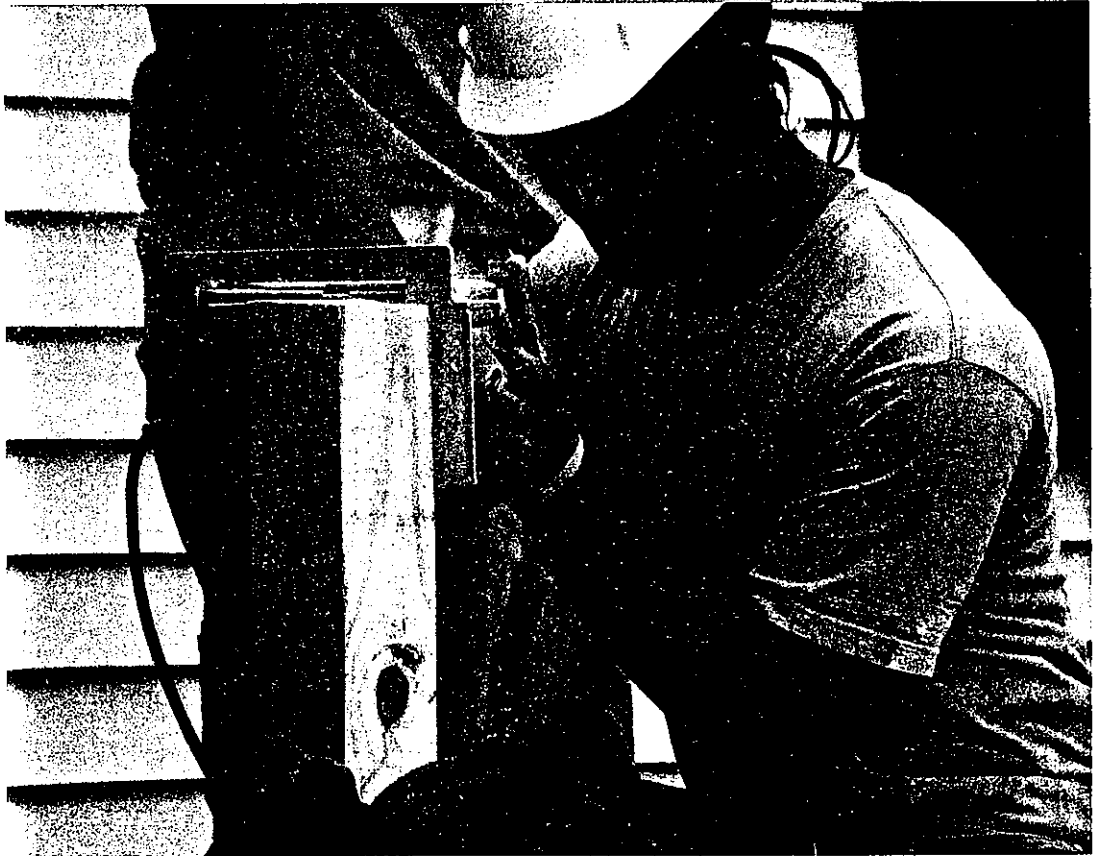


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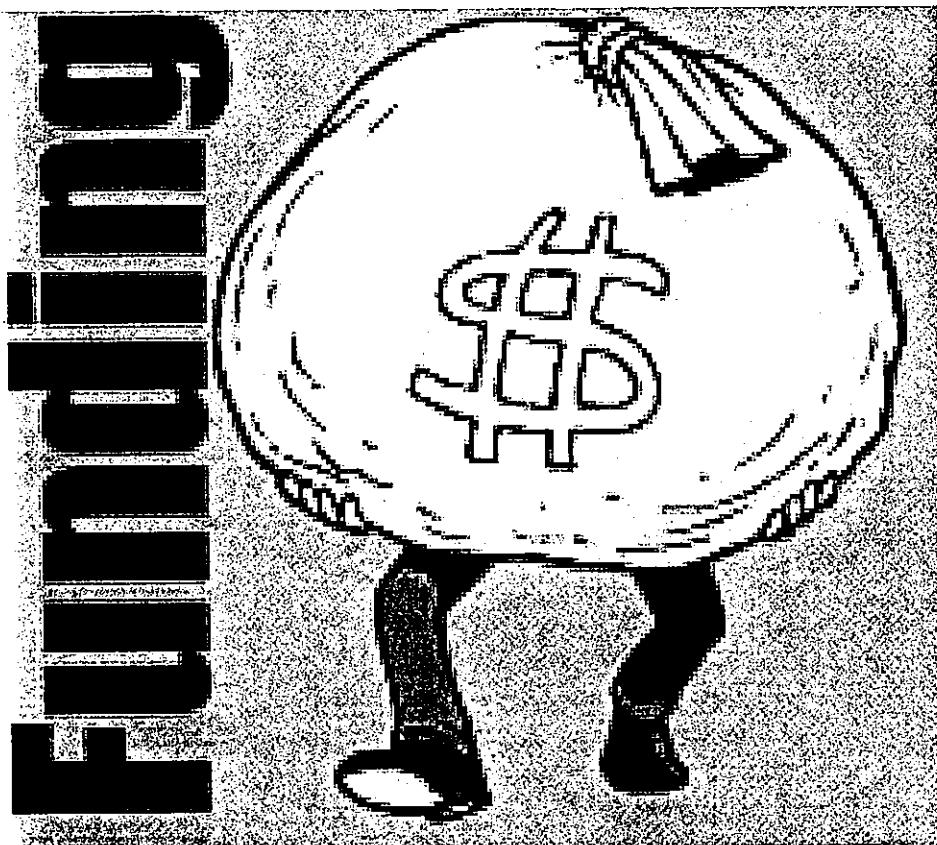
TIPS ON KEEPING TRACK OF ALL THIS STUFF

A journal is a useful way to record the important steps that have been taken in pursuing funding for adaptive equipment, home modifications or vehicle modifications. The funding process is typically a time-consuming and often daunting task. One way to make the process efficient is a tracking journal that logs what steps have been taken and what steps need to be completed. Below is a sample of info to include on your tracking form.

1. Identify Need.
2. List possible solutions.
3. List people/organizations to contact for
4. Note who was contacted, date and response given.
5. List what documentation needed to be obtained for eligibility, for whom & from whom.
6. Note dates information requested, mailed, received....
7. Keep copies of everything for your records. A file folder & notebook is very useful. Info you have on record can often be used for future needs & solutions.

WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS... APPEAL, APPEAL, APPEAL!!!

- **Do they have an appeal process?**
- **What is the appeal process?**
- How much time do you have to appeal?
- Do you have to send the request to appeal in writing?
- What if you cannot make the appeal hearing?
- Did you get a denial letter or a request for more information?
- What did the denial letter say?
- What documents or information do you have to bring to the appeal?
- Should you bring an advocate to the appeal?
- Is there an appeal after the appeal?
- How many appeals can you make and to who/where?



FUNDING RESOURCES

Stavros Home Sweet Home Program



