

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING

Former Fort Devens Army Installation
December 11, 2025



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Thank you for joining us tonight.

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Tonight's topics

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**Project
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and Look-ahead**

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**SHL Proposed
Plan**

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**EPA Technical
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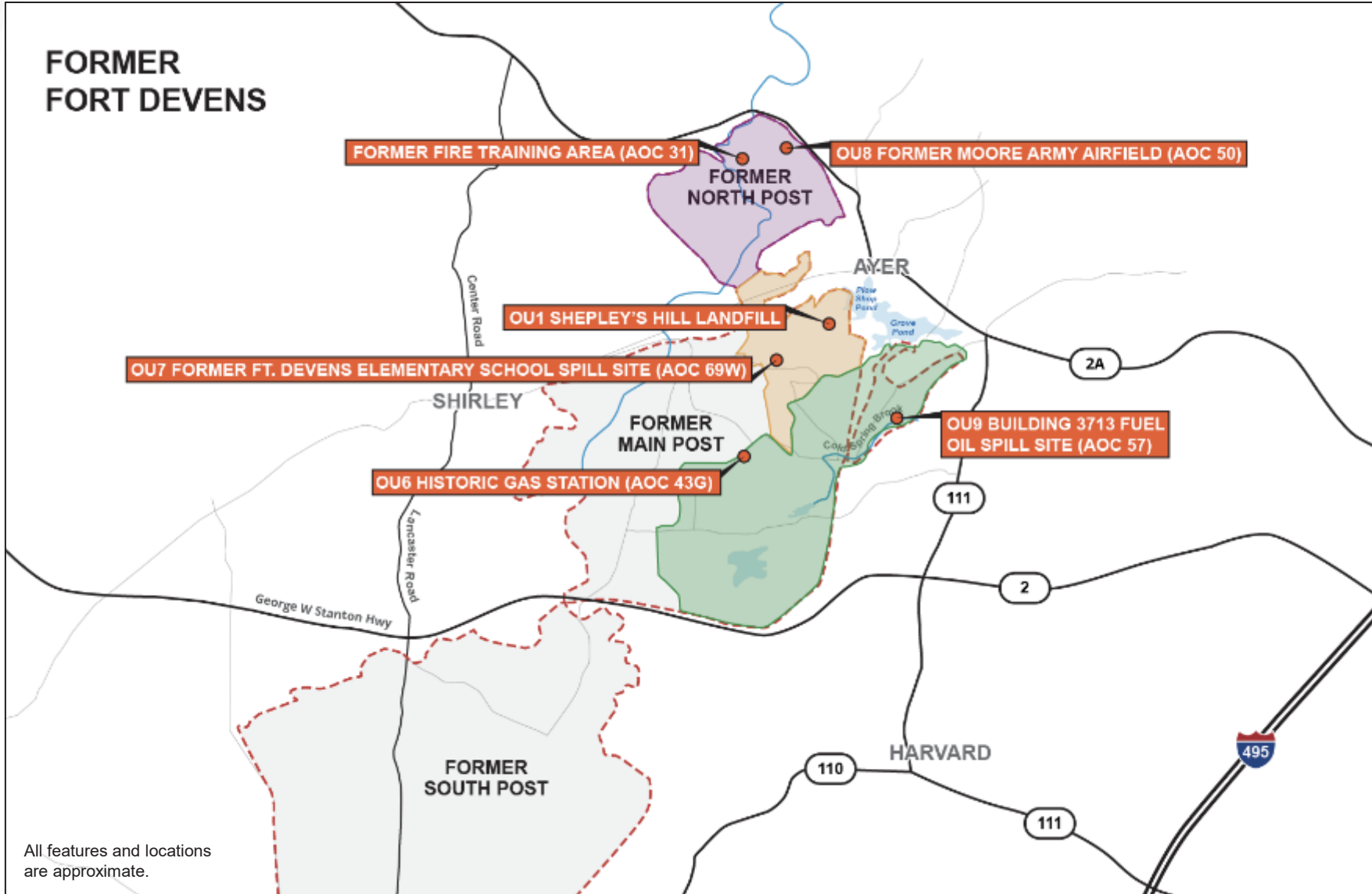
**Questions
& Answers**









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All features and locations are approximate.

-  Discussion Areas
-  PFAS Area 1
-  PFAS Area 2
-  PFAS Area 3
-  Former Fort Devens Boundary
-  Nashua River



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Supplemental Post-Record of Decision (ROD) Remedial Investigations (RIs) for Areas of Contamination (AOCs) 69W, 57, and 43G

- Final Supplemental RI Reports issued on October 24, 2025.

Moore Army Airfield (MAAF) Former Fire Training Area (FFTA) PFAS Field Pilot Studies

- Soil stabilization field pilot study work plan submitted to Agencies (EPA and MassDEP) in May 2025
 - Field work to begin in winter 2026
- In-situ groundwater field pilot study work plan finalized and posted to the website in June 2025
 - Field work began December 2, 2025

Shepley's Hill Landfill (SHL)

- Groundwater extraction system remains in operation with three wells
- Draft Final Proposed Plan in review by EPA



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Area 1 Phase 2 PFAS RI

- Field work is complete
- Draft Phase 2 Remedial Investigation Report submission to Agencies planned in 2026/2027

Area 2 Phase 2 PFAS RI

- Area 2 Phase 2 PFAS RI work plan to be submitted to Agencies in 2026/2027

Area 3 Phase 2 PFAS RI

- Area 3 Phase 2 PFAS RI draft-final work plan submitted to RAB on November 10, 2025.
 - Final work plan to be submitted following completion of RAB review (December 11, 2025)
- Field work anticipated to start winter 2026

