

# Staff Report

Devens  
Enterprise  
Commission

**Date:** November 16, 2020  
**To:** **Devens Enterprise Commission**  
**From:** Peter Lowitt, Director  
**RE:** **Patton Well PFAS Treatment System Improvements**

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**Owner:** MassDevelopment  
**Applicant:** MassDevelopment/Devens Utilities  
**Location:** 150 and 168 Patton Road, Devens, MA (Parcel ID 10-9-200 & 11-99-204)  
**Zoning:** Open Space Recreation, Zone I and 2 Water Resources Protection Overlay District

- 1. Premises and Proposed Project:** Devens Utilities is seeking site plan approval and a Wetland Request for Determination of Applicability for the construction of a new water treatment plant, parking, driveway, emergency generator, and associated drainage improvements as well as utility connections within the Patton Road Right of Way which are within 100 feet of wetlands on the north side of Patton Road. Devens Utilities has been before the DEC previously for pilot PFAS treatment systems at the Shabokin Well, Patton Well, and MacPherson Well. Those treatment systems, now in operation, utilize granular activated carbon (GAC) filtration and Patton Well uses a resin filter (ion exchange) to remove PFAS from the drinking water and supply Devens with drinking water that has non-detectable levels of PFAS.



## 2. Site issues:

The outstanding issue from the initial public hearing was resolving any potential impacts on the conservation restriction of The Trustees of Reservations (TTOR). John Marc-Aurèle of MassDevelopment Engineering reports *“There are no changes to the lot lines for the well. All work is taking place on land owned by MassDevelopment. We have confirmed with legal that any portion of the work being performed within the CR boundary is allowable under the reserved rights. However, we have met with TTOR and agreed to reduce work on the CR to the maximum extent possible.”* Wright Pierce is revising their plans to pull work away from the CR. Staff recommends

continuing the public hearing until December 3, 2020 at 7:30 AM in order to give staff and our peer review consultants adequate time to review the revised plans.