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## LATEST NEWS FROM FORMER FORT DEVENS

Investigation and cleanup activities continue in several locations at former Fort Devens. In this fact sheet, we review the history of former Fort Devens and highlight the Army's commitment to environmental cleanup. We also recap the community open house held in November 2024 and discuss the upcoming 2025 Five-Year Review.

## COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

The Army and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) hosted a community open house on November 21, 2024, in the Great Hall at Ayer Town Hall. Poster stations staffed by project team members were on display throughout the hall and covered a variety of topics including former Fort Devens history, PFAS investigation updates, Shepley's Hill Landfill, and more.

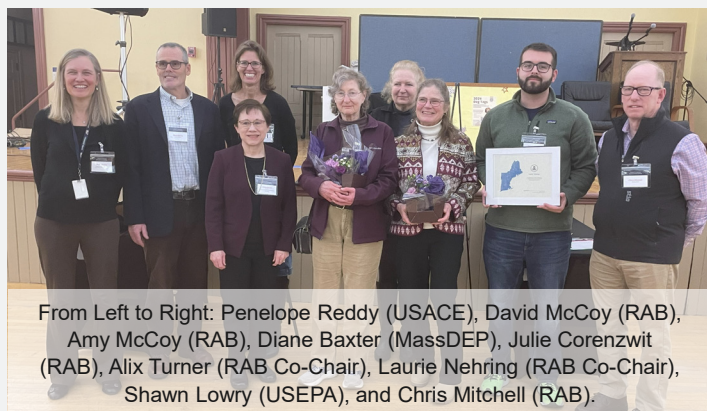
The event provided the community another opportunity to learn more about former Fort Devens environmental cleanup efforts, talk directly with representatives from Army, USACE, USEPA, Massachusetts DEP, and Mass Development, and learn how to get involved through the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB).

Representatives from Nashua River Watershed Association (NRWA), People of Ayer Concerned about the Environment (PACE), and the Town of Ayer water department were also on hand and shared their perspectives with the community.

## 2025 FIVE-YEAR REVIEW

The U.S. Army Base Realignment and Closure Division (BRAC) is announcing the start of the sixth Five-Year Review of remedial actions taken at the Former Fort Devens Federal Superfund site. The purpose of the Five-Year Review is to evaluate whether the cleanup methods are working as designed and continue to remain protective of human health and the environment. As part of the review process, the Army invites local communities to participate in community interviews and attend quarterly RAB meetings. The interviews are valuable because they help the Army gather community perspectives on remedy performance and overall progress during the past five years.

To participate in the community interviews, please contact Penelope Reddy, the US Army Corps of Engineers Project Manager, via email at [penelope.w.reddy@usace.army.mil](mailto:penelope.w.reddy@usace.army.mil) or by phone at [978-318-8160](tel:978-318-8160).



From Left to Right: Penelope Reddy (USACE), David McCoy (RAB), Amy McCoy (RAB), Diane Baxter (MassDEP), Julie Corenzwit (RAB), Alix Turner (RAB Co-Chair), Laurie Nehring (RAB Co-Chair), Shawn Lowry (USEPA), and Chris Mitchell (RAB).

## CELEBRATING RAB MEMBERS

Longtime RAB member and environmental advocate Laurie Nehring was enthusiastically honored at the open house for her nearly 30 years of active involvement in former Fort Devens cleanup efforts. USEPA and MassDEP presented Laurie certificates for accomplishments and years of service to the RAB and PACE. Joining Laurie in their retirement from PACE is Julie Corenzwit, who has also been an active RAB member and community advocate for the last three decades.



