

affordability goals in the Reuse Plan as it also includes 26 deed restricted low income (<80% AMI) and workforce (= <100% AMI) affordable units (counting the 10 affordable and 10 moderate-income units in the multi-family apartments). All of these units continue to be designed and constructed to meet higher energy efficiency standards as required by the DEC Innovative Development Regulations, with Home Energy Rating Scale (HERS) scores in the mid to high 40's and 50's – 50-60% more efficient than a traditional home built to base code.

The reconstruction of Grant Road is nearing completion and should be ready to re-open this fall. This new segment of Grant Road, once completed, will have narrower road widths, on-street parking, bike lanes, street trees and sidewalks on both sides of the street, combined with a raised intersection at Chance and Grant – creating a much more pedestrian-oriented streetscape designed for multiple modes of transportation, not just cars. Like phase 1, the narrow pavement widths, coupled with the reduced lot sizes, minimal setbacks, and front porch designs help bring the homes closer to the street to help facilitate a safer, walkable, and more socially interactive community.



Grant Road north from the raised intersection at Grant and Chance Street – September 2020



Grant Road south – looking north towards the Chance Street intersection (entrance to Bradley Circle and Village Green on right) - September 2020

Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) Phase 3 - Cell Therapy Facility – 38 Jackson Road: On April 9, 2020 the DEC issued a Unified Permit to BMS for the construction of a +/- 80,000 square foot (240,000 square gross sf), three-story new building to accommodate their new Cell Therapy Facility (CTF). This facility is part of a new form of cancer treatment that will be taking patients blood and genetically engineering cells to fight certain forms of cancer. The facility will consist of office, specialized processing suites, quality assurance/quality control facilities, packaging and storage space. In order to accommodate this building and CTF process, the project was also approved with a 32,310 sf (44,850 gross sf) expansion to the existing central warehouse building, and a 600-space, (3-5 story) parking garage:



Construction commenced shortly after approval and has been proceeding at a rapid pace since:

The CTF is expected to employ an additional 800 people, therefore the project also includes access changes to the configuration of the Queenstown gate entrance to accommodate the increase in employee traffic. The DEC has issued a number of temporary trailer and storage container permits to accommodate the many specialized trades and subcontractors on this project.



Structural Steel being erected for BMS's new Cell Therapy Facility - September 2020

Clear Path for Veterans – 84 Antietam Street: Work continues on remodeling the new home of Clear Path for Veterans New England (former Eglomise building and base hospital) to accommodate the new uses and services for veterans.



Existing front of Clear Path for Veterans new home at 84 Antietam Street – September 2020.

Exterior site improvements include a new ADA access ramp and entrance on the east side of the building, new parking lot, outdoor dog training area, patio and drainage improvements:



East side of 84 Antietam Street (new main entrance): New ADA access ramp, parking lot and drainage improvements underway - September 2020.

The preservation, rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of this historic structure will preserve a cultural and historic part of former Fort Devens and provide a great service for our Veterans in need.

VulcanForms - 112 Barnum Road: A unified permit for new loading docks and an access drive was just issued to AD Barnum, the owners of 112 Barnum Road. These new improvements will accommodate Vulcan Forms – a new tenant that will be occupying the second half of the building (~155,000 sf.). Jabil/Nypro, a medical device manufacturer currently occupies the other half of the building. The proposed improvements also include a new pervious pavement driveway leading to an existing roll-up door on the front (north) side of the building:



VulcanForms is a metal additive manufacturing company that builds metal printing systems. VulcanForms has successfully designed, developed and commissioned a scalable metal additive printing technology out of their existing research and development facility in Burlington, MA. This facility will allow them to scale up productions.

COVID-19 Modifications/Impacts: Throughout the past few months, the DEC has issued building permits to a number of businesses that are altering their operations to deal with COVID-19. These include:

- Pizza Bella Outdoor patio expansion.
- Parker Charter Tents for outdoor classrooms.
- Clear Path for Veterans Food Service – During the pandemic converted the Bob Eisengrein Devens Community Center into a drive through for picking up food boxes for Veterans in need.
- Loaves and Fishes converted their on-site shopping services for clients, to a drive through pre-packed box pick-up for clients.



Pizza Bella new outdoor patio - September 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and impacts to the construction industry, the previously approved McInnis Cement storage and distribution terminal that was to be constructed at 35 Saratoga Boulevard will not be going forward. The company will instead be relying on their existing receiving port facility in Providence, Rhode Island.

RECENTLY COMPLETED PROJECTS:

Little Leaf Farms - 105 Walker Road: The third phase of Little Leaf's greenhouse expansion is substantially complete and was issued a certificate of occupancy in September. Phase 3 included a ~14,000 square foot office/production building and a ~165,000 sq.ft. greenhouse expansion and a second rainwater harvesting basin to collect roof runoff for irrigation:



Aerial View of Little Leaf Farms on the North Post on Devens, off of Walker Road – August 2020 (Photo courtesy of Little Leaf Farms).

