

2026 ICT Digital Accessibility Report

Remediation Plan and Fiscal Impacts

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1. Purpose and Scope

This Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) report summarizes the current information and communications technology accessibility status, planned remediation approach, and the estimated remediation costs to comply with [Information Technology Access Act](#). VMRC has inventoried 18 information and communications technology (ICT) systems. Our remediation efforts will initially focus on applications identified as Tier 1. Below table represents the classification, risk profile and remediation action tier for each application.

No.	Application Name	Classification	Risk Profile	Remediation
1	Agency Public Web Site	Full Public Facing	High	Tier 1
2	Fisherman Identification Program	Full Public Facing	High	Tier 1
3	Mapping/GIS	Full Public Facing	High	Tier 1
4	Commercial Fishing Licensing System	Restricted Citizen Access	Medium	Tier 2
5	Gamefish Tagging Online System	Restricted Citizen Access	Medium	Tier 2
6	Oyster Ground Leasing System	Restricted Citizen Access	Medium	Tier 2
7	VA Saltwater Journal	Restricted Citizen Access	Medium	Tier 2
8	VMRC Gateway	Restricted Citizen Access	Medium	Tier 2
9	Employee Portal	Employee Access Only	Low	Tier 3
10	Biological Sampling Program	Employee Access Only	Low	Tier 3
11	Business Applications System	Employee Access Only	Low	Tier 3
12	Fisheries Tracking System	Employee Access Only	Low	Tier 3
13	Habitat Management Permit Tracking System	Employee Access Only	Low	Tier 3
14	Outstanding Angler Awards Online System	Employee Access Only	Low	Tier 3
15	PowerDMS	Employee Access Only	Low	Tier 3
16	Time and Effort System	Employee Access Only	Low	Tier 3
17	Virginia Shellfish Permit Tracking (VSPT)	Employee Access Only	Low	Tier 3
18	CentralSquare Zuercher	Employee Access Only	Low	Tier 3

2. Progress to Date

- Inventory and prioritization: VMRC has inventoried and classified 18 ICT systems and assigned priority-based remediation tiers to each system.
- Public-site scanning: VMRC currently scans 16 ICT systems with Siteimprove.
- Current scanning limitation: Siteimprove cannot fully scan cloud-based applications that require user authentication. It does perform a full scan on our agency website.
- Procurement controls: Accessibility requirements will be added to procurements/RFPs and will be added as contracts renew.
- Application remediation: Remediation efforts on our agency website began in February 2026 by requiring an accessibility check on all PDF files prior to posting.

3. Siteimprove Baseline and Scanning Limitations

The screenshot below shows an accessibility score of 82.2 for our public facing agency website. This represents a slightly improved score over our initial score in February 2026. Our score is aligned with industry standard government benchmarks and shows further improvement is necessary.

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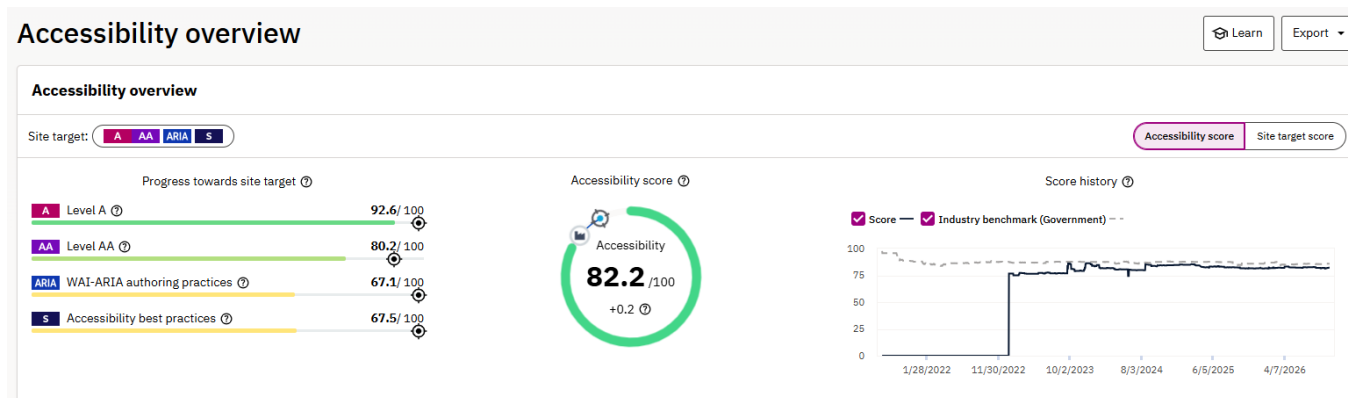


Figure 1. Siteimprove agency website accessibility score.

VMRC will work with VITA and Siteimprove supplier/SMEs to determine and implement an approved method for scanning and connectivity to internal VMRC applications.

4. Fiscal Impacts

MRC is planning on first year cost of \$32,009.38. Of this amount, \$13,197.92 will occur annually.

Cost Component	Current Planning Amount	Basis
Designate agency Digital Accessibility Coordinator	\$5,000.00 annually	Pay increase for individual designated to assume additional responsibility.
Require accessibility training for four IT employees	\$0	Training is free and employees can earn a certificate. https://www.w3.org/WAI/courses/foundations-course/
Website Redesign	\$10,000	MRC will hire an outside contractor to redesign website with an emphasis on improving accessibility and ease of navigation.
VITA COVRAMP one-time assessment for CentralSquare Zuercher	\$4,405.73	COV Ramp is an oversight service provided by VITA to ensure third-party cloud-based services are compliant with regulations, laws and standards. MRC is migrating Zuercher to a cloud-based platform.
VITA COVRAMP oversight CentralSquare Zuercher	\$4,098.96 annually	\$341.58/month; VITA charges a monthly service fee for COV RAMP
VITA COVRAMP one-time assessment for cloud-based Door Access System	\$4,405.73	COV Ramp is an oversight service provided by VITA to ensure third-party cloud-based services are compliant with regulations, laws and standards. MRC will be upgrading to a cloud-based door access system.
VITA COVRAMP oversight Door Access System	\$4,098.96 annually	\$341.58/month; VITA charges a monthly service fee for COV RAMP

5. Next Steps

- Engage VITA with Siteimprove to establish an approved method for scanning and secure access to internal VMRC applications.
- MRC will target a Siteimprove score of 90% on agency website by October 2027.
- MRC will designate a Digital Accessibility Coordinator, update position description and performance standard to reflect additional duties.
- MRC will hire an outside contractor to redesign website with an emphasis on accessibility.
- Continue accessibility requirements in new procurements and incorporate appropriate accessibility documentation/remediation obligations as existing contracts renew.