

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING

Former Fort Devens Army Installation
February 13, 2025



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Thank you for joining us tonight.

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Tonight's topics

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**Devens Reserve
Forces Training
Area Q&A**

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**Five-Year
Review**

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**Project
Updates**

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**Community
Involvement
& RAB Update**

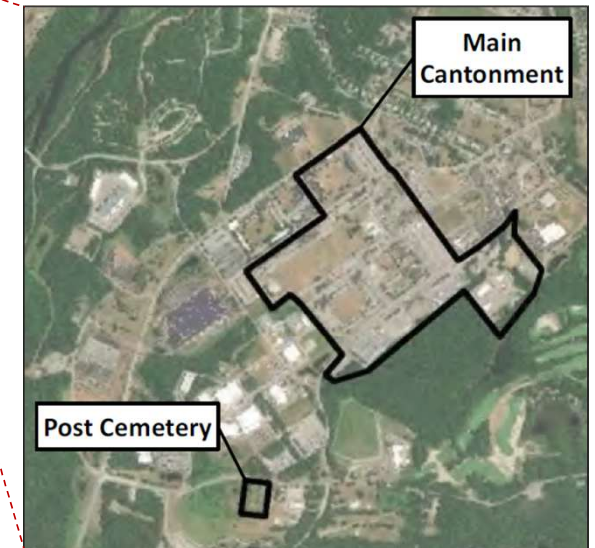
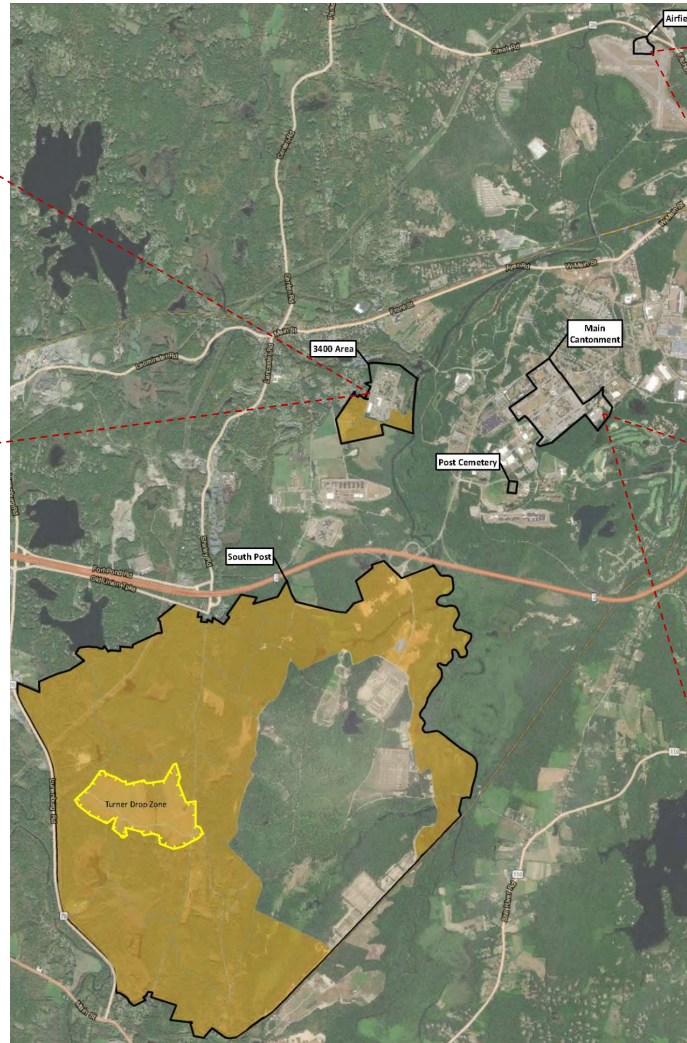
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**Questions
& Answers**