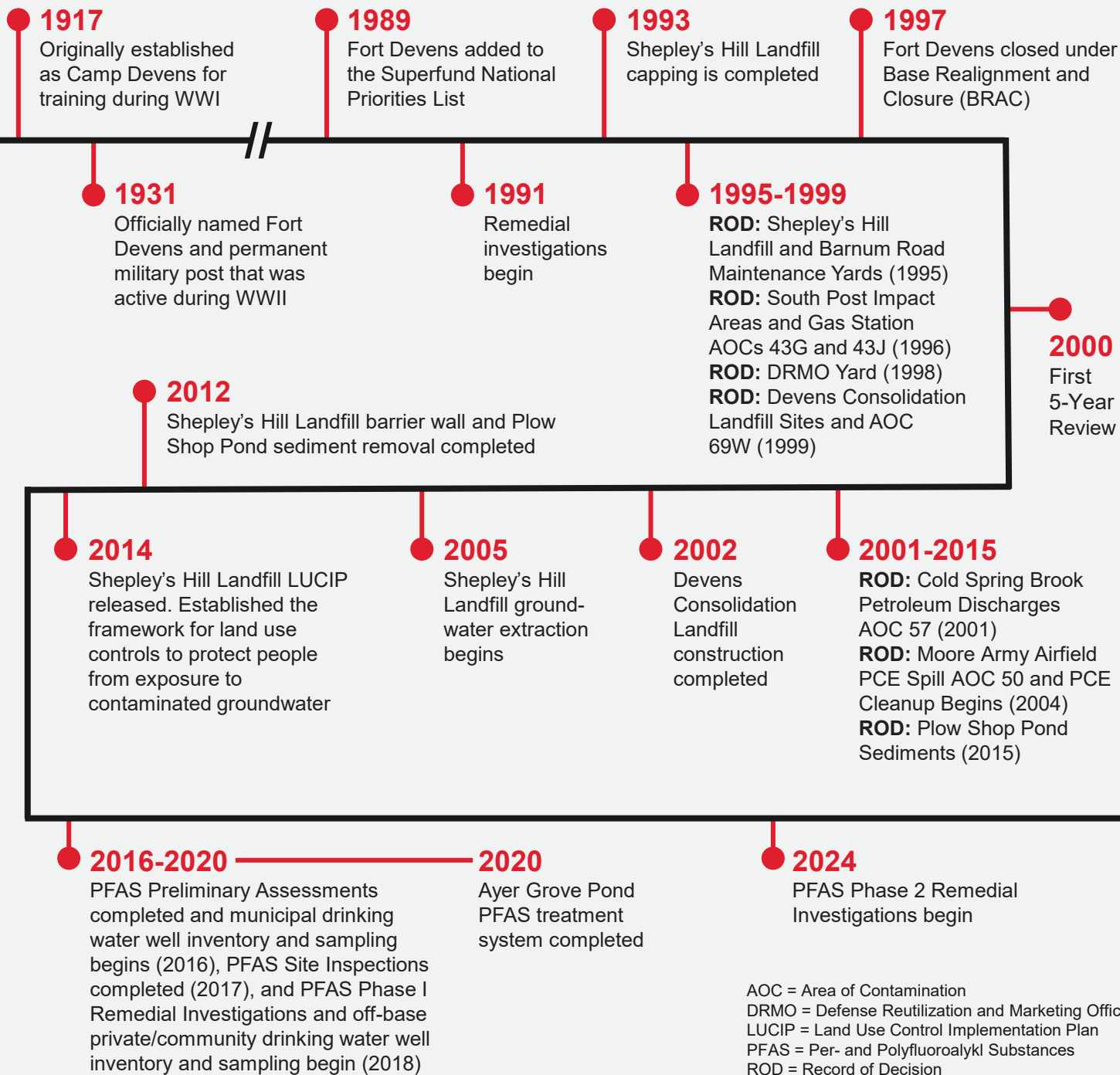
Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to visit the former Fort Devens Environmental Cleanup Project website.

If you want to get involved, join our mailing list, or have questions, please send an email to:

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# THE ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF FORMER FORT DEVENS



The Army is committed to environmental cleanup of the Former Fort Devens Army Installation and continues to actively invest in investigation and remedial actions.

Cleanup Investment To Date:

**\$200+ MILLION**

Anticipated Additional Investment:

**\$100+ MILLION**