Five Year Review

- Final report submitted on September 29, 2025
- Report posted to the website:
 - <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/2025%20Five-Year%20Review%20Report.pdf>

Long Term Monitoring Reports (Main Post, SHL, Airfield, South Post)

- Final 2024 Annual Reports submitted in August 2025



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Proposed Plan Process

- Proposed Plan Development (Army + Agencies)
- Public Notice and Comment Period (Public)
- Public Meeting (Public + Army + Agencies)
- Responsiveness Summary (Army + Agencies)
- Record of Decision (ROD)





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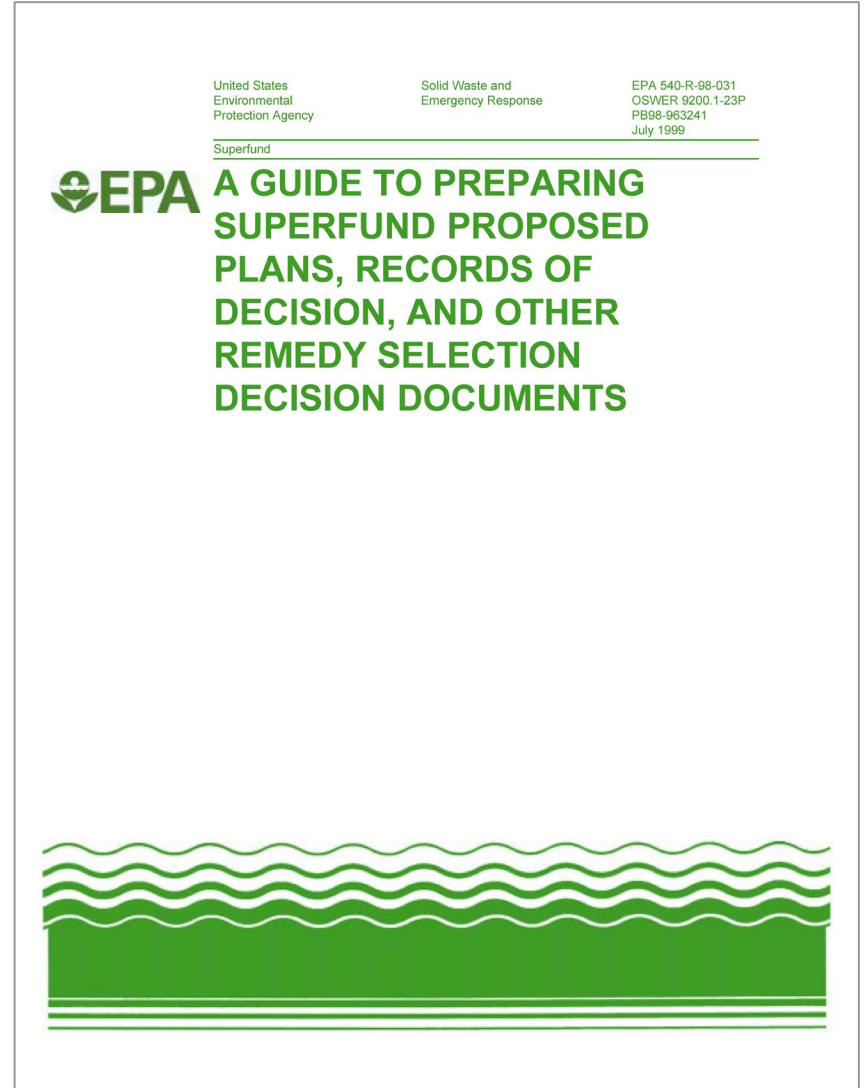
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What is a Proposed Plan?

- Public document that outlines the preferred approach to cleaning up a contaminated site
- Developed to support the remedy selection (RODs and ROD amendments)
 - Proposed Plan for SHL will support a ROD amendment
- Includes information about:
 - The site's history and contamination
 - The potential risks to human health and the environment
 - The proposed cleanup methods and technologies
 - An evaluation of the cleanup alternatives considered
 - The rationale for selecting the preferred cleanup approach
- See [40 CFR 300.430\(f\)\(2\)](#) for more detail



