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July 13, 2023

DEVENS IN THE NEWS:

VulcanForms Article from the June 1st Boston Globe and David Scharfenberg [Click here](#)

Little Leaf Farms Celebrates Growth in PA and Announces plans to May 31st open new Greenhouse in fall of 2023 [Click here](#)

May 16th Letter to Ayer Select Board re Autocross from MassDev [Click here](#)

Natick Firm building Devens hydrogen facility May 29 Worcester Business Journal [Click here](#)

The Great Exchange in Devens May 29 Worcester Business Journal [Click here](#)

June 1 Devens Fusion Company awarded slice of \$46M DOE Milestone [Click here](#)

Legislative bid to allow more housing at Devens Fails – June 2nd Harvard Press [Click here](#)

June 8th BMS Receives FDA Approval for Cell Therapy Facility: <https://news.bms.com/news/corporate-financial/2023/Bristol-Myers-Squibb-Receives-U.S.-FDA-Approval-of-New-State-of-the-Art-Cell-Therapy-Manufacturing-Facility-in-Devens-Massachusetts/default.aspx>

June 12th <https://bioprocessintl.com/bioprocess-insider/therapeutic-class/bms-30bn-car-t-vision-boosted-by-ma-plant-approval/>

King Street Properties Looking to Open Tap Room in Devens - July 9

<https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.craftbrewingbusiness.com/featured/king-street-properties-is-looking-for-a-brewery-to-open-a-taproom-at-its-new-biomanufacturing-campus-in-devens-mass/&ct=ga&cd=CAAYBjlaZmFjMDQ3MjUwZTA1NGE1NDpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AOvVaw2y78GAHDBt9RT9tYCMnFB>
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A New leader Takes Command at Devens – Harvard Press - July 5, 2023 Col. Trent Colestock to Lt. Col. Joshua Bloom
https://www.google.com/url?rct=j&sa=t&url=https://www.harvardpress.com/News/News-Articles/a-new-leader-takes-command-at-devens-garrison&ct=ga&cd=CAAYATlaZmFjMDQ3MjUwZTA1NGE1NDpjb206ZW46VVM&usg=AOvVaw1v60k08_tmQDuDX2e0OG4Q

STAFF PROJECT UPDATE:

Pollinator Meadow Planting, June 22, 2023

With support from a Nashua Wild and Scenic Stewardship Council Community Grant, the Town of Ayer, DEC, Mass Development, and the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge installed a pollinator meadow at the MacPherson Road triangle within the Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge. More than 700 native plants of 15 species were installed by approximately 25 volunteers. An interpretive sign for the pollinator meadow is in production and will be installed this summer.

Pollinator Meadow Planting at Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge | MacPherson Road
The site before, during site preparation, and after planting.



Planting Day, June 22, 2023 | Approximately 25 volunteers and staff from DEC and Oxbow NWR planted over 700 native plants.



Pocket Forest Project Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant Wrap Up and Monitoring Training on June 28, 2023

In fall 2022 DEC in partnership with the Town of Ayer launched a pocket forest project, the first of its kind in Central Massachusetts, to take action on climate resilience and increase the quality of life in the region. The MVP Grant to initiate the pocket forest project, install a pilot site, develop guidance resources, and identify future locations has been completed. More information may be found at <https://climateresilient.wixsite.com/ayerdevens>.

Pocket Forest Project Pilot Site, East Main Street Ayer - Monitoring Demonstration Workshop on June 28, 2023

