



SUSTAINABILITY
TOOLS FOR
ASSESSING &
RATING COMMUNITIES

After almost a year of data collection, analyses and reporting, we have just received word that STAR Communities has awarded Devens a **4-STAR Community Rating!** This rating is a third-party, independent verification that Devens is living up to and exceeding the Reuse Plan goal of sustainable redevelopment and is a huge accomplishment that MassDevelopment, the Devens Enterprise Commission, Devens Residents, Businesses, organizations should all be proud of.



The STAR Community Rating System has three certification levels:

- 3-STAR Community (250-449 points) – Recognized for sustainability leadership.
- 4-STAR Community (450-649 points) – Recognized for national excellence.
- 5-STAR Community (650+points)- Recognized as top tier achiever in national sustainability.

Devens scored a total of 530.83 points, placing us comfortably in the 4-STAR Community Rating and recognizing Devens as a national leader in sustainability. The breakdown of our score is as follows:

Summary Points by Goal

Goal	Approved Final Score	Total Points Possible	Percent Achieved
Built Environment	88.36	100	88%
Climate & Energy	45.62	100	46%
Economy & Jobs	79.26	100	79%
Education, Arts & Community	67.39	100	67%
Equity & Empowerment	60.47	100	60%
Health & Safety	67.46	100	67%
Natural Systems	85.75	100	86%
Innovation & Process	36.50	50	73%
TOTALS -->	530.82	750	71%

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Next Steps:

STAR issued a final Certification Results Report: a narrative report providing charts and graphics, comparisons of Devens’ progress to all other STAR certified communities, and strengths and weaknesses in each STAR goal area. This type of “gap analysis” will help us identify where we should consider focusing our sustainability efforts in the coming years.

Some additional things Devens will use these certification results for are:

- Direct resources efficiently and effectively to the greatest areas of need
- Strengthen our plans, policies, and programs
- Integrate performance metrics into budgeting
- Implement solutions and catalyze local action
- Celebrate progress with community partners and residents
- Engage employees and increase buy-in for sustainability work