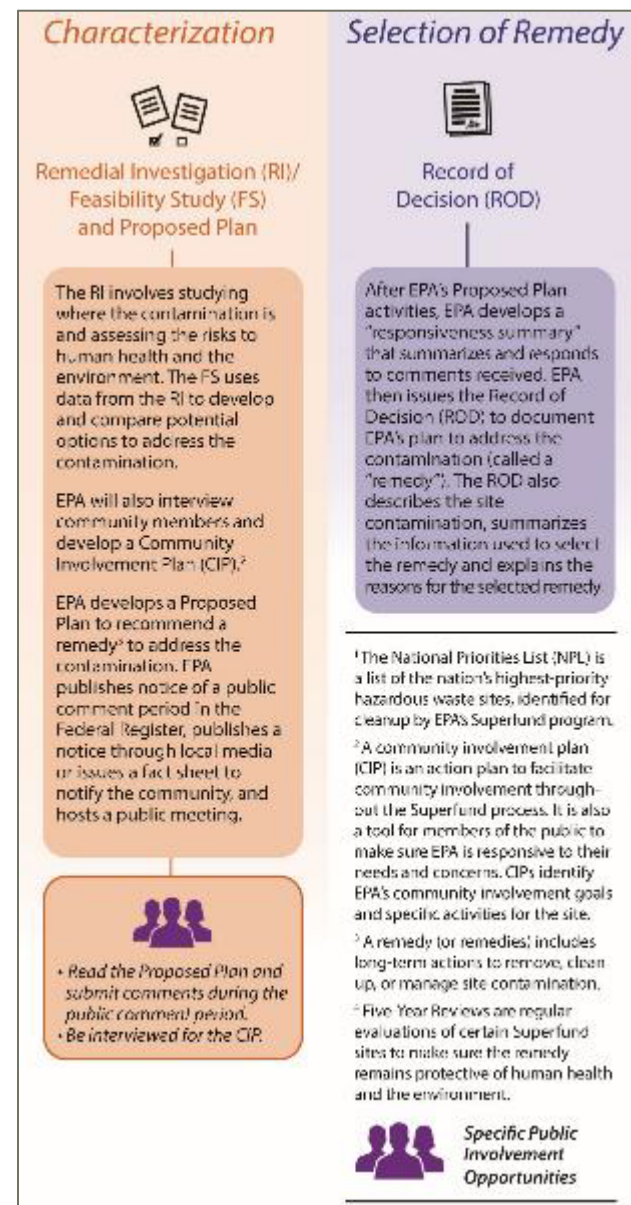


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Public Notice and Comment Period

- Public notice of plan availability
- 30-day review period and written comment submission
 - Public may request a 30-day extension
- Notice will be published in the paper of record
- Electronic copy of the Proposed Plan will be available on the Former Fort Devens Environmental Cleanup Website - <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/projects-topics/former-fort-devens-environmental-cleanup/>
- Hard copy of the Proposed Plan will be available at the Ayer Library





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Public Meeting

- Public meeting to discuss the Proposed Plan and solicit/answer questions from the community
- Formal opportunity to provide verbal comments for the record
- Proposed venues
 - Ayer Town Hall Great Hall
 - MassDevelopment Conference Room
 - Hilton Garden Inn/Spring Hill Suites Conference Rooms
- Meeting format – Presentation with time for questions
 - Written questions/comments can also be submitted at the meeting

Meeting Advertising



Towns and Libraries



Local Newspapers



Social Media



RAB meetings



Email Distribution List



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This presentation is being given by Skeo on behalf of EPA as information to the RAB members. The presentation provides details on EPA's Technical Assistance Services for Communities program and how it differs from a Technical Assistance Grant.



INTRODUCTION TO EPA'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR COMMUNITIES (TASC) PROGRAM

EPA'S TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR COMMUNITIES (TASC) PROGRAM

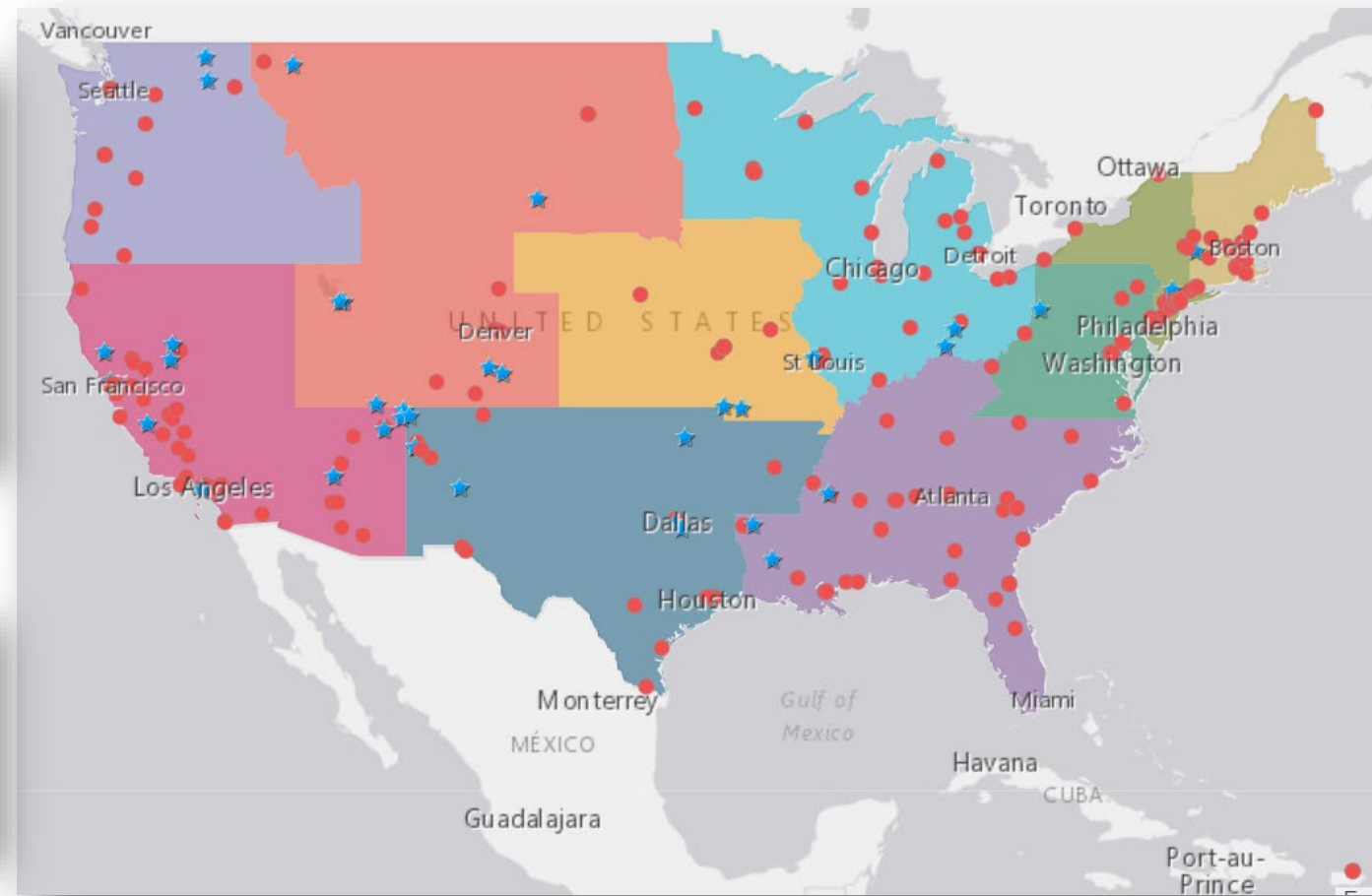
Program's Goal: Help communities understand complex environmental issues and ensure meaningful community involvement in environmental decision-making.