1 | DEVENS RESERVE FORCES TRAINING AREA Q&A

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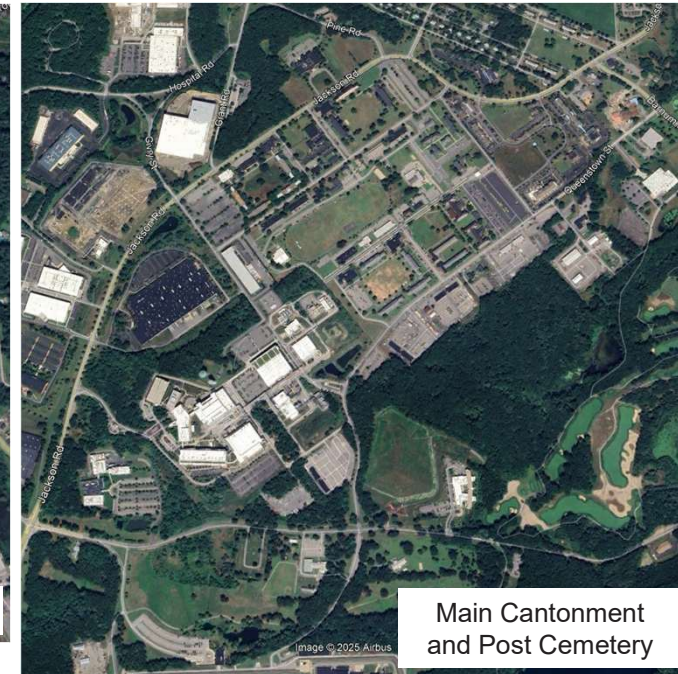
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1 | DEVENS RESERVE FORCES TRAINING AREA Q&A

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2 | FIVE-YEAR REVIEW



What is the Five-Year Review?

- Required by EPA under CERCLA when contaminants remain on site above levels that permit unlimited use and unrestricted exposure
- Purpose of Five-Year Review is to determine if remedy is and will remain protective
- Examines the answers to three questions
 1. Is the remedy functioning as intended based on the decision documents?
 2. Are the exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and remedial action objectives used at the time of the remedy selection still valid?
 3. Has any other information come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy?
- Six Main Components
 1. Community involvement and notification
 2. Document review
 3. Data review and analysis
 4. Site inspection
 5. Interviews
 6. Protectiveness determination



2 | FIVE-YEAR REVIEW



Former Fort Devens Five-Year Review

- Five-Year Reviews have been conducted every five years since 2000. The last Five-Year Review was conducted in 2020.
- Past Five-Year Reviews can be found in the digital Administrative Record under Section 7.09 LTM - <https://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects-Topics/Former-Fort-Devens-Environmental-Cleanup/Administrative-Record/>
- Operable Units (OUs) included in the Army 2025 Five Year Review:
 - OU1 - Shepley's Hill Landfill (AOC 5)
 - OU2 - Devens Consolidation Landfill (AOC 9/AOC 40/SA 13)
 - OU3 - South Post Impact Area
 - OU4 - Barnum Road Maintenance Yards (AOC44/52)
 - OU5 - Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office Yard (AOC 32/43A)
 - OU6 - Historic Gas Station (43G)
 - OU7 - Former Fort Devens Elementary School Spill Site (AOC69W)
 - OU8 - Former Moore Army Airfield (AOC 50)
 - OU9 - Building 3713 Fuel Oil Spill Site (AOC 57)
 - OU11 - Former Railroad Roundhouse
 - OU12 - Former Grant Housing Area and 37-mm Impact Area
 - OU13 - Former Oak and Maple Housing Areas
 - OU14 - Base-wide PFAS



