

Bob Lynch, Principal of Lynch & Associates, participated in refinement and enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990, testifying before Congress on behalf of the American Institute of Architects. In 1991 he was awarded the PSA Medal of Distinction, highest honor bestowed by the Pennsylvania Society of Architects, and elected to the College of Fellows of the AIA in 1996.

Since 1988 Mr. Lynch has served as a member of the American National Standards Institute's A117 Committee on Accessible & Usable Buildings & Facilities, and has contributed to creation of five editions of the ANSI A117.1 Standard for Accessible & Usable Buildings & Facilities.

Throughout his career, Mr. Lynch has designed accessibility modifications for over 170 private homes, and for 12 years, served on the faculty in the University of Pittsburgh's School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences, teaching courses in architectural design & construction to rehabilitation professionals.

Bob Lynch is member of a task force of the AIA Design for Aging Committee guiding research at Georgia Tech for the creation of design standards for assisted bathing & toileting for aging and frail persons. He is a Professional Member of the International Code Council, and a Full Member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

Current relevant project work is as Universal Design and Accessibility Code Consultant to the architectural firm of Perfido, Weiskopf, Wagstaff + Goettel designing a pedestrian bridge for the Western Pennsylvania School for Blind Children in Pittsburgh, all of whose students, in addition to having vision impairments, also experience other disability types involving cognition, sensory, dexterity and mobility disabilities. The client requires that a wide spectrum of multiple disability conditions be considered, and that Universal Design concepts be utilized to take the design beyond mere codes and standards compliance.

Another relevant project, where Lynch & Associates provided all basic architectural services is an adult daycare center in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. Mr. Lynch's firm concentrated carefully on considerations for persons experiencing memory loss and other cognitive conditions. Interior design of features, materials, colors, textures and acoustics to facilitate wayfinding and orientation were major factors in the design program. These considerations were carried forth as well into the design of an adjoining garden that provides for safety as well as compensatory features to accommodate clients who tend to lose their way, get confused or lose their balance.

On Sunday, April 19th of this year, Bob Lynch presented "**Making a Home Accessible for Aging in Place**" at the 2015 Environments for Aging Conference in Baltimore.