Not able to get into or out of
your own home?

We're here to help!

The Stavros Home Sweet
Home Program was created out
of the frequent requests for
ramps. Typically ramps
average around \$4,000- \$7,000
and no insurance to help with
the cost. However, through
collaborations with other
service programs, **volunteers**,
negotiating **discounts**,
donations and **fundraisers**, we
are able to bring costs down to
less than half usual commercial
prices.

Contact Stavros – 800-804-
1899 for more information on
how to acquire an affordable
ramp for you or your loved
ones.

WHERE TO APPLY FOR FUNDING or RESOURCES IN WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG funds)

Call the *Pioneer Valley Planning Commission* at 781-6045 for whom to contact in your area for what CDBG funds may be available or through your town hall

Habitat For Humanity - A Brush with Kindness – (for home mods)

413-739-5503

www.habitatspringfield.com

Builds or re-models old homes including access as needed (may be a 5 year wait)

Springfield Partner's Community Action

May help with home repairs and weatherization

Contact Paul Bailey or Cynthia Scott Lynn

(413) 263-6500

Home Modification Loan Program

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

60 Congress St. (1st floor)

Springfield, MA 01089

(413) 781-6045 (voice) / (413) 781-7168 (TTY/TTD)

Wayfinders – (for towns of Springfield, W. Springfield, Chicopee, Northampton, Ludlow, Holyoke)

Home modification loan program for towns listed above

(413) 233-1615 (voice)/ (413) 233-1699 (TTY/TDD)

Carmen Pagan – cpagan@wayfindersma.org

USDA Rural Development Corp.

(Low interest loan for people under 65 in towns deemed rural. Grant program for seniors.