The property now has almost 10 acres of greenhouse (>400,000 sq.ft.) for growing lettuce. A large landscape berm has been constructed and raised even higher than permitted to compliment the existing vegetated buffer between the facility and Walker Road and provide a year-round visual screen that will further buffer the facility expansion from residents along Walker Road. Phase 3 of this project also included new water and sewer connections to the Devens drinking water and wastewater system. The informal hiking trail that ran through this expansion parcel was relocated around this third phase and provides access from Walker Road (off the driveway entrance to the Devens Wastewater Treatment Plant) to other North Post trails on Devens and within the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge. Little Leaf Farms provides lettuce to local grocers and food service providers throughout New England, as well as schools in Massachusetts - contributing to the locally grown food movement in Massachusetts and to the sustainable redevelopment goals of the Devens Reuse Plan.

Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) LOC Expansion - 38 Jackson Road:

Construction is now complete on the +/- 26,500 gross-square foot building addition to Laboratory/Office/Cafeteria (LOC) building, between the existing LOC and the parking garage on the BMS campus. The building expansion accommodates a mix of new office space, conference facilities, an expanded cafeteria, as well as a fitness center for employees. A covered walkway connects the new addition to the parking garage and BMS is proposing to expand their on-campus trail/walkway network with a series of walkways/trails connecting the LOC and the Large Scale Cell Culture (LSCC) Facility as well as new proposed outdoor patios on the east and west side of this new addition.



Rear of BMS's new LOC building expansion (right). Existing LOC on the left – September 2020

Bristol Myers Squibb (BMS) LOC Expansion continued...



Structural steel erected on the new Lab/Office/Cafeteria building expansion – September 2019



Front of new LOC building expansion with covered walkway to parking garage – September 2020

BMS Cryogenics Facility Expansion - 38 Jackson Road:

The DEC issued a Level 2 Unified Permit to BMS back in April 2019 for a +/- 13,000 gross-square foot building addition and associated site improvements to their existing Chemical Storage/Cryogenics building:



BMS Cryogenics facility building expansion foundation – September 2019

The existing 5,700 square feet Chemical Storage building (shown above), was converted to a Cryogenic Facility building in 2015. The Cryogenic Facility stores secured drug substances at refrigeration and freezing temperatures of -40°C and -60°C. The addition was completed in June (pictured below).



BMS Cryogenics facility building expansion complete – August 2020

Shirley Meadows Senior Housing – 27 Hospital Road: The Women’s Institute 58-unit deeply affordable senior (age-restricted to 62+) residential rental housing development in the Shirley Village Growth District at the corner of Hospital Road and Elliot Road was recently completed and new residents are moving in. The project is designed to address the housing and service needs of seniors with incomes ranging from 60% Area Median Income (AMI) to 30% AMI. Rental units include both one- and two-bedroom apartments with a full kitchen and bath in each, along with facilities designed to support the needs of those with disabilities.



Front view of Shirley Meadows – looking from the intersection of Hospital Road and Elliot Road – July 2020



Rear of Shirley Meadows – August 2020

This area was a former military housing neighborhood and former brownfield site that has been remediated to unrestricted standards. The building includes community spaces that will be used for social programming and offices for service staff, property management, flexible program space, community meetings and on-site medical visits. This is an independent living facility (not an assisted living facility). The project is within walking distance of the Shirley Library and Town Hall. MassDevelopment upgraded the drainage and sidewalks along Hospital Road to help further connect this parcel/area with these area amenities. This development is located along the Devens shuttle route as well - providing additional mobility options for residents and connections to the Shirley Commuter rail, downtown Ayer, and Leominster and Fitchburg.

7 Jackson Road – Bio-Techne Expansion: Bio-Techne (formerly Bionostics), at the corner of Jackson Road and Lake George Street, received a Unified Permit in September 2019 for a 26,058 SF addition to the 40,872 SF existing building to expand their bio-medical device manufacturing and support work. Construction is now complete and the addition blends in very well as the exterior design and materials match the existing building. The addition includes 2 new loading docks (for a total of 6) and the relocation of the existing recycling and waste management area. To aid in on-site stormwater management and reduced urban heat island impacts, a reinforced turf emergency access drive was constructed along the north side of the new addition. This reinforced turf is now covered with grass and allows stormwater runoff to directly infiltrate into the ground, while still providing a solid base for emergency vehicles to drive on if needed.



