Welcome to Devens

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Sustainable Development

- Economic Development, Environmental Protection and Social Equity
- Systems modeled on ecology
- Eco-Industrial Development – industrial symbiosis integrated into the redevelopment process
- Holistic and integrated approach from regulations to educational programs to help our firms green their operations
- Created NGO, Devens Eco-Efficiency Center, to work with businesses to help them green their operations and administer/facilitate industrial symbiosis projects
Background on Devens... place-based

- Located 30 miles outside of Boston
- Former Military Base (NE Army headquarters for 79 yrs.) 4400 acres (1780 ha)
- 1800 acres (728 ha) for development (remainder – recreation and protected open space)
- Base Closure announced- 1993
- Base Closed 1996
- Currently 5.4 million sq.ft. of development & 3,200+/- jobs created
- Top economic development site in the region & national model
- Total payroll 2010 was $220 million
- Total investment north of $1.6 Billion (public and private sector)
Economy.... Ecology.... Community....
Devens – An Eco-Industrial Park

• Concept to achieve original reuse plan objectives
• An industrial park in which businesses cooperate with each other and with the local community in an attempt to reduce waste, efficiently share resources
• Ecological Systems Approach (System of Industries) (working cooperatively)
• Engaging traditionally separate industries and other organizations in a collective approach to competitive advantage involving physical exchange of materials, energy, water and/or by-products together with the shared use of assets, logistics and expertise.
• Devens Eco-Efficiency Center and EcoStar Program as tools to facilitate eco-industrial development (Eco-Centers)
• Devens EIP - value-added component to locating at Devens
EID Critical Success Factors

✓ Dedicated, credible, capable project champion/s
✓ Visionaries & actionaries
✓ Leverage existing industry, institutions & regional resources
✓ Targeted industry recruitment
✓ Strong industry & local gov’t relationships
✓ Emphasis on economic return to stakeholders
✓ Community as partner
✓ Small steps first but long term vision
✓ Aggressive marketing & good fortune!

Source: Trillium Partners Corey Brinkema
What do you think makes an industrial park eco-friendly?

- Green buildings
- Park management
- Use of recycled materials in park infrastructure
- Deployment of green infrastructure
- Recycling services for park occupants
- Shared services/infrastructure
- Public transportation or alternative transportation choices
- Protecting natural resources through proper site design
- A holistic approach to development