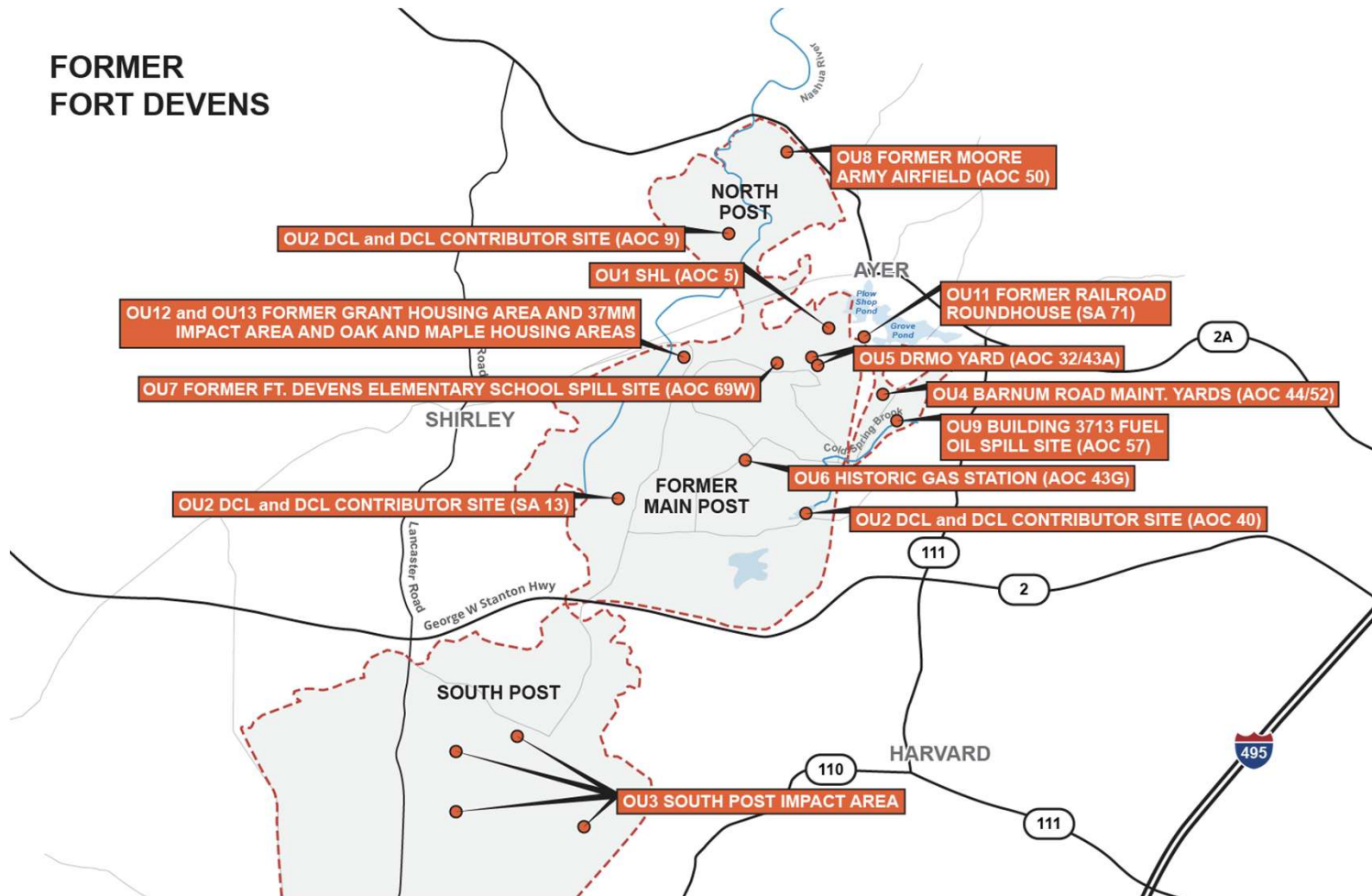
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Schedule

- Public notices published in Nashoba Valley Voice and Harvard Press on January 17, 2025
 - Public notices also shared with local towns, libraries, and other organizations to post on websites/social media pages
- Draft submittal to Agencies on March 28, 2025
- Draft Final submittal to Agencies August 10, 2025
- Final submittal to Agencies September 25, 2025

Community Interviews

- Conducted to gain insight on the cleanup efforts from the community's perspective
- Included as part of the final report
- To participate in the community interviews, please contact:
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Former Fort Devens Army Installation Five Year Review General Public Questionnaire

1. What is your overall impression of the environmental cleanup at the Former Fort Devens Army Installation (Devens)?
2. What effects has cleanup at Devens had on the surrounding community?
3. Are you aware of any community concerns regarding the site or its operation and administration? If so, please provide details.
4. Are you aware of any events, incidents, or activities at the site such as vandalism, trespassing, or emergency responses from local authorities? If so, please provide details.
5. Are you familiar with the various processes that Devens is utilizing to contain the contamination on site?
6. Do you feel comfortable in the process that Devens is utilizing to keep the contaminants from migrating off site?
7. Do you feel informed about the site's activities and progress?
8. Do you have any other comments, suggestions or recommendations regarding the work conducted at Devens?



