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:
- [ ] Baseball
- [ ] Basketball
- [ ] Bird Watching
- [ ] Boating/canoeing
- [ ] Camping
- [ ] Disc Golf
- [ ] Fishing
- [ ] Hiking
- [ ] Jogging/walking
- [ ] Picnicking
- [ ] Biking
- [ ] Golf
- [ ] Hunting
- [ ] Soccer
- [ ] Softball
- [ ] Skateboarding
- [ ] Tennis
- [ ] Ice Skating
- [ ] Horseback Riding
- [ ] Other

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

- [ ] Trails
- [ ] Parks
- [ ] Playgrounds
- [ ] Boat launch
- [ ] Ball Fields
- [ ] Tennis/Basketball Courts
- [ ] Off leash Dog Area
- [ ] Open Use Fields
- [ ] 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?**

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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?

*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?

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<td>Develop other recreation facilities (Tennis/Basketball)</td>
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<td>Expand walking/hiking trails within Devens</td>
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<td>Preserve more wildlife habitat</td>
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<td>Connect Devens sidewalks/trails to surrounding towns</td>
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<td>Improve water access</td>
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<td>Acquire additional lands for water resource protection (surface and groundwater)</td>
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*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, 1st 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