

**QUARTERLY PROGRESS-TO-DATE REPORT  
FOR  
COTTONWOOD METROPOLITAN DISTRICT  
DATED: JULY 1, 2024**

Pursuant to HB24-1454, § 24-85-103(2.5), C.R.S., and 8 CCR 1501-11 Governor’s Office of Information Technology Rules Establishing Technology Accessibility Standards (the “**Rules**”), Cottonwood Metropolitan District (the “**District**”) are required to provide a progress-to-date report that demonstrates concrete and specific efforts toward compliance.

For the quarter beginning July 1, 2024, the District make the following report:

**1. Accessibility Scan of Digital Services and Content.**

The District has conducted periodic reviews of the front facing pages for accessibility and is keeping quarterly scans on file. (**Exhibit A**)

**2. Progress on Remediation of Digital Content.**

The District has initiated an inventory of all digital content to identify documents that need to be remediated and has engaged a third-party vendor to remediate documents.

**3. Goal to Reach Full Compliance Under the Rules.**

The District has a plan in place with a goal to have all digital content remediated by July 1, 2025.

**Exhibit A**  
**Website Accessibility Report**

# Cottonwood Metropolitan District

## Web Accessibility and Risk Report

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### What you'll find in this report:

- 1. [Your current accessibility report / risk snapshot](#)
- 2. [Top accessibility issues on your site](#)
- 3. [Pages that need to be fixed](#)
- 4. [Your timeline to reach accessibility](#)
- 5. [Your monthly progress tracker](#)

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## 1. Your current accessibility / risk snapshot

Overall accessibility and risk score



Your current accessibility & risk rating score: **78/100 (FAIL)**











It appears your website needs a bit of work to reach accessibility, but don't worry you're not alone. Countless other districts are in the same boat. The most important thing to do is set up a plan to reach compliance.

#### Why is 100% compliance critical?

- More than **2,403** districts have been affected by an accessibility action. About 6% of all districts in the US, including county-dependent districts have been fined, received demand letters, or gotten Department of Justice Office of Civil Rights (OCR) letters for website ADA violations in the US. **That number is expected to exceed 4,000 (10%) by the end of 2024.**
- **The number of lawsuits rose 56% in 2021, and the penalties for noncompliance are rising fast** –averaging \$4,000 for an ADA claim in 2019 to \$39,000 in 2022. It's a situation that The Wall Street Journal calls "very perilous" in a [recent article](#).
- **Very few if any**, special district insurance policies even partially cover the costs of web accessibility issues.

## 2. Top accessibility issues found on your site

















Accessibility issues come in all shapes and sizes. Some are more obvious to the naked eye like "color contrast issues". However, others are more structural in nature and related to the code that's on your site. These types of issues affect how screen readers interpret your content. Here's what we found on your site:

Your accessibility issues	Total
 <a href="#">Background and foreground colors do not have a sufficient contrast ratio.</a>	42
 <a href="#">Document does not have a main landmark.</a>	12
 <a href="#">&lt;html&gt; element does not have a <code>[lang]</code> attribute</a>	12
 <a href="#">Image elements do not have <code>[alt]</code> attributes</a>	4
 <a href="#">&lt;td&gt; elements in a large <code>&lt;table&gt;</code> do not have table headers.</a>	3
 <a href="#">Tables do not use <code>&lt;caption&gt;</code> instead of cells with the <code>[colspan]</code> attribute to indicate a caption.</a>	3
 <a href="#">&lt;/&gt; <code>&lt;frame&gt;</code> or <code>&lt;iframe&gt;</code> elements do not have a title</a>	2
 <a href="#">Heading elements do not contain content.</a>	1
 <a href="#">Document doesn't have a <code>&lt;title&gt;</code> element</a>	1
 <a href="#">Identical links do not have the same purpose.</a>	1

[How to fix these issues](#)

## 3. Pages that need to be fixed

The following pages on your site require remediation to become ADA compliant. We recommend using Google Analytics to discover which of these pages currently receive the most web traffic and starting there.

