DJFC Matrix: Public Works – Status Quo* - September 2024

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. 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 "Public Works" item/issue. Devens Public Works Services are provided by MassDevelopment.

Devens Public Works: Status Quo:

- Public stormwater management system maintenance
- Maintains 22 miles of roads and 500 acres of grounds, including over 70 acres of active recreational playing fields.
- All public ROW maintenance including snow removal, mowing, culvert maintenance, plantings
- Street tree maintenance, replacement and management
- Waste management, recycling (free drop off for small business and residents), electronics and household Hazardous Waste Disposal (support), composting
- Maintaining Devens signage
- Works closely with Devens Engineering and Devens Utilities to assist in road and utility infrastructure management.
- Animal Control
- Oversight of Recreation Department – maintaining and managing all athletic fields, trail systems and passive open space areas.
- Director coordinates and collaborates with surrounding town DPW's.
- Maintains fleet vehicles for DPW, Fire Department, and any agency vehicles within Devens.

** 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.*