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**DEVENS IN THE NEWS:**

**Potential Harvard Connection to Devens Water System – Harvard Press- 2/10/23:**

<https://harvardpress.com/News/News-Articles/article-3160should-the-town-borrow-485m-to-connect-to-devens-water>

**Sequens Articles:**

**Pharmaceutical giant Seqens opens new research and development in Devens – Lowell Sun 2/7/23:**

<https://cloud.massdevelopment.com/owncloud/index.php/s/17hB5o81B7Vw8Hq>

**New Seqens lab joins growing biotech pharmaceutical cluster at Devens - Harvard Press 2/8/23:**

<https://cloud.massdevelopment.com/owncloud/index.php/s/uHhNwCbexG6kEN7>

**Commonwealth Fusion Articles:**

1. Commonwealth Magazine - [New Devens fusion center to host US energy secretary - Commonwealth Magazine](#)
2. Telegram.com - [Clean energy revolution charges up with new fusion facility at Devens](#)
3. Business Wire - [Commonwealth Fusion Systems Opens Fusion Energy Campus on The Fastest ... - Business Wire](#)
4. WHDH - [Energy leaders celebrate opening of commercial fusion energy research center in Devens](#)
5. Lowell Sun - [Editorial: Devens' future as economic engine ensured - Lowell Sun](#)
6. Sentinel & Enterprise - [Commonwealth Fusion Systems celebrates newest campus at Devens - Sentinel and Enterprise](#)
7. Worcester Business Journal - <https://www.wbjournal.com/article/editorial-a-moonshot-in-devens>

**Intake Shelter Articles:**

Boston Globe - [In visit to Devens facility, Driscoll pushes funding request to address overflowing emergency shelters](#)



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### *Inaugural Massachusetts Distinguished Planner Annual Lecture*

The Massachusetts Planning community will be coming together to celebrate and honor a retiring practitioner, **Peter C. Lowitt, FAICP**, as part of the **Inaugural Massachusetts Distinguished Planner Annual Lecture**. Practitioners, educators, and students from across the Commonwealth are welcome to attend the lecture and a reception to follow. This event is sponsored by the **Massachusetts Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA-MA)**, in collaboration with the state's planning schools. No registration required.

**When:** March 29, 2023, at 4:00 pm  
**Where:** [Alumnae Lounge, 40 Talbot Avenue](#)  
Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155

The event is walking distance to the new Medford/Tufts stop (Green Line) and the Davis Square (Red Line) stop on the MBTA. Parking is available at the [Dowling Hall Garage, 419 Boston Avenue](#).

In order to make this Lecture a permanent part of the planning community in Massachusetts, we are seeking donations to create an endowment that would fund the Lecture indefinitely. Please consider making a donation [here](#):

Questions? Please email Justin Hollander, PhD, FAICP: at [justin.hollander@tufts.edu](mailto:justin.hollander@tufts.edu)

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## Invitation

We, the Ayer Select Board, the Office of the Ayer Town Manager, and the Ayer Office of Community & Economic Development (AOCED), are writing to invite you to join with a select group of local and regional leaders to participate in an unprecedented landmark 2-Day Civic Symposium -  
**“Ayer+Devens (2033)” 2-Day Symposium.**

The “Ayer+Devens (2033)” 2-Day Symposium is scheduled for  
**Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** late morning/afternoon at  
Historic Ayer Town Hall in the Great Hall, at One Main Street, Ayer MA.

The 2-Day Symposium will serve to catalyze and a collaborative civic effort to learn, better-understand, envision, plan, develop and drive an inclusive public-process whereby the Town of Ayer will determine if it is in the best interest of its current residents/future generations to reclaim the “historic Ayer land” within the Devens Enterprise Zone by the year of 2033.

The “historic Ayer land” at Devens includes northerly/northeasterly portions of the former Fort Devens, and including the Nashua Riverfront along MacPherson Rd., and the former Moore Army Airfield.

The 2-Day Symposium will offer participants a delicious Invitational Brunch, Visual Presentations, Group Shuttle Bus Tours of Devens & Nashua Riverfront, Topic Panel Discussions, Break-Out Discussion Groups, a “Future Ayer+Devens” Public Design Charrette Studio in the Great Hall, Facebook Live-Streaming Reports, and lots of good local foodie offerings!

To confirm your attendance for Friday or Saturday (or both) to this exciting 2-Day event **by Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, please RSVP to:  
Ayer Office of Community & Economic Development, Ayer Town Hall at  
[amanoian@ayer.ma.us](mailto:amanoian@ayer.ma.us).

If you have any questions, please contact Alan S. Manoian, Dir. AOCED at  
Ayer Town Hall at 978.772.8220 X141 and/or [amanoian@ayer.ma.us](mailto:amanoian@ayer.ma.us)



## Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

- Invitational “Ayer/Devens 2033” Brunch
- Ayer & Devens: The Past, Present & Future Address
- Mobile Workshops/Tours of Devens/Airport/Nashua Riverfront
- Symposium Panel Discussions

## Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

- “Good Morning Ayer+Devens” Morning Show Live-Stream
- Ayer/Devens 2033 Envisioning Design Charrette & Working-Lunch
- Our Take-Away - Envisioning Groups Speak
- Formation of the “Ayer/Devens (2033)” Committee

Calling All Ayer/Devens  
Neighborhood “Pilot Project” Pocket  
Forest Resident Designers, Planners  
& Planters!

“East Main St.  
Pilot Pocket Forest”  
Open Public  
Design Forum!

Location: St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church Hall  
is Your Neighborhood Public Design  
Studio Space for the Morning.  
(corner of Faulkner St. & Church St.)

Next Saturday Morning,  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM-12:00Noon





# AYER/DEVENS MAIN STREET POCKET FOREST

## SAVE THE DATE

### PUBLIC DESIGN FORUM

**Saturday March 4th  
10:00am - 12:00pm**

**St. Andrew's Church**

Come learn more about Pocket Forests, and get involved in preparations for the upcoming Planting Day. Come have fun and learn how to plant a Pocket Forest!

### FORAGING DAY

**Saturday March 25th**

**Ayer-Shirley High School**

Come Learn about the plants and animals of a Pocket Forest while gathering materials for planting day!

### PLANTING DAY

**Saturday April 29th**

**East Main Street**

Come to either session and plant a Pocket Forest! Volunteers will be led through the steps of planting an actual Pocket Forest. This is the big culmination, don't miss out!



### CONTACTS

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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Main Streets Regional Pocket Forests project takes action on climate resilience and increasing the quality of life in Ayer and Devens by planning, designing, and installing pocket forests. This project is funded by a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program grant.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT  
THE WEBSITE:

<http://climateresilient.wixsite.com/ayerdevens>