BioTechne new building addition and new emergency access drive (reinforced turf grid before grass) – July 2020

The project ended up having excess fill material so the Applicant worked with MassDevelopment to find a location adjacent to Lake George Street where there were existing erosion and drainage problems. The Applicant used the fill to re-shape the land adjacent to the road and fix the drainage so that it is now much more stable.

Hospital Road Drainage: In February of 2020, the DEC approved MassDevelopment’s request for resurfacing, drainage improvements, and new sidewalks along portions of Hospital Road and Elliot Road. The drainage improvements replaced the old army drainage system that previously discharged to a steep slope forested area that abuts the Catacoonamug Brook and Nashua River. The new system combines the Hospital Road, Elliot Road and Perimeter Road Drainage system into one drainage network and includes a stormwater treatment train of deep sump, hooded catch basins, a grass-lined swales, sediment forebay and a detention/infiltration basin. These drainage improvements will greatly enhance water quality of the runoff coming from Hospital Road and portions of the former Army housing area along Elliot Road that are draining towards Hospital Road and bring this system into compliance with the EPA’s National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit for Devens. MassDevelopment completed the improvements in September. Sidewalks now connect this area of Hospital Road and the new Shirley Meadows Senior Housing development, with the Shirley Town Hall, Library and Police Station. Shared bike lanes have been included as well to provide additional multi-modal transportation options (existing road was a little too narrow to stripe dedicated bikes lanes).



Hospital Road resurfacing and new sidewalks – September 2020



Hospital Road new drainage – sediment forebay and detention– Sept. 2020

Patton Road Sidewalk Connection to Mirror Lake: Earlier this year, MassDevelopment Engineering completed a ~450' segment of sidewalk along Patton Road from the Tara Vista Behavioral Health Center entrance to the Mirror Lake Parking Lot. This extended the new sidewalk that Tara Vista built along their frontage, connecting to Queenstown Road. This, in turn, connected to the existing Patton Road sidewalks that extend from Jackson Road to Queenstown Road:



Patton Rd. new sidewalk & pedestrian crossing to Mirror Lake – Aug. 2020

This small sidewalk connection provides the last missing link that connects almost all Devens residential and business areas with a continuous segment of sidewalks, providing safer access and alternative options to get to and from Mirror Lake and a network of over 13 miles of recreational trails that connect to it.

More Complete Streets on the Way! The Devens Department of Public Works is in the process of re-paving and re-striping the remaining portions of Grant Road outside of the Emerson Green Housing project (which already has dedicated bike lanes striped). The driving lanes on Grant Road will be narrowed to more closely match the lane widths on the new portion of Grant Road through the Emerson Green development. These reduced lane widths will allow dedicated bike lanes to be installed, thereby helping to support slower traffic and safer streets. Once complete, this will bring our total linear miles of roadways with dedicated bike lanes up to 6 miles (12 miles if you count both sides of the road!). This work, coupled with all the recent sidewalk improvements, furthers our complete streets goals and provides safer and more accessible alternative transportation options for Devens residents, businesses and visitors, helping to reduce car trips and further the sustainable redevelopment goals of the Devens Reuse Plan.



Shabokin Well Temporary Building for PFAS Treatment: Additional treatment facilities were permitted by the DEC and have been installed at the MacPherson and Shabokin drinking water wells in Devens to remove low levels of per and poly fluorinated compounds (PFAS) found in groundwater. The treatment consists of filtration using Granular Activated Carbon (GAC), a common filter media used throughout the United States and Europe.



Shabokin Well GAC Filters – September 2019



Temporary building for GAC Filters at Shabokin Well – January 2020

Temporary cement pads were installed to accommodate the new filters at both Shabokin and MacPherson Wells used to capture backwash water, allow carbon fines to settle out, and then clean water is discharged back to the ground. Filter bags are used to remove residual particulate media. Testing and verification is complete and these water treatment facilities are now delivering water with non-detectable levels of PFAS.

POTENTIAL UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Patton and Shabokin Well Water Treatment Facilities: MassDevelopment (Devens Utilities) has submitted a Level 2 Unified Permit for Site Plan Approval and a Wetland Notice of Intent for the construction of two (2) new water treatment plants on portions of both 88 Sheridan Road (Parcel ID #2-99-202) and 39 Sheridan Road (Parcel ID# 3-99-203). These treatment plants are being designed to replace existing facilities and treat both manganese and PFAS concentrations. These projects are both within Priority Habitat Areas, so the projects are consulting with the MA Fish and Wildlife Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program.

Commonwealth Fusion Systems (CFS): CFS will be seeking a Level 2 Unified Permit to construct multiple facilities off of Hospital Road, in the Innovation and Technology Business District as part of their project to develop clean fusion power. The two primary anticipated uses are research and development of equipment that will lead to fusion energy and light industrial manufacturing of advanced magnets that will also contribute to the development of fusion energy. Secondary uses will include their company headquarters, office space, and collaborative research/academic space.

