

# Considerations for BHI ADA Beach Access Ramp

**The primary users of an ADA beach access ramp will not be in wheelchairs.**



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## Just the facts: USA Wheelchair User Statistics

- 20% of women and 17% of men with disabilities use wheelchairs
- 11.6 Million disabled using cane, crutches and walkers
- 2 million = the amount of wheelchair users added every year





The Village of BHI has hosted over 125 disabled veterans and their families.





Many of those we welcome to our Island are Veterans who have served in years gone by. Sad when you hear “you just go on to the beach without me. It’s just too difficult for me to walk that far now.”



Happy to get my  
“new leg”! Can’t wait  
to come back to Bald  
Head and sit on the  
beach and fish.



Our goal and objective is for those less fortunate, regardless of age.



Have you ever felt defeated before you even try based on the visual obstacle you see before you? An ADA beach access can not present itself as a physical barrier. “Placing one foot in front of the other, testing my inner strength, there should be no obstacle too hard for this warrior to overcome. I’m just an individual on a mission, to prove my disability hasn’t won!” (paraphrased Robert M Hensel)





# It's not the disability, it's the ABILITY

LET'S NOT FORGET THE TARGET AUDIENCE AND TRUE PURPOSE FOR MAKING OUR  
BEACH ADA ACCESSIBLE. THE CONSTRAINTS ARE REAL.