TASC does this by:

- Providing access to scientists, engineers and other professionals to review and explain information to communities
- Developing a range of informational materials to help communities understand complex environmental information

TASC provides ***independent, non-advocacy*** technical assistance.



The TASC program has supported more than 250 projects across the country since 2008.

WHAT TYPES OF SERVICES DOES TASC PROVIDE?

- **Reviews and explanations** of site technical documents and information
- **Summaries** of technical documents with comments
- **Technical advisor** services during community meetings
- Assistance understanding the environmental **decision-making process**
- Community **trainings, workshops and webinars**
- **Educational presentations**
- **Outreach and educational materials** for communities
- **Technical assistance needs assessments (TANAs)**
- Language **translations and interpretation**





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Community Involvement

**Technical Assistance for
Communities**

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Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) Program

On this page:

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Related Pages

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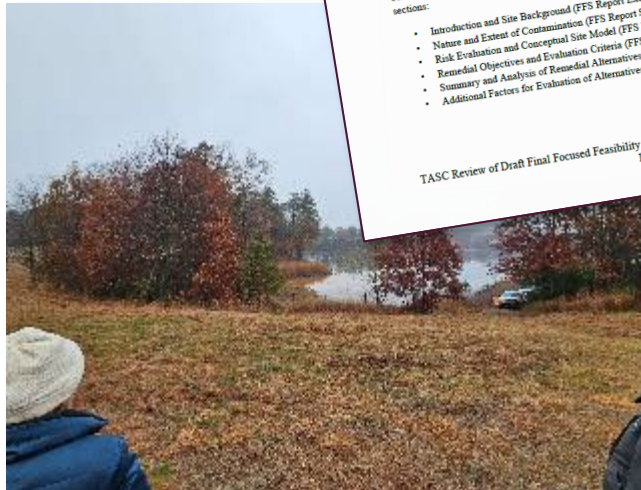
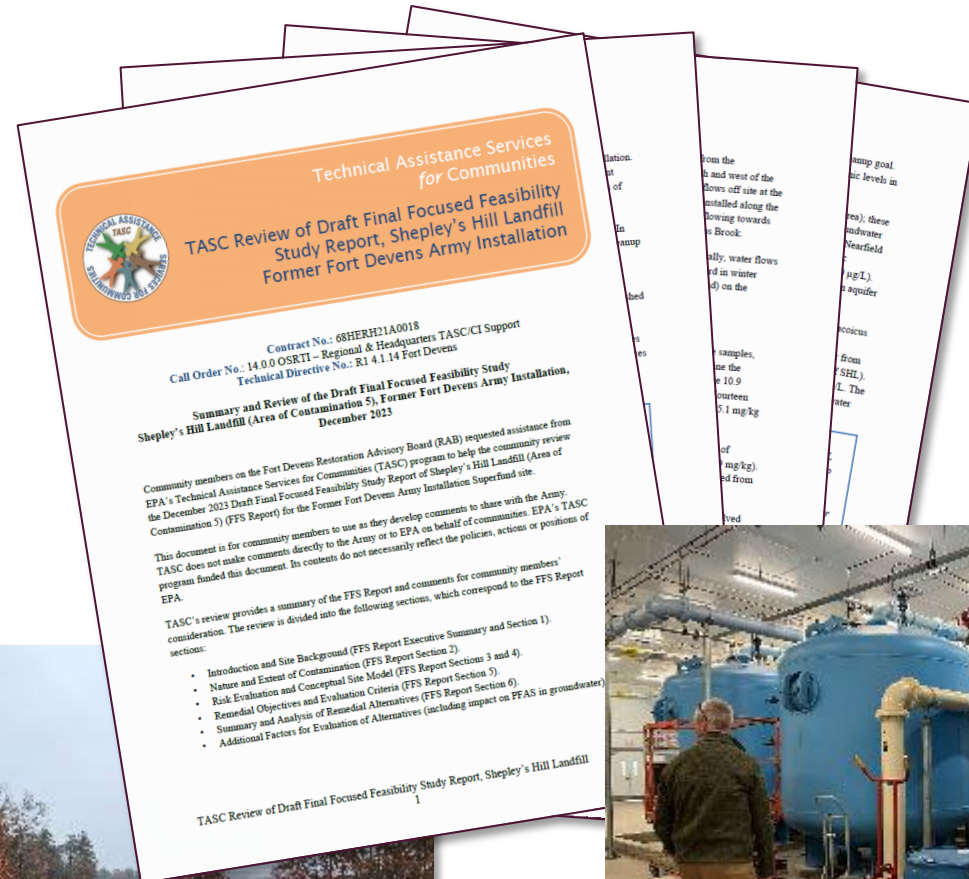
Overview