King Street Properties (KSP): KSP recently purchased several parcels along Jackson Road and will be looking to locate a new multi-phase biomanufacturing complex with research and development lab space off of Jackson Road in the Innovation and Technology Business zoning district between Lake George and Givry Street.

4 MacArthur Ave.: The owner of the former Army Hodges Theater property will be looking to redevelop the site to accommodate a manufacturer of telecommunication equipment. The property is located in the Innovation and Technology Business District. The proposed development will require demolition of the existing theater building and construction of a new building that will be used to manufacture network boxes, panels, and infrastructure. The property is located in the Innovation and Technology Business Zone.

151 Barnum Road & 31 Independence Drive: The owner of these properties is developing site plans for spec buildings at both locations. Both properties are located in the Rail Industrial and Trade Related Uses District.

MONITORING & ENFORCEMENT:

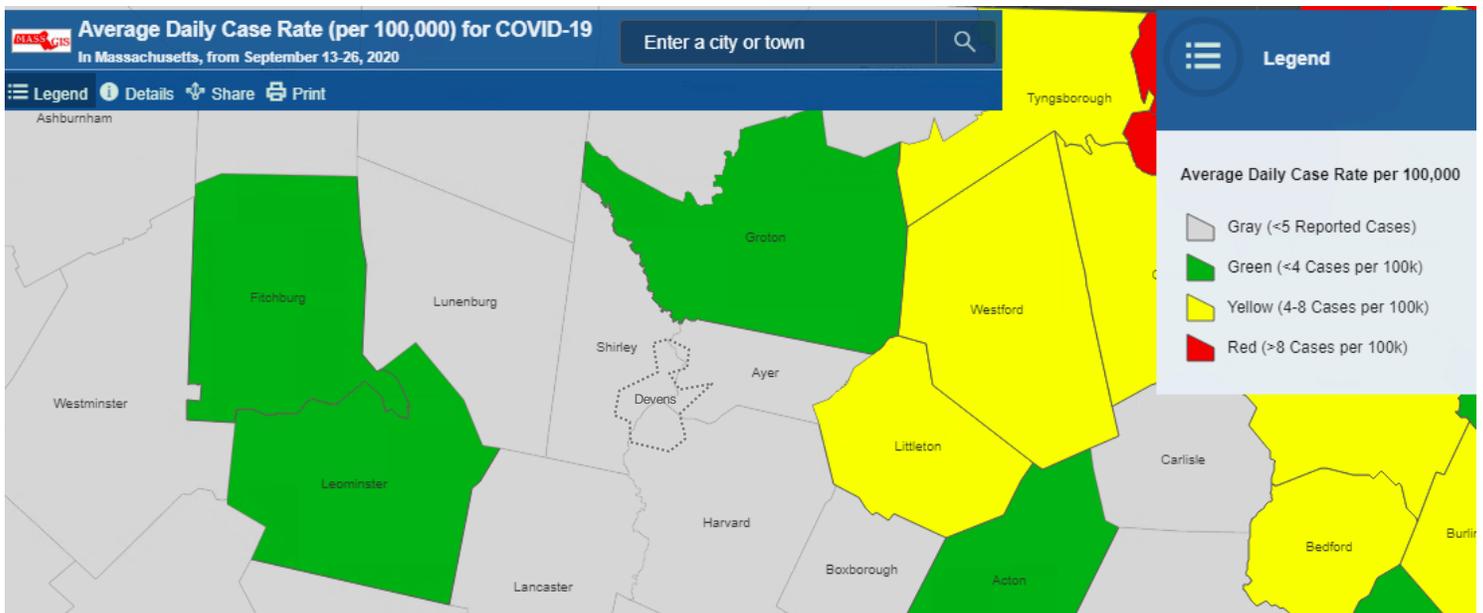
The DEC continues to enforce the Devens Bylaws and Rules and Regulations to help avoid and minimize nuisance conditions and ensure public health and safety within the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone. Enforcement actions over the last few months include:

Lighting and Construction Noise: Recently, the DEC received complaints about early morning construction noise as well excessive lighting coming from Little Leaf Farms. Both of these issues were specifically identified in the Unified Permit conditions of approval. Staff followed up with the owner and facility operators to ensure the violations were rectified immediately. Follow-up reminder notices were sent to the owner and facility operators. The majority of exterior construction is now complete and the loading docks for the facility have been relocated behind a 25’ high berm that fully screens the new loading docks completely from Walker Road. This should aid in preventing future complaints.