Income guidelines apply. Must be homeowner)

195 Russell St. (rt.9)

Hadley, MA 01035

(413) 585-1000 ext. 120

Mass. Rehabilitation Commission Voc. Rehab.

Boston (617) 204-3637

Greenfield – (410) 774-2326

Holyoke – (413) 536-8200

Springfield – (413) 736-7296

UMass Amherst (413) 545-1967

(Criteria is a vocational goal, and
must be a home-owner.)

Springfield Redevelopment Authority -Home improvement repair loans, for qualified applicants.
Springfield, MA 01103

1600 East Columbus Ave
(413) 787-6500

Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency-Income guidelines and owner- occupied criteria.
Boston, MA 02108
1 Beacon St.
(617) 723- 0500
www.masshousing.com

Springfield Neighborhood Housing -Housing Allowance Project is now administering the Home Modification Loan Program in some town as well as PVPC
111 Wilbraham Rd
Springfield, MA 01109
(413) 739-4737

Franklin County Regional Housing -Has low interest loans for home repairs and modifications.
413-863-9781
Contact person is Sharon Pleasant

Local Knights of Columbus-Grants primarily for children with disabilities and adults with DD
63 Park Ave
West Springfield, MA 01089
Contact your local leader
413 734 9579
www.kofc.org

Your Local Department of Public Health-Small grants for children with disabilities \$600 and sometimes vehicle repairs
23 Service Center Rd
Northampton, MA 01060
1-800-445-1255
or 800-882-1435 for DPH Community Support Info and Referrals
(413) 586-7525

DDS – Developmental Disability Services-provides some funding for children with developmental disabilities
www.mass.gov/dmr/

Building Partnerships/Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in April)
Colleen Loveless – 413-788-0014

The United Arc of Franklin & Hampshire Counties-may provide funding for children with developmental delays
111 Summer Street
Greenfield, MA 01301
(413) 774-5558
thearc.org

Multiple Sclerosis Society-limited grants for people with MS
Regional Office
Millers Falls, MA 01349
(413) 659-0036

United Cerebral Palsy Association of Berkshire County- For computer equipment and home access assessment
208 West St.
Pittsfield MA 01201
(413) 442-1562
Contact: Jeff Harrington

Disabled Children's Relief Fund-Only for children 0-18yrs old. Preference given to physical disability, also to children without health insurance)
402 Pennsylvania Avenue
Freeport, NY 11520
(516) 377-1605

United Way Day of Caring- Contact the United Way in your area

Adaptive Design -For children or people with developmental delays only via DMR referrals
(413) 585-1153 (however, they often help out anyway – worth being persistent)

Muscular Dystrophy Association-Also helps people with ALS. Some money and equipment for People with MD or ALS
167 Dwight Rd. Suite 102
East Longmeadow, MA 01106
(413) 567-5500
http://www.mdausa.org/

United Health Care Children's Foundation grants available up to \$5,000 for services, therapies, equip. **not** covered by insurance. **www.uhccf.org**

Boy Scouts of America
413 594-9196 to contact for your local Troop leader

Great Trails (Hampshire/Franklin County)
88 Old Windsor Rd
Dalton, MA 01226
413-684-3542

Multi-Cultural Services / FamilyBridges
782-2500 or 568-7678

Family Caregiver Special Need Fund or “Ace Grants”

Contact your local senior service agency

LifePath – options for independence 413-773-5555

Greater Springfield Senior Services 413-781-8800

Highland valley Elder Services 413-586-2000

West Mass Elder Care – 413-538-9020

Travis Roy Foundation -Grants up to \$7,500 for people with spinal cord injuries exclusively
www.travisroyfoundation.org

Will Power Foundation- For children/families for equipment or services up to \$500
info@willpowerfoundation.org

Catholic Charities of Springfield- Donated \$600 in materials and equipment

Brianna Fund – Angel Committee is now “Partners for a Healthier Community”
Contact Donna Johnson
(413) 204-0145

Also worth checking:

- Local churches or synagogues
- Salvation Army
- Kiwanis Clubs
- Elks Clubs
- Lions Clubs
- Rotary Clubs
- Quota Clubs
- Jaycees
- The Masons

Free Used Medical Equipment

Please contact Tom at Stavros to check for availability of equipment.
1 (800) 804-1899 ext. 233

Easter Seals Adaptive Equipment Program for equipment under \$500
800-244-2756 ext. 428 or ext.431

H.O.M.E.

