

DJFC Matrix – Devens Status Quo: Regional Services*

The Devens Regional Enterprise Zone is regional by nature. It was created to foster the expeditious redevelopment of Devens for the benefit of the region. Chapter 498 of the Acts of 1993 promote shared regional services where available/feasible. Regional services within Devens include:

- **Devens water supply:** regional resource, providing emergency water back-up to the Town of Ayer. Town of Harvard is currently in the process of constructing a water connection to Devens for a segment of Harvard (current Intermunicipal Agreement with Harvard 100,00 gpd). MCI Shirley is supplied with up to 150,000 gpd (temporary supply while they explore future options due to PFAS issues).
- **Devens wastewater treatment facility:** provides regional capacity. There is a total of 2.65mgpd allotments to Towns of Ayer and Shirley and MCI Shirley (regional service agreements).
- **Devens electric:** distribution system relays renewable energy power from Shirley (cross-connection agreement with national Grid). Supplies utilities to the Army National Guard, and Federal facilities such as the Army, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and Shriver Job Corps.
- **Mutual Aid:** Devens Fire Department and Devens DPW have mutual aid agreements with surrounding towns to provide emergency and support services during times of need.
- **Nashoba Regional Dispatch:** Emergency 911 regional dispatch serving Bolton, Berlin, Boxborough, Devens, Harvard, Lancaster, Lunenburg.
- **Devens Household Hazardous Waste Collection facility:** Regional disposal center serving residents and small businesses in Ashburnham-Ashby-Ayer-Bolton-Clinton-Devens-Groton-Harvard-Lancaster-Littleton-Lunenburg-Pepperell-Shirley-Stow-Townsend.
- **Veterans Services:** family support services, dog service training, wellness programs, career services, culinary, operated by Clear Path for Veterans
- **Veterans Housing:** 14 units owned by MassDevelopment and managed by Clear Path for Veterans.
- **Affordable Housing:** Devens has 102 units of deed-restricted affordable housing that help serve the region. Qualifying units count towards the underlying towns Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI).
- **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry:** providing regional food distribution and services for individuals and families in need.
- **Transitions Women's Shelter:** 13-unit shelter for homeless women with children (operated by Making Opportunity Count and owned by MassDevelopment)
- **Ayer-Shirley Regional Middle School:** regional school system on Devens serving kids in grades 6-8.
- **Bill Ashe Visitor Center:** Regional outdoor education and recreation center including trails, river access, restrooms and educational pavilion.
- **Regional Recreation:** 13 miles of trails, 36 holes of frisbee golf, cross-country skiing trails, ice skating rink, Mirror Lake, Yoga.
- **Nature-based Solutions Work:** Regional collaborations promoting low-impact development techniques in Devens and the surrounding region (partnerships with Harvard, Bolton, Ayer, and Shirley).
- **Devens Farmers market:** seasonal market partnering with local farm to bring fresh produce to the region.

** 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.*