Devens Designated Truck Route: Monitoring and enforcement of the designated truck route has continued throughout 2020. The DEC continues to receive periodic complaints about trucks cutting through Buena Vista Street to access the Industrial Park. The State Police continue to enforce turning restrictions and have been ticketing trucks that do not comply. DEC staff has been reaching out to existing businesses in Devens, as well as trucking companies that are found violating the “No Trucks” signage to remind them of the Devens Designated Truck Route. The DEC also recently partnered with MassDevelopment to send a joint letter and map to all businesses located on Saratoga Boulevard and Independence Drive reminding them to continue to share this route with their drivers, suppliers, and visitors. DEC Staff has also contacted numerous trucking and regular GPS companies to inform them of the Designated Truck Route as well as the “No Trucks” streets.

House Condemnation Order Lifted: in May of last year, a residential hoarding case resurfaced after a fire. Luckily no one was seriously injured, however the fire and the condition of the house forced the DEC, acting in its capacity as the local Board of Health, to condemn the home. By July of this year, the house was fully renovated and the condemnation order was lifted.

COVID-19: In collaboration with the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health and the Devens Public Safety Officer, the DEC has been monitoring ongoing construction projects to ensure compliance with COVID-19 Safety Guidelines for Construction Projects and coordinating with businesses on reported cases, protocols, and contact tracing efforts by NABOH. To date, the number of cases in Devens has remained very low.



DEC SUSTIANABILITY INITIATIVES:

Devens Climate Action and Resiliency Plan:

After more than a year of planning and community outreach, the Devens Enterprise Commission in collaboration with our consultant KLA Associates, officially released the new “Devens Forward” Climate Action and Resilience Plan. Devens Forward serves as a roadmap to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and prepare Devens for the impacts of climate change that we are already experiencing, as well as those we expect to see in the coming years and decades. It includes more than 70 actions along with detailed implementation plans for more than 20 actions and a Climate Action Toolkit for Businesses to help us quickly pursue our goals.

The plan’s tagline -- “Embracing the past, transforming the future” – recognizes Devens’ history as a military base, our approach to redeveloping that base in a sustainable manner, our status as a world-class destination for businesses, a growing residential community, and a leading destination for sports and recreation. With nearly 100 businesses

and organizations that collectively employ more than 6,000 workers and over 2,100 acres of recreational land, the Devens Forward plan will ensure



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we protect and enhance these assets. The Plan builds off of our 4-Star STAR rating for sustainability, our LEED for Cities and Communities certification, and our status as the premier eco-industrial park in the United States. It also incorporates our recent Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan (MVP) and Greenhouse Gas Inventory which recognizes the challenges that climate change is already bringing to the region. Devens—like the rest of Massachusetts—is already experiencing the effects of climate change in the form of increased precipitation and flooding, severe storm events, extreme heat, and increased risk of wildfires. In addition to taking steps to reduce its emissions, Devens must prepare to adapt to changing conditions.

To achieve our Devens Forward goals, the Plan outlines 73 ambitious and achievable actions across seven planning elements that will both reduce environmental impacts and improve our community’s resilience in the face of climate change. Here’s a few examples from each of the seven planning elements:

- **Climate and Energy:** Supporting energy efficiency upgrades in residential and commercial buildings.
- **Infrastructure:** Continue to improve stormwater management by reducing impervious surfaces, and incentivizing and regulating green infrastructure.
- **Economic Development:** Collaborate with industries to reduce waste through by-product exchanges (circular economy: reducing purchasing and disposal costs as well as landfilling).
- **Housing:** Support diverse housing options for seniors, local workforce, veterans, low/mid income levels, and people with disabilities.
- **Natural Resources:** Maintain the health of the tree canopy and protect its ecosystem-services.
- **Public Health and Safety:** Invest in resilient energy systems at critical facilities.
- **Transportation and Land Use:** Expand low-carbon transportation options

The plan includes detailed implementation blueprints for 22 of these actions across the seven planning elements. In-depth community stakeholder engagement and participation played a key role in developing this plan and the resulting goals and actions. We undertook a number of surveys, meetings, and interviews—conducted both in-person and virtually over the past year to get this feedback.

This Climate Action Plan will keep Devens leading by example and serve as a model to assist the region and the state in meeting the goals of the Global Warming Solutions Act by comprehensively addressing climate change on a local and regional level. The full plan is available at: <https://devensforward.com/action-plan> along with an interactive “Dashboard” at <https://devensforward.com/home> where you can navigate all aspects of the plan, check

our progress, and find out how you can take action. We've also produced a video that captures the highlights of Devens Forward and features several local businesses. Watch it at: <https://vimeo.com/436601832> . Lastly, the plan includes a Climate Action Toolkit for Businesses to assist businesses in Devens and the region with implementing their own actions to contribute towards their own sustainability objectives and the Devens region: <https://kladashboard-clientsourcefiles.s3.amazonaws.com/Devens/Devens+Climate+Action+Toolkit+FINAL.pdf>