The national Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) program provides independent assistance through an EPA contract to help communities better understand the science, regulations and policies of environmental issues and EPA actions. Under the TASC contract, a contractor provides scientists, engineers and other professionals to review and explain information to communities. The services are determined on a project-specific basis and provided at no cost to communities. This assistance supports community efforts to get more involved and work productively with EPA to address environmental issues.

www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-services-communities-tasc-program

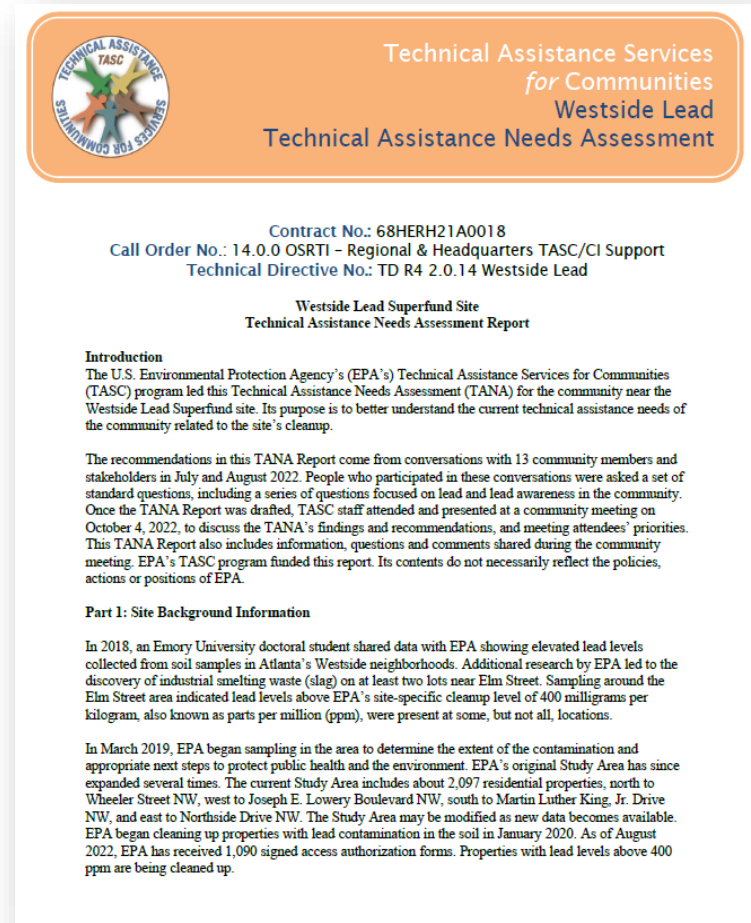
WHAT TASC SUPPORT HAS BEEN PROVIDED AT DEVENS SO FAR?

- Reviewed background documents
- Site tours and RAB meetings: Nov. 2023, May 2024
- Reviewed and provided comments on Shepley's Hill Landfill Focused Feasibility Study Report
- Attending RAB meetings to stay up to speed



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDS ASSESSMENTS

- Process to determine a community's technical assistance needs
- Conducted by EPA site team and/or Skeo
- Discussions with community members
- Produces a “road map” with a prioritized list of technical needs, and recommendations for ways to meet those needs
- Conducted at same time as Community Involvement Plan (CIP) or separately



PROVIDING TECHNICAL ADVISORS

- Technical advisors experienced with Superfund and other EPA cleanup programs
- Can attend community meetings
- Can review site documents and provide feedback in format requested by community
 - Fact sheet
 - Summary and technical comments
 - PowerPoint presentation
 - Discussion at meeting
 - Virtual office hours
 - Other formats?