Homeowner Options for Massachusetts Elders

Provides funding assistance for elders annual income can't exceed \$30,000 for an individual / \$40,000 for a couple – and guidance to prevent foreclosure and other funding options.

1-800-583-5337

<http://elderhomeowners.org/>

List of Web Sites

Children

www.enablingdevices.com
www.onestepahead.com
www.pacer.org
www.disabilityresources.org
www.WillPower.org

Equipment

www.abledata.com
www.pcicatalog.com
www.assistivetech.net
www.getatstuff.org www.silvercross.com
www.sammonspreston.com
www.neatmarketplace.org/contactingNeat.htm
www.discountramps.com
www.planetmobility.com
www.ramps-ramps-ramps.com

info@dmerequipment.org

Funding

www.matp.org
www.homemods.org

Resources

www.franklin.com
www.attainmentcompany.com
www.assistivetech.com
www.independentliving.com
www.mnip.org
www.travisroyfoundation.org

Housing Resources

Accessible Housing

Mass Access: The Accessible Housing Registry

helps people find affordable housing in Massachusetts. A key feature of the registry is to highlight homes for people with disabilities who need accessible or barrier-free housing. Massachusetts law states they must list available housing for thirty days before listed to public. To access the database, call your local Independent Living Center or visit website, <http://www.massaccesshousingregistry.org/>.

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission Adaptive Housing Program

MRC's Adaptive Housing Program's goal is to provide accessible housing to individuals with disabilities in their primary, permanent residence to enhance their ability to participate in vocational services, and to return to work. The Adaptive Housing Program provides architectural modifications to the private residences of individuals and related equipment installation to remove impairment related barriers to occupancy by the individual. Examples of modifications that may be eligible under this program are wheelchair access via lifts, ramps, door widening, or bathroom modifications such as roll in showers or grab bars.

Any individual who has a physical or mental impairment which constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment. The individual must require vocational rehabilitation services to prepare for, enter, engage in or retain work and the individual can benefit from vocational rehabilitation services in terms of an employment outcome. The maximum dollar limit about is \$15,000. However the Commission may approve expenditure of more than \$15,000 limit for adaptive housing services when exceptional circumstances warrant a waiver. Financial participation is based on annual income and cash assets. For more information, please contact Eugene Blumkin at 617-204-3721 or Eugene.Blumkin@MRC.state.ma.us MRC Adaptive Housing FAQs
Supportive Housing for Adult Children with Disabilities

Autism Housing Pathways

provides information, support and resources for families who seek to create secure, supported housing for their adult children with disabilities. Autism Housing Pathways will support families in forming a

variety of housing models by providing a clearinghouse of information on such topics as cooperative bylaws, building plans for modular housing that conforms to legal criteria, real estate trusts, and affordable housing options. AHP shares information about housing groups, developers, lawyers, vendors and consultants that can assist families in creating housing. Autism Housing Pathways is the Massachusetts affiliate of ARCHway.

admin@autismhousingpathways.net

www.housingpathways.net

Housing Connections

Massachusetts Families Organizing for Change (MFOFC) Housing Connections is designed to help families communicate with other families with similar interests to find or create a home for their loved one with a disability.

Established in January 2013, MFOFC Housing Connections is the first of its kind offered in New England. It is our hope that this tool will serve as a key that opens doors of opportunity to help create an enriching life for the individual. A life that is filled with valued friendships, real relationships, meaningful employment, community participation and the ideal living situation to call HOME.

<http://www.mfofc-hc.org/housingconnections/>

Groups working on housing and adult living

Specialized Housing, Inc.

Specialized Housing uses a condominium model to create housing for individuals who can function somewhat independently and whose behaviors can be managed with the level of staffing agreed upon by the

family. They have been in existence since 1983. They also provide services for individuals in rental apartments.

Supportive Living, Inc.

Serves people with traumatic brain injuries.

Rental Housing

CHAPA Housing Search Guide 2014

This 23 page guide provides information about searching for rental housing in Massachusetts for people who have one or more disabilities. Most of the information is also helpful to people who are low-income.

Massachusetts Housing Education Centers

Housing Consumer Education Centers offer answers to a wide range of questions about all types of housing problems. Tenants, landlords, prospective buyers, and homeowners can access information designed to maximize housing stability, strengthen investments, and minimize disputes.

Call 800-224-5124 or scroll down <http://www.masshousinginfo.org/> home page to map to find a center near you.