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant Collaboration with Harvard and Bolton

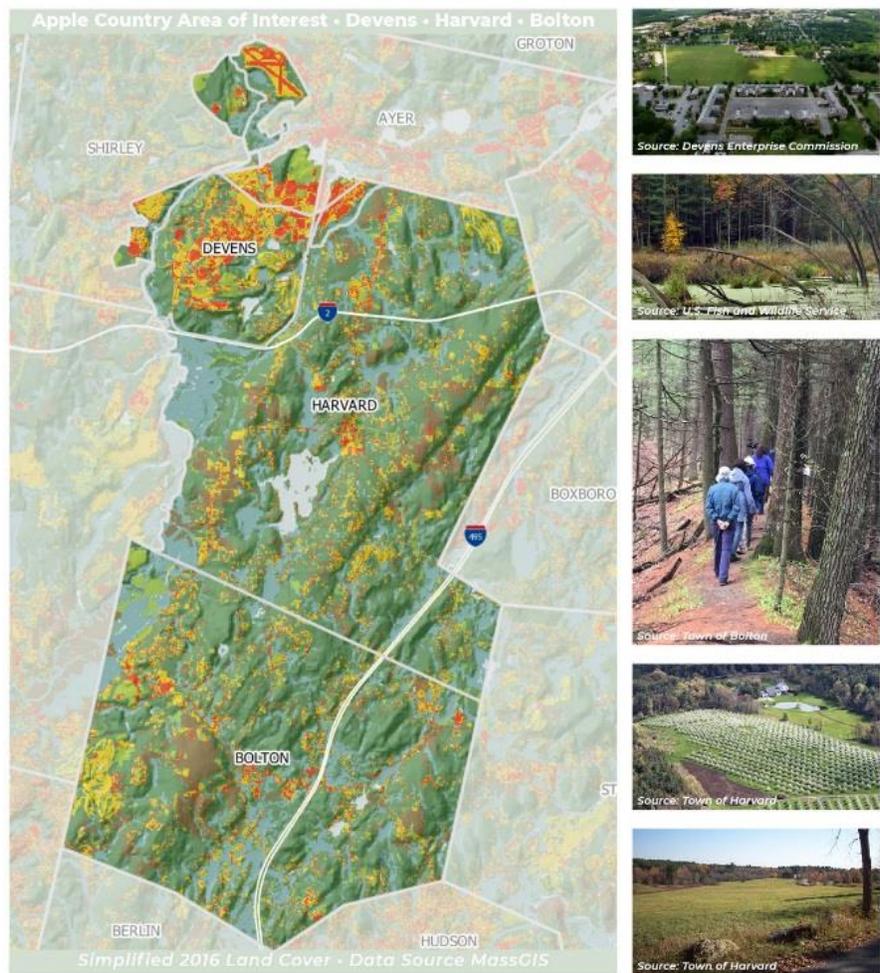
The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs recently awarded a \$250,000 grant to the partnership of Bolton, Harvard and Devens to conduct the Apple Country Ecological Climate Resiliency and Carbon Planning and Assessment. The goal of this project is to implement Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) that will increase the resilience and adaptive capacity of the region's ecological, economic, and physical infrastructure utilizing natural resource assets, including soils, farmland, forests, wetlands and other ecosystems. These natural resources will be evaluated based on their climate vulnerability/resiliency, carbon storage/sequestration and their capacity to support the ecological climate resiliency and carbon conservation goals of the three communities.

The Bolton, Harvard and Devens Region area is characterized by forests, farmland, wetlands, active floodplains and low-to-medium density development. Working lands and natural resources provide essential ecosystem services that contribute to the resiliency of this region. The location of these three communities in Massachusetts' places a need for a more regional proactive and predictive climate-focused assessment so that we can maximize the health, safety, economic prosperity, and resiliency of the region and recognize the full value of our natural resources.

The Town of Bolton will act as the coordinator through its Conservation Agent, Rebecca Longvall in the partnership with the Town of Harvard's Economic Development Director, Chris Ryan, Devens Enterprise Director, Peter Lowitt and Environmental Planner, Neil Angus. The representatives from each partner are excited to work with MVP provider Gillian Davies of BSC Group, Inc. and other expert team members including

but not limited to Jim Newman of Linnean Solutions, Keith Zaltzberg of Regenerative Design Group and Richard Birdsey of theWoodwell Climate Research Center.