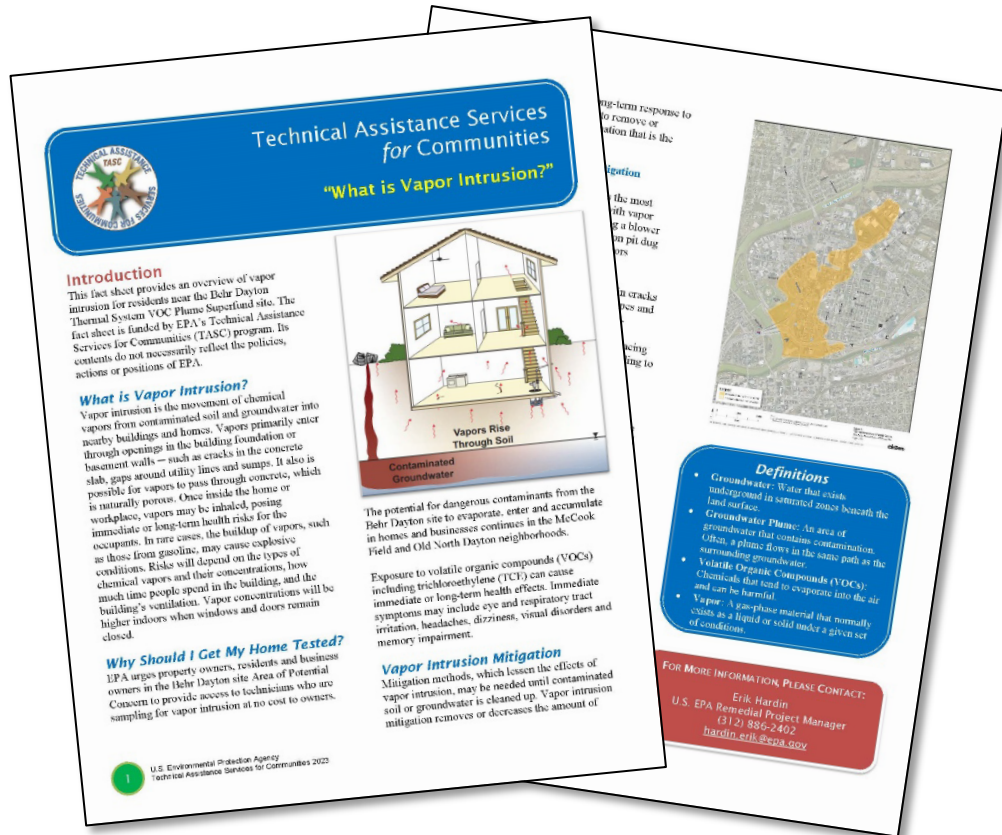


AREAS OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

- Superfund cleanup process (removal and remedial)
- Risk assessment (human health and ecological)
- Contaminant fate and transport
- Various media: groundwater, soil, surface water, sediment, etc.
- Vapor intrusion
- Hydrogeology
- Geotechnical
- Any area of expertise needed by community
- Most importantly: communicating with the community

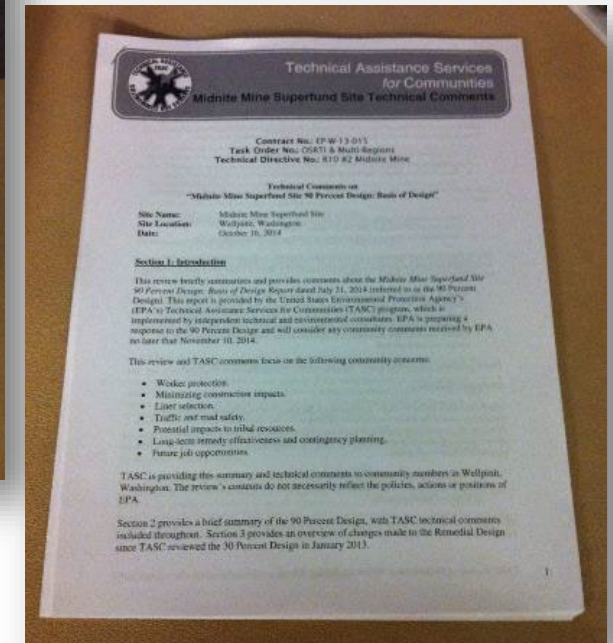


DOCUMENT REVIEWS AND FACT SHEETS

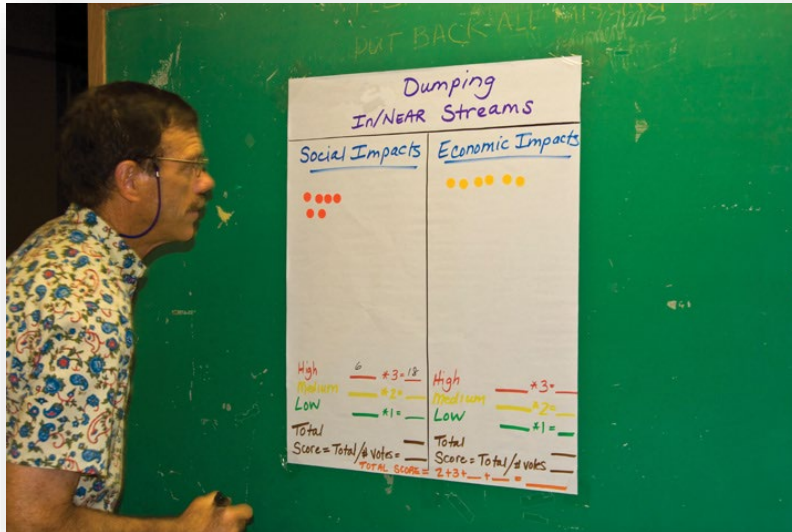


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COMMUNITY TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS



DEVELOPING OUTREACH MATERIALS

Many of the chemicals found in your home can harm your health if you breathe them or accidentally eat or drink them. They can also harm the environment or pollute drinking water if they are not thrown away correctly.

Word Search

Labels: Organic Compounds (called VOCs) are usually because they move easily into the air we breathe. VOCs can also move quietly into our water. Search up, down, forward, backward and on the diagonal to find the VOCs hidden below. Cross off the VOCs once you find them to keep them from polluting the air and water.

Word Search

L E T C O R M Z X B O D T S N O V
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 I A B V M U Z J S Y A K U V Y
 L A S K M A S A R R O V A U O R
 O W E R H T S T P E X M R E D
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VOCs are more likely that you
 can drop on the collection days

