

WHAT IS THAT NEW BANNER ON DEVENS STREETS?

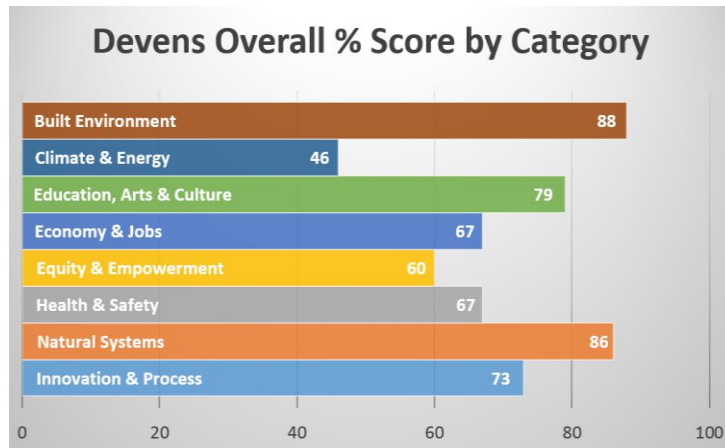
Late last year, STAR Communities awarded Devens a **4-STAR Community Rating!** STAR is the nation's leading framework and certification program for evaluating local sustainability, encompassing social, economic and environmental performance measures. STAR helps communities evaluate their strengths and weaknesses across seven areas: the built environment; climate and energy; economy and jobs; education, arts and community; health and safety; and natural systems.

The STAR Community Rating System is a point-based system that has three certification levels:

- 3-STAR Community (250-449 points) –Sustainability leadership.
- **4-STAR Community (450-649 points) – National excellence.**
- 5-STAR Community (650+points) - Top tier in national sustainability.



Devens scored a total of 530.83 points, earning us a 4-STAR Community Rating and recognizing Devens as a national leader in sustainability. The breakdown of our score by category is as follows:



This rating is a third-party, independent verification that Devens is living up to and exceeding the Reuse Plan goal of sustainable redevelopment and is a huge accomplishment that MassDevelopment, the Devens Enterprise Commission, Devens Residents, Businesses, and organizations should all be proud of. The banners are meant to help celebrate this achievement and raise awareness of this accomplishment.

Next Steps:

STAR issued Devens a final Certification Results Report which highlights Devens' strengths and weaknesses in each of the seven STAR goal areas. This type of "gap analysis" will help us identify where we should be directing our sustainability efforts in the coming years.

For more information on Devens 4-STAR rating, please visit the Devens Enterprise Commission website at: <http://www.devensec.com/sustain.html> or call 978.772.8831.