

Delaware Pedestrian Master Plan

Roles and Responsibility for Pedestrian Facilities

- The Federal Government role is to provide funding support for construction.
- Responsibilities for maintenance:
The State (DeIDOT) upgrades ramps to meet ADA requirements when undertaking work on adjacent roadways.
- Within Municipalities:
Adjacent property owners are responsible and so conditions may vary.
- In un-incorporated areas of the State:
On state-maintained subdivision streets, property owners or a maintenance association are responsible
On non-subdivision streets, DeIDOT is responsible.
- On Private Streets:
The private owner is responsible for maintenance of facilities.



Examples from Municipal Charters

- **Georgetown:**
“Whenever the Town Council shall have determined that any paving, graveling, curbing, or any or all of them shall be done ... it shall be the duty of such owner or owners to cause such paving, graveling, and/or curbing, or any of them.”
- **Dover:**
“The City Council, at such time as it shall determine that the condition or conditions of a particular street or streets, or portion thereof, requires that sidewalks be laid, or ...improved, ...may direct the property owner or owners to lay or replace sidewalks with such material or materials, as, ...the City of Dover, may seem best under the circumstances.”
- **Wilmington**
“[Property owners] may be required to pave and curb the sidewalk of such property or to construct, repair or replace the curb along such property, or to do the same for both such sidewalk and such curb, with such character of materials as shall be designated by the commissioner of licenses and inspections.”