

**Devens Open Space and Recreation  
Draft Community Survey 2014**

The Purpose of this survey is to gather feedback from residents, businesses and organizations within Devens and the surrounding region, to help identify priorities for the 2014-2021 Devens Open Space and Recreation Plan update. This survey is part of a broader initiative by the Devens Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee to engage public participation and to promote an inclusionary process that will help guide the updates to the Plan.

**\* Required**

**\*1. What types of recreational activities are most important to you and/or your family? (Check all that apply)**

**Activities:**

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|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball        | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Watching    | <input type="checkbox"/> Boating/canoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping         | <input type="checkbox"/> Disc Golf   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jogging/walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking  | <input type="checkbox"/> Biking           | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting         | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer      | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball         | <input type="checkbox"/> Skateboarding    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis          | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____     |                                      |   |   |

**\*2. What type of amenities and recreational areas are most important to you and/or your family (check all that apply):**

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|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails      | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds        | <input type="checkbox"/> Boat launch     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ball Fields | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis/Basketball Courts | <input type="checkbox"/> Off leash Dog Area | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Use Fields |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |   |   |  |

**\*3. How often do you use any of the parks, playing fields, trails, open spaces or other natural area or recreational facilities in Devens?**

	Never	1-2 times per year	1-2 times per month	1-2 times per week	More often
Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Willard Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rogers Field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shirley Middle School Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shirley Pop warner Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nashua River	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Robbins Pond	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mirror Lake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disc Golf Course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Red Tail Golf Course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bike Lanes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice Skating Ring (in season)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Memorial Circle (Sherman Ave)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
War Memorial Park/Flagpole (Rogers Field)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cavite St. Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fort Devens Museum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bob Eisengrein Community Center	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Do you have any comments on the condition or availability of any of the above:**

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**\*4. In addition to the above opportunities that are already available in Devens, are there any other types of recreational facilities that you or anyone in your household would like to see offered?**

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**\*5. What is your overall satisfaction level with the existing recreational facilities and programs in Devens?**

- No experience
- Very Dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Satisfied
- Very Satisfied

**\*6. Based on the existing open space and recreational amenities at Devens, how important do you think the following Goals are going forward?**

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Very Important
Develop more sports fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop more parks and playgrounds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop more community center programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop other recreation facilities (Tennis/Basketball)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expand walking/hiking trails within Devens	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preserve more wildlife habitat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connect Devens sidewalks/trails to surrounding towns	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve water access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acquire additional lands for water resource protection (surface and groundwater)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase/improve sidewalks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increase bike lanes on existing roads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**\*7. What are the top 3 open space and recreation features you like most about Devens? \***

*(Please choose only 3)*

- Quality of recreational programs
- Quantity of recreational programs
- Quality of recreational facilities
- Quantity of recreational facilities
- Quality of publicly accessible Open Space
- Quantity of publicly accessible Open Space
- Wildlife habitat preservation
- Diversity of active (i.e., playing fields) and passive (i.e., natural forested areas, hiking trails) recreational uses
- Water Resource protection
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*8. Would you like to see a dog park or other places to walk dogs off-leash?**

- Yes
- No

**Community gardens are small plots of land that are made available to residents for gardening. They are typically located in a park-like setting near a cluster of residential properties and help promote locally grown produce, community interaction and social well-being.**

**9. Would you be interested in participating in a community garden if one was made available in Devens?**

- Yes
- No

**10. Should participation be limited to Devens Residents?**

- Yes
- No

**\*11. Would you support a local/regional farmer's market in Devens (coordinated in partnership with the surrounding towns)?**

- Yes
- No

**\*12. The protection of sensitive environmental ecosystems, wildlife habitat, scenic views and significant landscape features is a key objective of the 2008-2013 Devens Open Space and Recreation Plan. Many strategies have been implemented in the past 5 years but there are some that have not. Please indicate which of the following actions and strategies you feel Devens should focus on over the next 7 years to ensure this objective is met.**

*(Please select your top 3 choices)*

- Invasive species management
- Walking/hiking trail clearing/maintenance
- Trail mapping
- Willow Brook stream restoration (day lighting the portion that is currently piped)
- Incorporate more environmental protection/connectivity into new development projects
- Acquiring additional land for open space
- Endangered species protection
- Remediate weed growth in Robbins Pond
- Develop management plans for Devens open space areas and utility corridors
- Focus on implementation of the trail network plan (connections)
- Develop public educational programs on the natural environment in Devens.

**13. Please indicate your gender:**

- Male
- Female

**14. What age group do you fall into?**

- 18 or under
- 19-35
- 36-50
- 51-65
- Over 65

**15. Do you have kids under 18 in your household?**

- Yes
- No

**16. Where do you live?**

- Ayer
- Harvard
- Shirley
- Devens
- Other

**17. Do you work in Devens or the surrounding region?**

- Devens       Surrounding Towns       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for participating!*

*We look forward to seeing you at the Open Space & Recreation Plan public meeting to be held on June 19, 2014, at 7:00 pm in the MassDevelopment office, 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room, 33 Andrews Parkway, Devens, MA.*

Completed forms may be dropped off at

Devens Recreation  
Robert Eisengrein Community Center  
100 Sherman Ave  
Devens, MA

Devens DPW  
99 Buena Vista St.  
Devens, MA

MassDevelopment Engineering Office  
33 Andrews Parkway  
Devens, MA

or returned by mail to the following locations:

Devens Engineering  
Attn: Open Space Survey  
33 Andrews Parkway  
Devens, MA 01434