Apple Country Ecological Climate Resiliency and Carbon Planning and Assessment



OTHER COMMUNITY UPDATES:

MassWorks/Complete Streets Grant Partnership with Ayer: After an unsuccessful regional MassWorks grant application last year, The DEC, MassDevelopment and the Town of Ayer partnered again this year to submit a \$3.8 million Public Infrastructure/Economic Development regional MassWorks grant for the “West Ayer Village” infrastructure upgrades along the portion of West Main Street from the Verbeck Gate to the MBTA railway overpass. The proposed improvements along this corridor will facilitate utility upgrades and street improvements including Verbeck Gate intersection realignment, sidewalks, bike lanes, controlled access driveways to businesses, street trees, and stormwater improvements. The project also includes an Ayer tie-in to Devens water system for emergency back-up. These improvements between Devens and Ayer will help facilitate redevelopment in a comprehensive manner that will greatly enhance safety and help revitalize this low-density, auto-centric, un-walkable, and functionally disconnected commercial strip corridor, and transform it into a regionally-beneficial, connected, mixed-use traditional village. This project is also located along the Devens Shuttle route, which connects Ayer, Devens, and Shirley. A new shuttle stop and shelter would be located adjacent to the Devens Shopping Plaza along West Main Street in Ayer as part of this project. Bike lane and sidewalk connections, will also greatly enhance multi-modal transportation options along this corridor and facilitate greater linkages between Devens and Ayer.



Existing view of West Main Street.

What West Main Street could look like with these improvements.

The project also includes the day-lighting of a portion of Willow Brook in Devens that was culverted by the Army many years ago. This, coupled with numerous low-impact development stormwater management techniques that will be incorporated into the project, will greatly enhance the resiliency of this corridor in adapting to climate change (open drainage systems that are more able to adapt to flooding conditions vs. closed drainage systems).

This collaborative project is also consistent with a number of Devens redevelopment goals:

- Our Healthy Communities resolution goal of encouraging walking and biking to advance healthy lifestyles.
- The Devens Complete Streets Policy which specifically calls for improvements to the Verbeck Gate area at West Main Street, and the sidewalk/pathway connection along West Main Street from Jackson Road to the western terminus of the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone at the Nashua River.
- The Devens Reuse Plan calls for regionalization of services and this project includes a potable water interconnection between Devens Utilities and the Town of Ayer for back up support.
- This project is consistent with Devens Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Plan which calls for improved access, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, better stormwater management, and water security.

Grant awards are expected to be announced this fall. The DEC is excited to partner with Ayer on this regional project.

Devens Farmers Market: After the successful pilot launch of the Devens Farmers Market last fall, Dick’s Market Garden out of Lunenburg returned to Devens this summer for a weekly Farmers Market held every Wednesday on the Devens Common. Access to healthy foods is an important part of creating a sustainable community. With Dragonfly Wellness Center offering free yoga on Rogers Field on Wednesdays as well, we promoted both the market and yoga as “Wellness Wednesdays” in Devens.

The Devens Farmer’s Market brings together residents, employees and visitors to Devens and the surrounding communities, while supporting and raising awareness of the growing local and regional agricultural community surrounding Devens. This year, Maxant Industries, located on Barnum Road, supplied locally produced honey at our market as well. Despite the COVID19 pandemic, we were able to safely operate the market and provide access to affordable and healthy foods. Dick’s offered on-line ordering and payment for quick, contactless pick up at the market, and masking and social distancing were enforced at all times. At the end of most of the markets, Dick’s donated left over produce to Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. At our last market in August, a large donation of produce was made to both Clear Path for Veterans and Loaves and Fishes. Our sincere thanks to Dick’s Market Garden for their generosity!

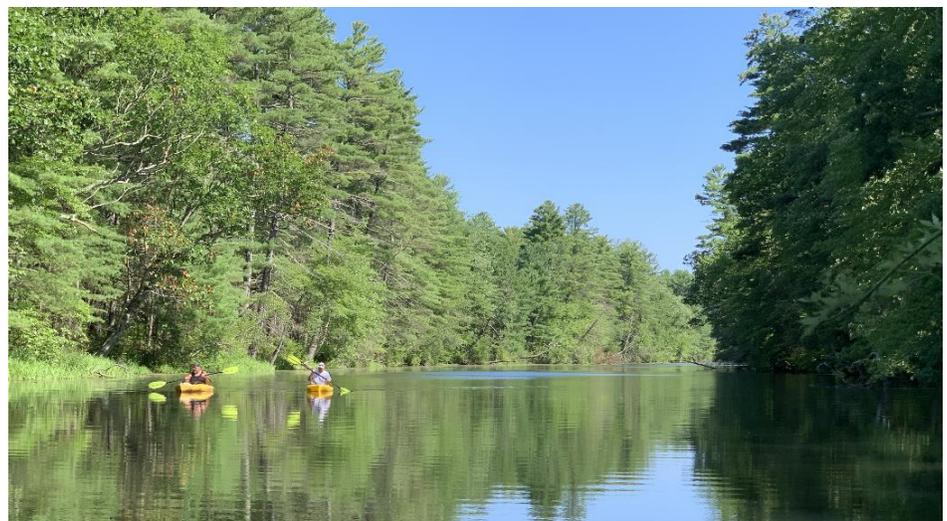


Garyth Violette & John Mara from Dick’s Market Garden at the Devens Farmers Market – Aug 2020

With limited activity at Devens due to the pandemic, attendance at the market was a little lower than expected. The market operated throughout July and August. We hope to bring the market back this fall and again next year when this pandemic is hopefully over and support locally grown healthy food for everyone. Our thanks to Dick’s Market Garden, Devens Public Works, MassDevelopment Communications, and Devens Utilities for helping us promote this market!

