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City of Novi

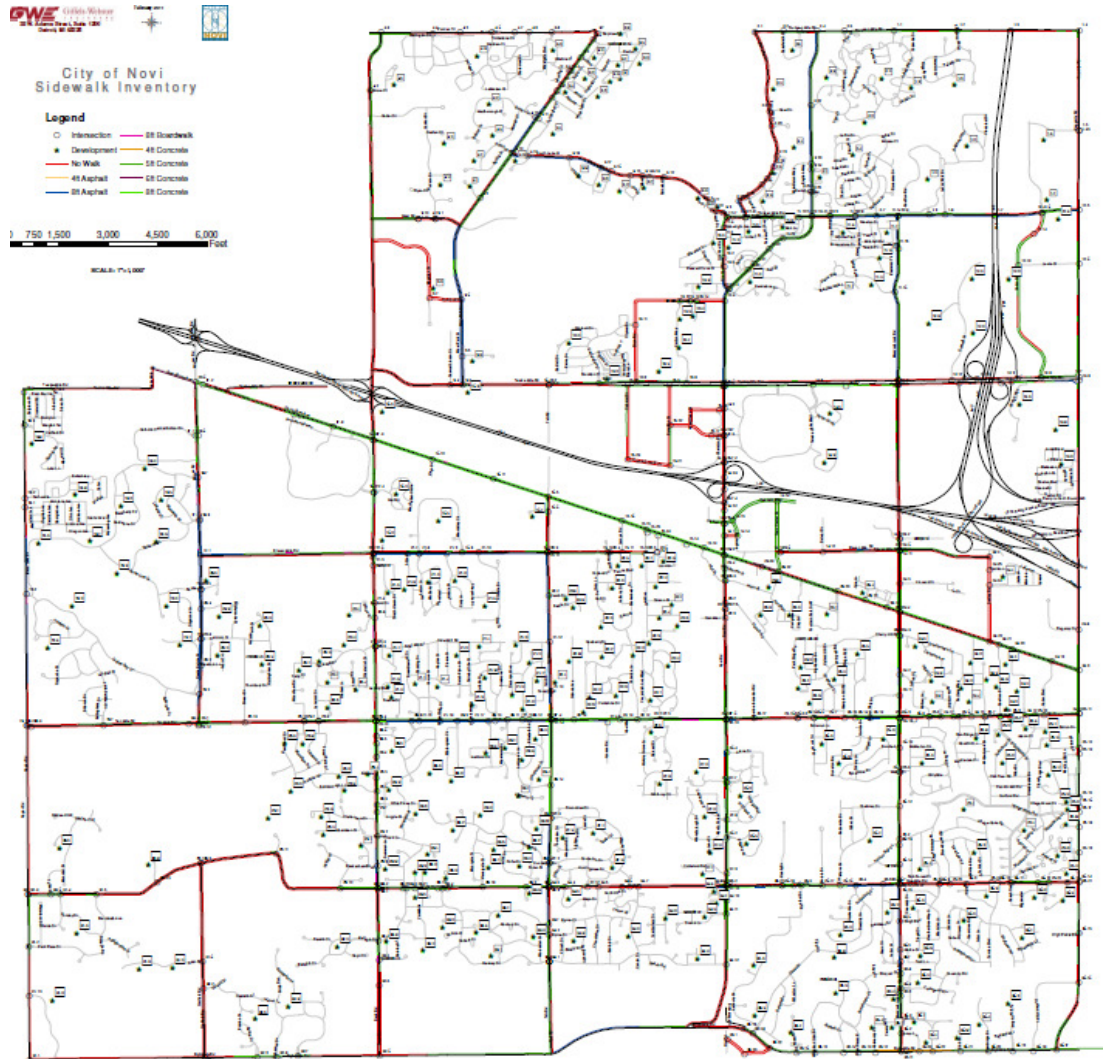
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Title II of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires state and local governments to make their programs and services accessible to persons with disabilities. More specifically, Title II requires the review of existing infrastructure and implementation of upgrades for compliance with ADA. Giffels Webster provided a turnkey transition plan to the City of Novi allowing them to comply with Title II of the ADA and make their public pathway facilities more accessible for all its residents and visitors.

The first phase of the project involved a "self-evaluation" of existing obstacles, as required by 28 CFR 35. For the purposes of this plan, the self-evaluation included field review of city-owned pathways and intersections to determine the current extent of compliance. Once identified, the corresponding scope of work required to bring these facilities into compliance was determined. The evaluation of intersections was more detailed, as numerous characteristics were reviewed. Sidewalk ramps and landings had to conform to geometric constraints (including size and slope), while also correctly incorporating detectable warning measures and eliminating obstacles from the path.

Giffels Webster prepared a detailed written plan that was adopted by Novi's City Council. Further, Giffels Webster utilized GIS and tailored themes to work seamlessly with the city's existing system, providing staff with a powerful and easy to use tool to identify, track, and upgrade noncompliant facilities.