3 | PROJECT UPDATES

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Open House – November 21, 2024

- 50+ people in attendance
- 10 poster stations covering Fort Devens history, PFAS investigation updates, Shepley's Hill Landfill, and more.
- Presenters:
 - Army, USACE, EPA, MassDEP, MassDevelopment, Arcadis, Nashua River Watershed Association (NRWA), People of Ayer Concerned about the Environment (PACE), Town of Ayer Water Department
- Thank you to all our presenters and attendees!



Poster stations and refreshments set up in the Great Hall at Ayer Town Hall



USACE, EPA, and MassDEP, honoring Laurie Nehring for years of service to the RAB

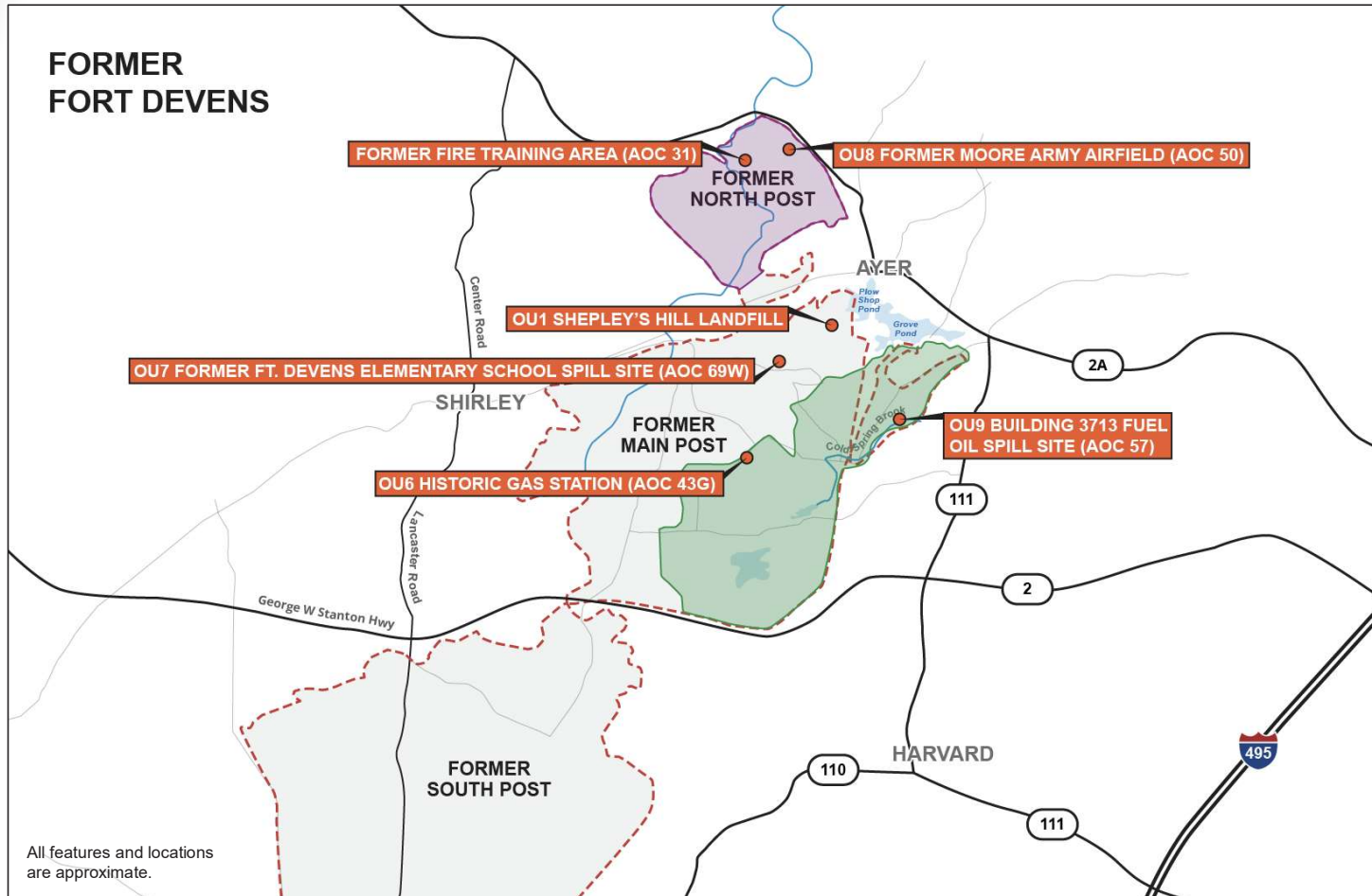


Steve Perry welcomes attendees and introduces presenters



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

- Draft Supplemental RI Reports submitted to EPA and MassDEP in December 2024 (69W & 43G) and January 2025 (57)

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

- Soil stabilization field pilot study work plan in Army review, to be submitted to Agencies in March 2025
 - Laboratory treatability testing report is an appendix to the work plan
- In-situ groundwater field pilot study work plan in Army review, to be submitted to Agencies in March 2025

Shepley's Hill Landfill (SHL)

- Groundwater extraction system operation and maintenance:
 - Third extraction well operation and evaluation ongoing
- Barrier wall evaluation draft report submitted to Agencies in December 2024
