Design for Life Property Tax Incentive Program – [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/design](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/design)
Provides tax credits to builders and homeowners for including features in new and existing residential housing to improve accessibility for persons of all ages, including seniors and those with disabilities.

- Property tax credit of up to $2,500 for installing accessibility features in an existing residence;
- Property tax credit of up to $3,000 for making a new or existing, attached or detached, single-family home Level I (Visitabile) (barrier-free entry, interior pathway, visiting space and powder room);
- Property tax credit of up to $10,000 for making a new or existing, attached or detached, single-family home Level II (Liveable) (barrier-free entry, interior pathways, living spaces, kitchen, bedroom and bath); and
- Impact tax credit against the Development Impact Tax for Public School Improvements for meeting a Level I accessibility standard in single-family attached and detached homes.

Download Design for Life Property Tax Incentive application: [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/design/Resources/Files/PDF/DesignForLifeApplicationforTaxCredit.pdf](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/design/Resources/Files/PDF/DesignForLifeApplicationforTaxCredit.pdf)

**Government/Building Codes**

**Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services**
2425 Reedie Drive, 7th Floor
Wheaton, MD 20902
311 (In County)
240-777-0311 (Out of County)
[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/permittingservices](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/permittingservices)
Responsible for issuance of building permits and provide technical assistance on local building codes, ADA, parking requirements, restrooms, and accessibility. Manages and certifies the Design for Life Property Tax Incentive Program.

**Access Board - U.S. Architectural & Transportation Barriers Compliance Board**
Sachin Dev Pavithran, Executive Director
1331 F Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20004
202-272-0080 ext 3 (Technical Assistance)
202-272-0082 (TTY)
Email: ta@access-board.gov
[www.access-board.gov](http://www.access-board.gov)
Independent Federal agency devoted to accessibility for people with disabilities. Technical assistance available Monday through Friday from 10am to 5pm EST. Accessibility specialists are available to answer questions on accessibility as it relates to the built environment, outdoor sites, streets and sidewalks, transportation vehicles and vessels, information and communication technology, and medical diagnostic equipment.

**Maryland Building Codes Administration**
Dept. of Labor, Division of Labor and Industry
Norman C. Wang, RA, Director
1100 N. Eutaw Street
Room 606 Baltimore, MD 21201
410-767-0548 (V)
E-mail: norma.wang1@maryland.gov
Maryland building codes information. Provide technical assistance to local governments, industry and the public to ensure that buildings are accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**Home Modification Directory – Maryland Department of Disabilities**
410-554-9230 (V)
1-800-832-4827 (Toll Free)
1-866-881-7488 (TTY)
E-mail: mdtap@mdtap.org
Provide useful information on home modification resources throughout Maryland. Categories include equipment supplies, funding sources and loan programs, home assessment / equipment evaluations, information and referral, licensed home improvement contractors, and volunteer organizations.
Assessment & Consultation

Accessible and Universal Home Consulting (U-Home)
Andrew Myers, Owner, Occupational Therapist, CAPS
9 Warrenton Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20904
410-596-3179 (V)
E-mail: Andrew@UHomeConsulting.com
www.uhomeconsulting.com
Perform a medical, functional assessment of you in your home. Collaborate with trusted remodeling teams or handymen (for big or small jobs) to develop project scope and plans to maximize your safety and access for the long term. Connect you with local healthcare providers and community resources to promote quality of life in your home and community. After modifications are made, a reassessment is completed of your daily function at home. Provide on-site training of your new modifications to ensure your safety and satisfaction.

Accessible Home Associates
Kathy Kirchner, OT, CAPS
240-292-9556 (V)
E-mail: accessiblehomeassociates@gmail.com
www.accessiblehomeassociates.com
Home safety and functional assessments. Analysis of activities of daily living. Advice on products, physical layout specifications, and design individualized renovation plans for optimizing individual abilities and long-term needs.

Accessible Living Interiors Design & Consulting
Tonya Gilchrist, CAPS, LGSW, Associate Kitchen & Bath Designer
443-219-7192 (V)
E-mail: tonyagilchrist@msn.com
www.houzz.com/pro/tonyakgilchrist
Aging in place home assessment and plan. Resource referral. Accessible kitchen and bath design development and space planning. Serving older adults, adults and children with physical, visual, developmental or autism needs.

Independence Now – Home Modification Program
12301 Old Columbia Pike, Suite 101
Silver Spring, MD 20904
301-277-2839 (V)
E-mail: info@innow.org
www.innow.org
Program assists eligible individuals with significant physical and mental disabilities living in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties to live independently at home in the community. Architectural modifications to a residence of an eligible individual may be authorized to the extent necessary to facilitate entry and exit to the residence, access to bathroom facilities, and access within the residence. Modifications are provided to a consumer no more frequently than once every two years. There is a funding limit of $7,500 per request. Consumers are required to contribute 20% of the cost. Proof of income is required to determine eligibility.

Innovative Inclusive Design
Deborah A. Rozell, ECHM, CAPS, President
301-602-3414 (V)
E-mail: innovateinclusion@gmail.com
www.innovativeinclusivedesign.com
Home safety assessments, hospital-to-home transition assessments, and universal design assessments. Provide hourly consultation offering the following services: review of assessment with contractors, gathering estimates, design, resources, selection of materials, drawings, design development and project management. Also provide apartment and commercial building assessments for accessibility. We work with clients, families, professional and organizations to determine eligibility and support in securing tax credits, grants and other funding sources.