Section 8 voucher

Persons interested in Section 8 vouchers are advised to put their name on a centralized waiting list as soon as possible. Seventy two Massachusetts housing authorities utilize this one computerized list; all applicant information entered onto this list can be accessed and updated by any and all participating housing authorities.

<http://section8listmass.org/>, 877-868-0040.

For more information regarding Section 8 Housing and other housing resources see our [Housing Resources Fact Sheet](#)

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MNIP Database Training

There may be some people on your staff who would benefit from our MNIP training. It includes the use of the databases on-line and the use of all the resources to which you have access as MNIP members. If you or anyone at your organization would like to be trained for the first time, or would like a refresher on using MNIP resources, please contact Angie Aguirre at Angelica.Aguirre@umassmed.edu.

Joining the MNIP

If your agency is not yet a member of the MNIP and is interested in joining, or if you know of an agency that is interested, please direct it to our [application page](#). There is no charge for membership in the MNIP. Members receive the MNIP newsletter; have access to a members' site with electronic tools to facilitate provision of information and referral; and participate at periodic trainings and conferences. An organization, which provides information and referral for people with disabilities at no cost to the public, is encouraged to apply for membership. If you have any questions, please contact Audrey Huntley at Audrey.Huntley@umassmed.edu.

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Email us at info@disabilityinfo.org. Or, call us at 1-800-642-0249 or 774-455-4056.

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Modified Vehicle Resources

VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS & SUPPLIERS

Ride Away

Connecticut

104 Pitkin Street

E Hartford, CT 06108

1 860-282-8202

For All Locations 1(888) 743-3292

Motion Automotive Specialty (now Advanced Wheels)

6 Old Palmer rd.

Brimfield, MA 01010

(413) 245-9949

DISABLED DEALER, New England Edition

Disableddealer.com

Advanced Wheels of Technology

33 Bradley Park rd.

East Granby, CT 06026

Contact: Christian Quadt

(860) 653-8064

Port City Chrysler Dodge

155 Greenleaf St

Portsmouth, N.H. 03801

Contact Person: John Thompson

(603) 436-1243

PVTA Auctions- Ask for the public bidding packet. They will mail you directly the info. Check periodically.

Contact Person: Sandra Sheehan

(413)732-6248

Adaptive Driving School Mark Whitehouse

250 Milton St

Dedham, MA 02026

1-781-329-6656

Regarding: One and Two Family Dwellings

**780 CMR: STATE BOARD OF BUILDING REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS IN
THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE BUILDING CODE**

780 CMR 3603.15 RAMPS

3603.15.1 Maximum slope: All egress ramps shall have a maximum slope of one unit vertical in eight horizontal (12.5% slope).

Exception 1: The maximum slope of ramps for person with disabilities shall be one unit vertical in twelve units horizontal.

Exception 2: Where access for person with disabilities is legally mandated, ramps shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of 521 CMR as listed in *Appendix A*.

3603.15.2 Guardrails and handrails: Guardrails shall be provided on both sides of all ramps and shall 3603.14.2. Handrails conforming to 780 CMR 3603.14.1 shall be provided on at least one side of all ramps exceeding a slope of one unit vertical in 12 units horizontal (8% slope).

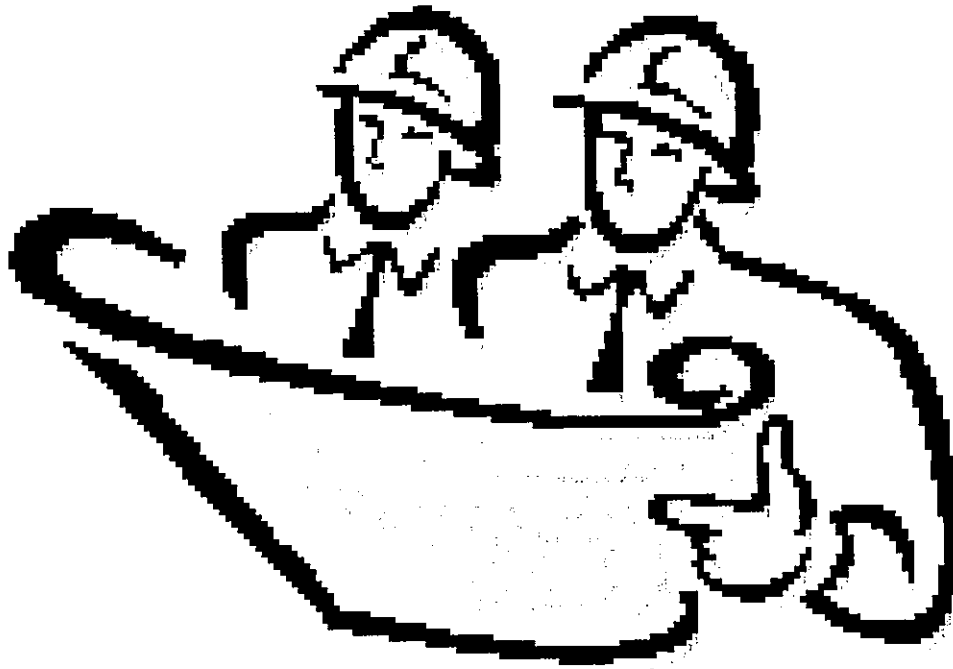
Exception 1: For person with disabilities handrails shall be provided on both sides of the ramp when the vertical rise between landings exceeds six inches.