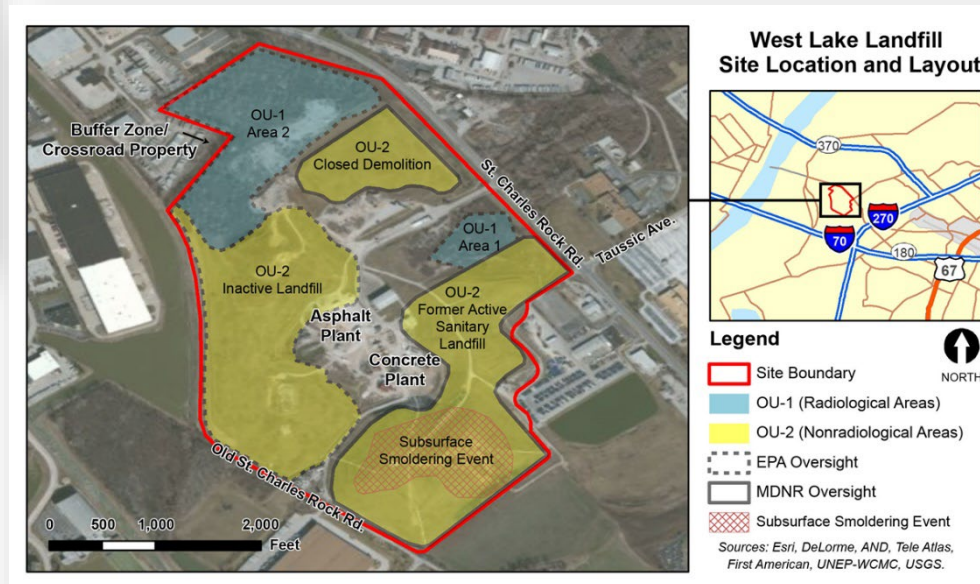
• Automobile fluids and lubricants
 • Acetone
 • Household cleaners
 • Paints
 • Antifreeze



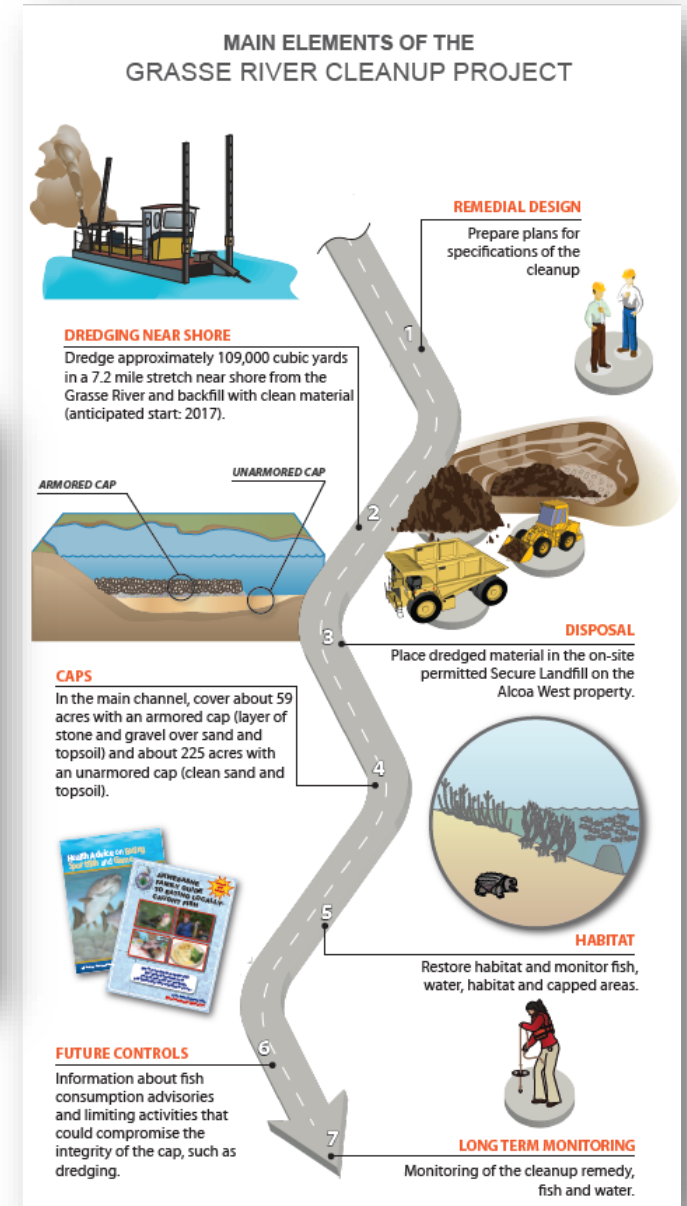
Once you find the words, use your pointer to sign how many of them in your house this can be replaced. If you put your pointer on each of them, many chemicals and lubricants are on special collection days once you

For a calendar of upcoming waste collection events, check out the links on the right side of the page.

Children's activity booklets



Maps



Posters

MORE OUTREACH MATERIALS



Infographics

TOASTMASTER-MACON SITE: CLEANUP NEWS

Community Newsletter Fall 2019

EPA Open House for the Toastmaster-Macon Superfund Site

Tuesday, October 22 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Macon Library
210 N Rutherford St.

Wednesday, October 23 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Department of Natural Resources
1709 Prospect Dr.

Inside

- Toastmaster-Macon Superfund site overview
- CIP and TANA overview
- What's next?
- Getting involved

In 2018, EPA conducted interviews with community members to help inform the Toastmaster-Macon Superfund site's Community Involvement Plan (CIP) and Technical Assistance Needs Assessment (TANA). EPA is hosting two open house/focus groups to provide the documents to the community for review and gather feedback on key community concerns and recommendations for technical assistance. EPA will also provide an update on the site's cleanup progress. Join us to learn more about how you can be involved!

What is Superfund?
Superfund is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's program for cleaning up some of America's most contaminated land and responding to environmental emergencies, oil spills and natural disasters.

The former Toastmaster facility.

Newsletters

DANGER ABANDONED URANIUM MINE KEEP OUT

Ba'ha'dzid - Doo Ko'ne'na'adaa'da

NO AT MINES

Contact Navajo Superfund Program for information at 1-800-314-1846 or USEPA at 1-800-231-3075

Beware!
Some mines may have signs like the one above. Uranium mines are dangerous to play in or around. Dust, dirt and water from these areas have uranium and radiation, which can make you sick. If you see a sign like this, you should keep out.