Page(s)	Score
 <a href="#">Home - Cottonwood Metropolitan District</a>	 71
 <a href="#">Facilities - Cottonwood Metropolitan District</a>	 83
 <a href="#">Open Space - Cottonwood Metropolitan District</a>	 76
 <a href="#">Current Events - Cottonwood Metropolitan District</a>	 83
 <a href="#">Documents - Cottonwood Metropolitan District</a>	 83
 <a href="#">FAQ - Cottonwood Metropolitan District</a>	 85
 <a href="#">Contact Us - Cottonwood Metropolitan District</a>	 66
	 79

**How to fix these pages**

[View all 12 pages with errors](#)

## 4. Your timeline to reach accessibility


Obviously, **timeline is the big question**. While we don't know all the ins and outs of your organization or tech stack, we do know the major factors that can affect the timeline of your accessibility plan. We've laid out the known factors and a couple of scenarios below that would get you back to compliance and away from risk.

### Factors for your timeline

Factor 1: Your CMS	Unknown
Factor 2: The type of errors on your site	Structural + Presentational
Factor 3: The volume of errors on your site	81
Factor 4: The amount of time your staff has available to work on remediation	Unknown

### Estimated Remediation Scenarios

#### Option 1: Do it yourself

 Between 45 - 90 days of hands-on remediation.

Plan for dedicated developer and staff time each week.

[Share this report with your web developer](#)

#### Option 2: Hire a remediation service

 Custom quote required for timeline.

Plan for an in-depth audit, a full website remediation project, and ongoing fees (in addition to current website and hosting).

#### Option 3: Use an accessible-first website platform

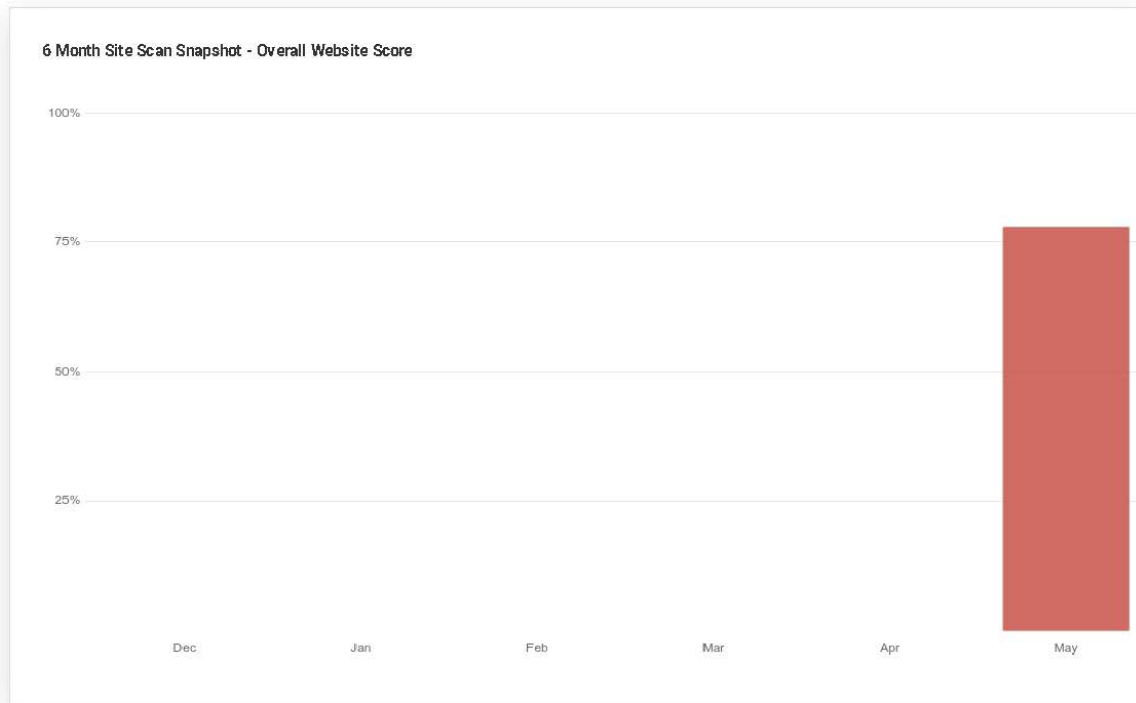
✔ Our special district website partner [Streamline](#) will convert your site to a fully-compliant platform for you.

Plan for 1 hour of staff training. Includes ongoing accessibility, state compliance tools, indemnification against ADA claims, and unlimited support.

[Get a Quote](#)

## 5. Your monthly progress tracker

Charting your progress is a key component of remediation. To make this step easy for you, we'll record up to 6 months of accessibility metrics for your site below. Feel free to [share this report](#) with your team or board members.



Month	Overall
<a href="#">May 2024</a>	78