Nashua River Shoreline

Surveys: As part of the recent federal Wild and Scenic River designation for the Nashua River, the Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council, led by the Nashua River Watershed Association, has been conducting shoreline surveys to inventory existing conditions and adjacent land uses. These surveys will help the Council assess the health of the river and establish a baseline that will help the Council develop an action plan for maintaining and improving the river and its buffer.



Looking north on the Nashua River in Devens – just south of Hospital Road – September 2020.

DEC Staff has been participating in these assessments, including segments from Lancaster, through Harvard and the South and Main Posts of Devens. Staff continues to participate in the Stewardship Council meetings and has assisted the new Council in the drafting of their Bylaws and various policies.

DEC Facebook Page: The DEC continues to post updates on its Facebook page. This page was launched to supplement the DEC website and provide an additional media outlet to help keep residents, businesses and interested parties up to date on projects, meeting announcements and notices from the DEC. Recent posts include the COVID-19 information, Devens Farmers Market and Devens Forward Climate Action Plan details. Be sure to follow us at: <https://www.facebook.com/devensec/>

Economic Impacts of Devens - Donahue Report:

MassDevelopment commissioned the University of Massachusetts Donahue Institute to prepare its fifth report on the economic impacts of Devens. This latest report found that Devens is home to over 100 businesses, nonprofits, and governmental organizations that employ more than 6,000 workers. In addition to these jobs, the economic activities of private and nonprofit entities in Devens supported employment of another 8,038 workers in Massachusetts. An estimated \$2.3 billion in direct economic activity by private and nonprofit organizations in Devens supported additional spending of \$1.5 billion in local supply chains for a total contribution of nearly \$3.8 billion to the Massachusetts economy in 2019. Read the full report here: <https://donahue.umass.edu/documents/Devens-Economic-Profile-and-Contribution-062020.pdf>



Devens Enterprise Commission added a 3D photo.

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Mask-Up MA! Wear a mask or face covering in public to slow the spread of COVID-19 and help keep MA headed in the right direction.

<https://www.mass.gov/news/wear-a-mask-in-public> #MaskUpMA

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BOARD OF HEALTH UPDATES:

COVID-19 Pandemic: Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the DEC has been posting regular updates for residents, businesses <https://www.devensec.com/COVID19%20updates-archive.html> . To help ensure the public health and safety of on-going construction projects throughout the pandemic, the DEC also developed its own COVID-19 Guidelines for Construction Projects based on the State Guidelines: <https://www.devensec.com/news/DEC%20Construction%20Guidelines%204.6.20%20Final.pdf>

PFAS Investigations: The Army has published updates regarding their ongoing PFAS investigations at the former Fort Devens to help keep stakeholders and the local community updated on the status of the Army's work throughout the coronavirus pandemic. As a result of PFAS investigations and actions, the Army is updating their Community Involvement Plan (CIP). This plan describes how the Army will share information with local communities about the ongoing environmental investigations of all contaminants at Devens. This draft will be finalized after a 45-day review period that ends on November 9, 2020. Both the PFAS updates and the CIP draft can be found at: <https://www.devensec.com/news.html>

Mosquito Management: Devens continues to participate in the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project to help control the mosquito population and reduce the risk of EEE and West Nile Virus. The DEC provides residents and businesses with information on how to protect themselves and reduce the risk of contracting these viruses: <https://www.mass.gov/mosquitoes-and-ticks> .

Local Health Clinics: The DEC has been partnering with the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health to provide access to local health events and clinics for all Devens residents and employees of Devens businesses, including flu clinics: <http://www.nashoba.org/news-events/71-2020-flu-schedule>

Outdoor Water Use Restrictions: Restrictions went into effect May 1, 2020 and are expected to continue throughout the fall due to very low precipitation levels through the summer. Nonessential water use is restricted from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm and includes irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automatic irrigation systems, washing of vehicles, (except in a commercial car wash) and external building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks.

The DEC continues to update its website with important community news and events information, as well as regular DEC business and other general information for businesses and residents: <http://www.devensec.com/news.html> .