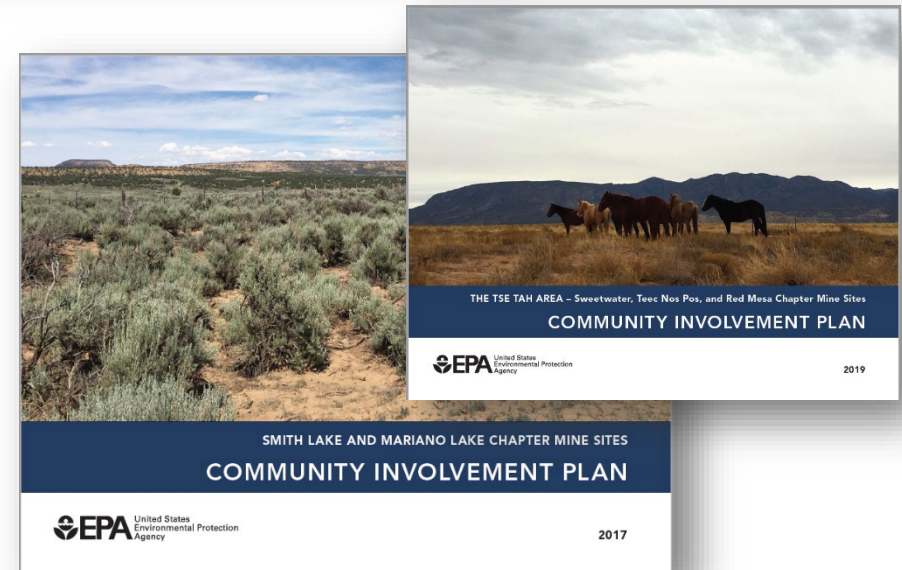
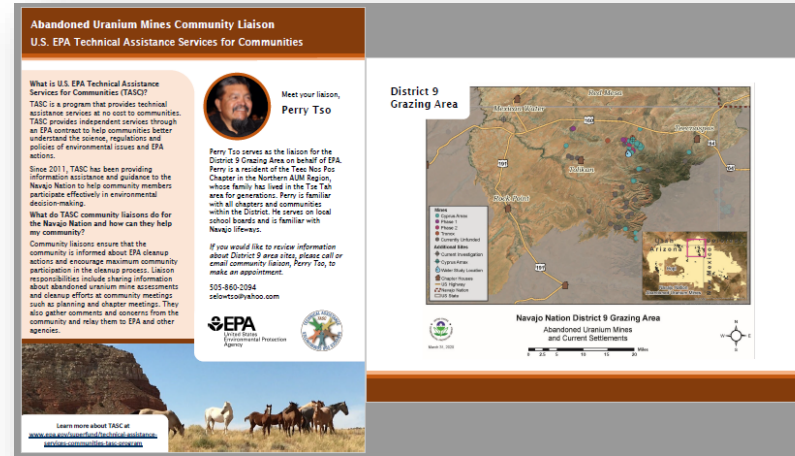
What's the Challenge?

1. If you were a bird flying over the Northeast Church Rock Mine site, the map at the top of the page is what you would see. The map is oriented to the north (N). Locate the arrow in the lower right hand corner of the map and circle it. Rotate the entire map so the arrow is pointing North. 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Educational material

OTHER TASC SERVICES

- Community liaisons
- Document translation
- Simultaneous interpretation
- Community involvement plans (CIPs)



OVERVIEW OF HOW TASC WORKS



- Cost to community: \$0
- How does a community get TASC support?
 1. Community contacts EPA site team about needs
 2. EPA site team contacts EPA headquarters to determine if support can be provided
 3. If approved, Skeo assembles a team to provide support to community

HOW IS TASC DIFFERENT FROM A TAG?

TASC

- Goal is to reach as many community members as possible
- Cost to community: \$0
- TASC contractor selects appropriate technical advisor(s)
- Admin tasks handled by EPA and contractor

Technical Assistance Grant

- Grant goes to a specific group
- Group must contribute matching share
- Group hires their own technical advisor
- Group handles admin tasks

FOR MORE INFORMATION

EPA TASC webpage: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-services-communities-tasc-program>

EPA TASC contacts

- EPA Regional TASC Coordinators: <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/technical-assistance-services-communities-tasc-program#regional>
- EPA Headquarters: Paige Gibbons, gibbons.paige@epa.gov

Skeo contacts

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4 | COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & RAB UPDATE

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Next fact sheet is underway, focused on the upcoming pilot studies at Moore Airfield



Project documents continued to be uploaded to project website. Project website link below



The next quarterly RAB meeting will be February 12, 2026
(virtual)

The Community Involvement Plan (CIP) and other information is available on the Fort Devens Environmental Cleanup website at:

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/missions/projects-topics/former-fort-devens-environmental-cleanup/>

Digital Administrative Record (AR) link is now live, and documents are being uploaded. Initial documents are available at:

<https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects-Topics/Former-Fort-Devens-Environmental-Cleanup/Administrative-Record/>



4 | QUESTIONS & ANSWERS





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THANK YOU!
YOUR PARTICIPATION IS APPRECIATED!

NEXT RAB MEETING IS:
FEBRUARY 12, 2026 @ 6:30pm
(Second Thursday of the month)

Please email us at FormerFortDevensRAB@arcadis.com if you would like to be included in our RAB mailing list and receive RAB meeting invitations and information.