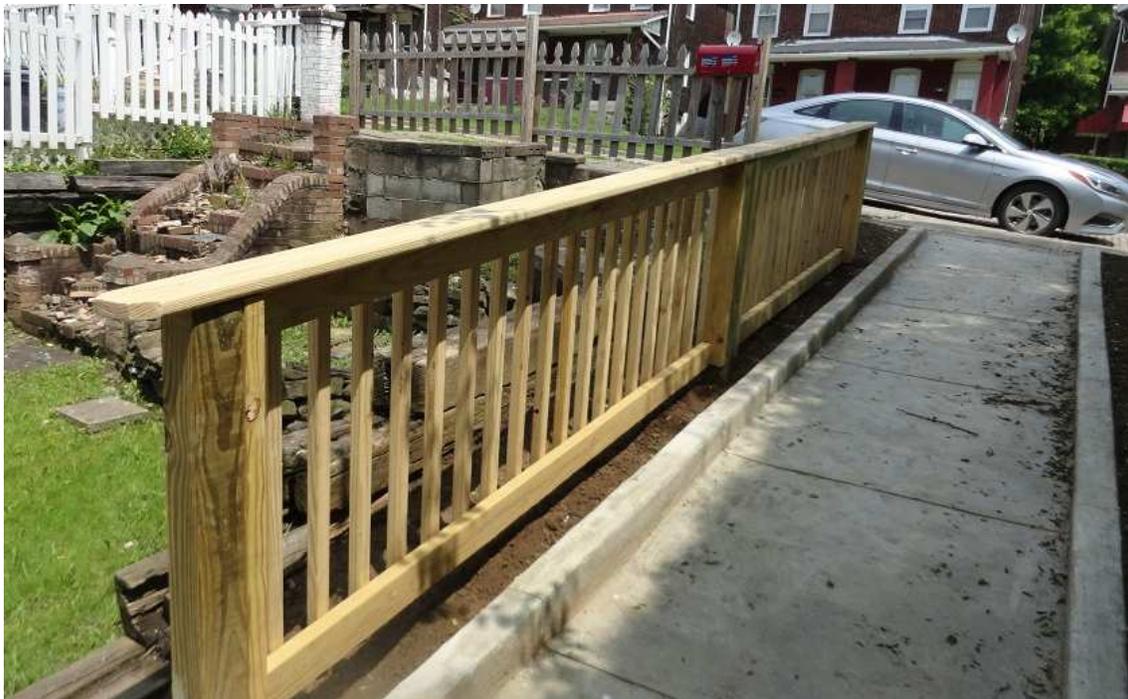
Street Level of Incline Leading Toward Basement (Pre-Modification)



Street Level of Incline Leading Toward Basement (Post-Modification)



Ramp Looking Toward Basement (Post-Modification)



Ramp Looking Toward Street (Post-Modification)