- Proposed plan for groundwater remedy in Army review, to be submitted to Agencies in March 2025
 - Final proposed plan and public meeting summer/fall 2025



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Nashua River Underwater Geophysical Investigation Report

- Army addressing agency comments on draft received January 2025

Area 1 Phase 2 PFAS RI

- Soil boring, Vertical Aquifer Profiling, and bedrock well drilling complete
- Groundwater sampling to be conducted in spring and fall 2025

Area 3 Phase 2 PFAS RI

- Area 3 Phase 2 PFAS RI work plan in Army review, to be submitted to Agencies in April 2025
- Field work anticipated to start fall/winter 2025



4 | COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & RAB UPDATE

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Increased RAB public outreach efforts to raise awareness of meetings and activities



Community update [fact sheet](#) distributed January 2025



Digital AR continues to be populated with project documents; website updates are in progress



The next quarterly RAB meeting will be May 8, 2025 **(hybrid)**

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/>

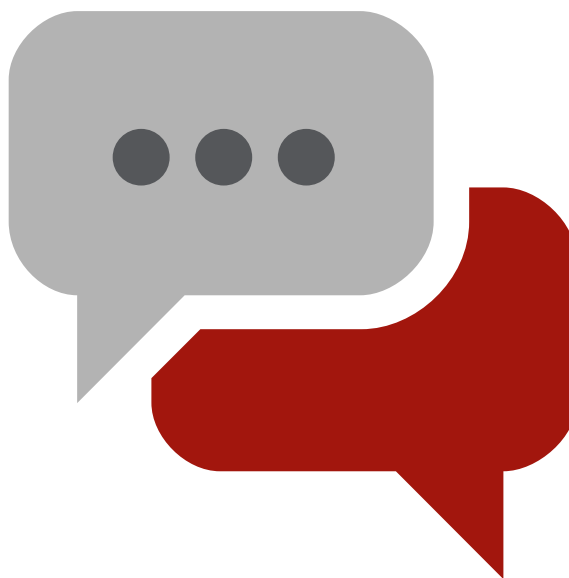
Digital Administrative Record (AR) link is now live, and documents are being uploaded. Initial documents are available at:

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



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THANK YOU!
YOUR PARTICIPATION IS APPRECIATED!

NEXT RAB MEETING IS:
MAY 8, 2025

(Second Thursday of the month)