Mobility Innovations
8414 Green Meadow Way
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
301-330-1306 (V)
Consulting/construction firm working with disabled and aging clients to provide safety and accessibility assessments for a fee. Provide minor modifications as well as complete home modifications.

Architects

IK Architecture, LLC
6015 Kirby Road
Bethesda, MD 20817
202-930-5056 (V)
E-mail: contact@ikarch.com
www.ikarch.com
Specialize in commercial and residential design projects, including multi-family housing and religious facility design. ADA analysis.
Stevens, Rebecca, RA, AIA
301-216-1404 (V)
240-446-9571 (Cell)
E-mail: architectstoo@msn.com
Designs accessible home renovations.

Universal Designers & Consultants, Inc.
John P. S. Salmen, FAIA, President
8757 Georgia Avenue, Suite 430
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-270-2470 (V/TTY)
E-mail: contactus@UDConsultants.com
www.UDConsultants.com
Architects and design professionals who assist business owners and companies in improving customer access and making their establishments compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and/or the Fair Housing Act, and assist homeowners in enhancing the livability of their homes - making changes that will improve the safety and comfort of a home for years to come.

Gardener’s General Contractors
9607 Dr. Perry Road
Ijamsville, MD 21754
301-831-8130 (V)
E-mail: contactus@gardenersinc.com
www.gardenersinc.com
Full service general contractor, specializing in home improvements, renovations, carpentry, general repair, maintenance, and many other general contracting needs.

Renovation / Construction

Bath Planet of Southern MD & Northern VA
2640 Crain Highway
Waldorf, MD 20601
301-336-7110 (V)
www.bathplanet.com/southernmaryland
Bathroom remodeling. Products include bathtub and shower replacement, walk-in tubs, tub-to-shower conversions, step-through inserts, and barrier-free shower bases.

Case Design/Remodeling, Inc.
Maryland Design Studio
4701 Sangamore Road
North Plaza, Suite 40
Bethesda, MD 20816
301-859-3310 (V)
www.casedesign.com
Design and remodeling of interior and exterior residential projects, including additions, baths, and kitchens.

FineCraft Contractors, Inc.
104 Summit Hall Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
301-804-2908 (V)
www.finecraftcontractors.com
Remodeling and home improvement including kitchens, bathrooms, and additions.

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Maryland
8380 Colesville Road, Suite 700
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-990-0014 (V)
www.habitatmm.org
Provides low-cost home repairs and weatherization services to address health and safety issues, energy efficiency improvements and/or code violations to qualified Montgomery County and Prince George’s County homeowners. Applicants must earn less than 80% of area median income (see application for current limits and other qualification requirements), are required to participate in the work day and must provide post-work feedback. Services include but are not limited to exterior paint (whole house, trim, shutters); accessibility modifications; installation or extension of plumbing, electrical or HVAC systems; roof repairs / gutter, soffit, and fascia repair; air sealing; insulation; and appliance replacement. Also offer homeownership opportunities. Program CAPABLE serves older adults who are experiencing challenges with Activities of Daily Living (ADL’s) by providing a more holistic approach to the idea of aging in place.

Merrick Design and Build Inc.
3300 Plyers Mill Road
Kensington, MD 20895
301-946-2356 (V)
www.remodelwithmerrick.com
Home renovation and remodeling.
Rebuilding Together Montgomery County, Inc.
18225-A Flower Hill Way
Gaithersburg, MD 20879
301-947-9400 (V)
E-mail: info@rebuildingtogethermc.org
www.rebuildingtogethermc.org
Perform home repairs and home modifications such as the installation of wheelchair ramps and grab bars to improve safety and accessibility. Repairs can include minor plumbing and electrical work; roofing, floor, wall, and ceiling repairs; energy efficiency and weatherization; some (limited) interior and exterior painting, installation of grab bars and building of ramps; trash removal and yard work. Where necessary, they provide referral to social service providers to address other issues the homeowner is experiencing. All services are provided free of charge to eligible homeowners, primarily the elderly, disabled, and families with children who live in Montgomery County.

Strategies for Independent Living, LLC
Stephen R. Hage, CR
1007 Elm Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912
301-585-5738 (V)
E-mail: steve.strategies@gmail.com
http://strategiesforindependentliving.com
Work with people of all ages and abilities as informed consumers to create independence and safety in their homes. Services include design and feasibility, assistive equipment such as wheelchair lifts, stair lifts, ramps, grab bars, handrails, and shower seats, and remodeling of kitchens and bathrooms.

Tenenbaum, Louis, CAPS,
Independent Living Strategist
P.O. Box 60027
Potomac, MD 20859
301-983-0131 (V)
E-mail: louis@louistenenbaum.com
www.louistenenbaum.com
Consults, trains and speaks on aging in place and universal design. Homeowner/builder/developer consultant.

Total Mobility Services of Frederick, MD
Anne Masci, Mobility Consultant
5411 Yukon Court Suite B
Frederick, MD 21703
240-490-7841 (V)
240-490-7842 (V)
E-mail: annem@tmservices.com
www.tmservices.com
Provides, installs and services ADA compliant aquatic lifts, customized and straight stairlifts, elevators, and railing and ramping systems for your home accessibility solutions.

Unique Enterprises
301-473-8580 (V)
E-mail: info@servicesatunique.com
www.remodelbyunique.com
Residential remodeling services, renovations, and home improvements.