

## DJFC Matrix: Administration – Status Quo

At the March 13, 2024 Devens Jurisdictional Framework committee meeting, representatives were presented with a matrix of potential future governance options for Devens and the associated issues that need to be considered:

### Devens Jurisdiction Framework Committee Schedule of Permanent Government Options

Items to be Addressed	Current Options					
	Town of Devens	Historic Ayer	Historic Harvard	Historic Shirley	Status Quo	Other
Community Culture						
Military Affairs						
Environmental Issues						
Unified Permitting						
Administration						
Recreation/Open Space						
Social Services						
Education						
Police						
Fire						
Public Works						
Zoning/Land Use						
Voting						
Municipal Finance/Budget						
Taxation						
Utilities						
Regional Services						
Boundaries						
Redevelopment Authority						
Other						

The purpose of this table is to provide a matrix that identifies and summarizes the key issues to be addressed as part of each option for the future permanent governance of Devens. Each disposition scenario will have similar issues that need to be considered, but how each issue is considered may depend on the disposition option and the stakeholder group. This table will allow DJFC members to keep track of potential opportunities, challenges, and questions associated with each issue under each disposition scenario for each stakeholder group. The intent is not to identify solutions for every issue, but to help document issues and what is known vs. unknown, as well as areas of alignment vs. differences between stakeholder groups and disposition scenarios. This will help document and inform the disposition process going forward and provide valuable insight for any consultant(s) selected to assist in future disposition processes and discussions.

DJFC representatives were asked to bring back the “Status Quo” option to their respective boards and focus on the “Administration” item/issue – what entity would be responsible for overseeing day to day administrative operations of the DREZ as per Chapter 498, the Reuse Plan, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations. This would be fairly straightforward, as it is simply an explanation of what the DEC and MassDevelopment current roles and responsibilities are:

**Status Quo: Devens Enterprise Commission:**

- Regional Representation (governor appointed) with expertise in industrial development, housing, finance, business, real estate, environment, planning, transportation and/or municipal government
- Unified Permitting (planning, zoning, zoning board of appeals, subdivision, historic, conservation, board of health, licensing authority, street discontinuation
- Expedited Permitting - 75 day permitting process)
- Administer and enforce Reuse Plan and Bylaws
- Develop, enforce and modify Rules and Regulations to achieve Reuse Plan and Bylaws.
- Staff, Building and Inspectional Services, legal, accounting, Development Peer Review Services
- Conservation Restriction holder

**Stsaus Quo: MassDevelopment (as per Ch. 498)\*:**

- Industrial Development Financing authority (One Stop Development and Financing)
- Landowner
- Police, Fire/Public Safety
- Operations and Maintenance
- General Regulations, Use of Motor Vehicles and Parking, Traffic
- Public Works (maintain public ways and facilities)
- Utilities (water, sewer, electric, gas)
- Engineering
- Real Estate/marketing
- Assessment/Taxation and collection

*\*This is a general listing of roles and responsibilities of MassDevelopment as outlined in Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1993. This list has not been vetted or reviewed by MassDevelopment. It is important that their input be included in this process to ensure a more complete matrix.*