



Celebrating Independence!

We all want to be able to live independently for as long as we are able, and in our homes for as long as possible. Aging in Place Transition Services (APS) helps our clients make this a reality.



Recently the APS Team completed an interior renovation project for a lovely couple in their 80's who are now aging in place. J and B have experienced some health issues that necessitated renovating of their home of 50+ years. Their daughter Beth was referred to our company and wanted us to help plan for the future of her parent's home.

At our first meeting it was apparent they needed to upgrade their master bathroom to be wheelchair accessible. More important was accessing the bathroom and bedroom suite which was three steps down from the main floor. We proposed an interior ramp from the kitchen to the lower bedroom entry. These changes entailed replacing the existing door and reversing the swing, so there would be an adequate turn space at the bottom of the ramp with an accessible exit from the house.

The bathroom and closet area, which was a very tight space, was now designed for an accessible shower with a bench seat and hand held shower. A new comfort height toilet was installed to allow for a wheelchair. LED fixtures were placed in the bathing, vanity and closet areas for better visibility and safety. Heat lamps and heated floors in the bathroom were added along with extra storage. Along with new paint and carpet in the bedroom, the door into the bath and closet widened for accessibility.



Often the most difficult part of renovating is vacating the space, but APS found an easy solution. We moved our clients back to the main floor bedroom and bathroom, installed new grab bars for safety, new plumbing fixtures and a Big John toilet seat for comfort. The investment continues to pay off because the main floor bath is used during the day since it is closer to the kitchen and living areas.

We want to give a big shout-out to [Vesta Homes](#) for construction, [101 Mobility](#) for accessible products installation, and of course APS for being fabulous!!!

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