Exception 2: Where access for persons with disabilities is required by stature, ordinance or bylaw, guardrails and handrails shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of 521 CMR as listed in *Appendix A*.

3603.15.3 Landing Required: A minimum three-foot-by-three-foot (914mm by 914 mm) level landing shall be provided at the top and bottom of ramps where doors open onto the ramp and where ramp changes direction.

Exception 1: Ramps required for persons with disabilities shall not have a vertical rise greater than 30 inches between landings.

Exception 2: Where access for persons for persons with disabilities is legally mandated, landing requirements shall conform to the requirements of 521 CMR as listed in *Appendix A*.



CONTRACTOR OPTIONS

Jenessey Marcus Contractors
34 Grant St.
Springfield, MA 01109
413-563-5799

Edwards Robt General Contractors Inc.
Robert Edwards
1096 State St.
Springfield, MA 01109
413-736-2739

Manchester Home Improvement
209 Rogers Ave.
West Springfield
(413) 733-4689
www.mhi-rampsandlifts.com

G X P Contracting
Garry Pelletier
N. Cantamount Rd.
Colrain, MA
413-624-5574

Dave Jenson Builder Turners & Montague
(413) 863-3203
Franklin County

Shaul Perry
Sunwood Builders
14 Potwine St.
Amherst, MA 01002
413-259-1000

Todd Clark
Greenfield, MA
413-824-8278
toddclark@yahoo.com
Franklin County

Kurtz Construction
810 Southampton Rd. Suite 1
Westfield, MA 01085
Fax-413-568-5430
413-568-0636
www.kurtz-inc.com

Diversified Construction Services LLC
100 University Dr.
Amherst, MA, 01002
Dave Marley
413-252- 4154

Robert Schmid
413-548-9360
rs.home.repair@gmail.com

North Quabbin Builders
Dennis Coache
22 Woodside Dr.
Sterling, MA 01564
978-422-0102

CBS Custom Building Solutions
84 Warner St.
Florence, MA 01062
(413)-695-6893
gutowski.cbs@gmail.com

Lester Cameron
21 Knight Ave
Easthampton 01027
527-2085
Les.Cameron@verizon.net

Harry Colbert
Belchertown, MA 01007
(413) 323-8817

Ortiz Construction
871 Country Club Drive
Greenfield, MA (travels to Hampden county)
413-522-0257

Wright Builders

Jonathan Wright
48 Bates St.
Northampton, MA 01060
413-586-8287

Nathaniel Bruursema

57 South valley Rd.
Amherst, MA 01002
413-326-4943

Valley Home Improvement Inc.

Nelson Shiflett
340 Riverside Dr.
Florence, MA 01062
(413)584-7522

Tim Hoisington

413-225-3015
571B Millers Falls Rd
Northfield, MA 01360
Franklin County

Stavros Building Solutions

210 Old Farm Road
Amherst, MA 01002
Norman Blain – 1-800-804-1899 ext.272

Dave White Construction

Cell-297-7900
(likes working for Veterans)

Woodwork Builders and Remodelers

André H. Bilodeau
413-525-7291
PO Box 174
East Longmeadow, MA 01028-0174
Andrehb258@msn.com

Bill Forest

Franklin County area
Cell-775-3854
Home-498-2853

Integrity Builders

110 Pulpit Hill Rd
Amherst, MA 01002
413-549-7919
www.integbuild.com

Pioneer Valley Rebuilders

93 Mill St.
Springfield, MA 01109