

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB) MEETING

Former Fort Devens Army Installation
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Thank you for joining us tonight.

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Tonight's topics

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**Project
Updates**

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**Five-Year Review
Update**

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**Community
Involvement
& RAB Update**

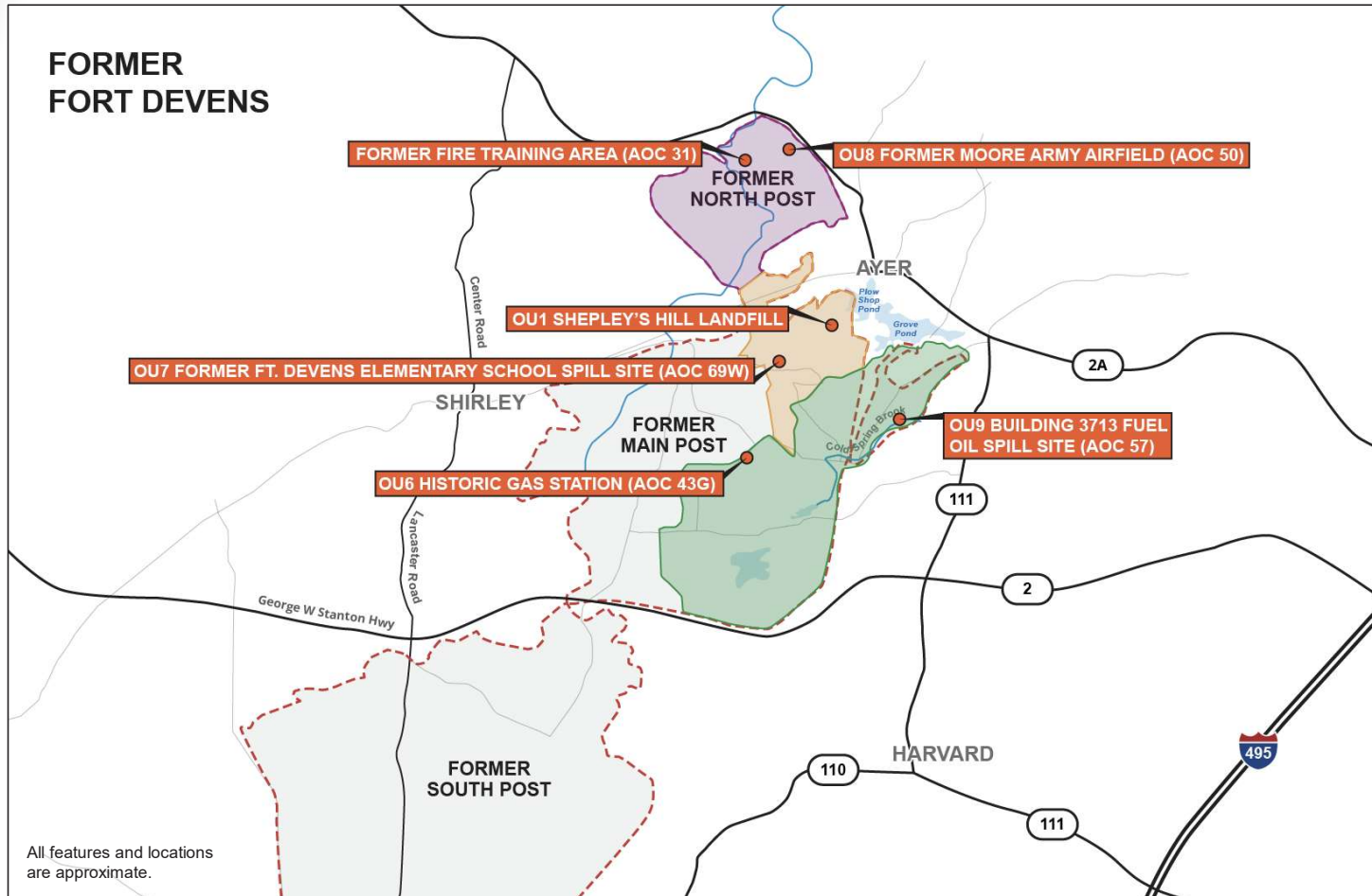
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**Questions
& Answers**



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1 | PROJECT UPDATES



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

- EPA and MassDEP comments on Supplemental RI Reports received.
- Army preparing responses to comments

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

- Soil stabilization field pilot study work plan to be submitted to Agencies in May 2025
 - Laboratory treatability testing report is an appendix to the work plan
- In-situ groundwater field pilot study work plan submitted to Agencies in March 2025
- Field work anticipated for fall/winter 2025/2026
- ESTCP demonstration project (jet grouting) currently planned for summer 2025

Shepley's Hill Landfill (SHL)

- Groundwater extraction system operation and maintenance:
 - Third extraction well evaluation complete
 - Well remains in operation
 - Draft summary report being prepared by Army



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SHL (continued)

- Final barrier wall evaluation draft report submitted to Agencies in April 2025
- Proposed plan for groundwater remedy submitted to Agencies in April 2025
 - Final proposed plan and public meeting late fall/winter 2025/2026

Nashua River Underwater Geophysical Investigation Report

- Final Report submitted in April 2025

Area 1 Phase 2 PFAS RI

- Soil boring, Vertical Aquifer Profiling, and bedrock well drilling complete
- First groundwater sampling event conducted in March 2025
- Second groundwater sampling event to be conducted in June 2025
- Validated results expected fall 2025
- Draft Phase 2 Remedial Investigation Report submission to Agencies planned in 2026

Area 3 Phase 2 PFAS RI

- Area 3 Phase 2 PFAS RI work plan to be submitted to Agencies in May 2025
- Field work anticipated to start fall/winter 2025/2026



2 | FIVE-YEAR REVIEW UPDATE



What is the Five-Year Review?

- Required by 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

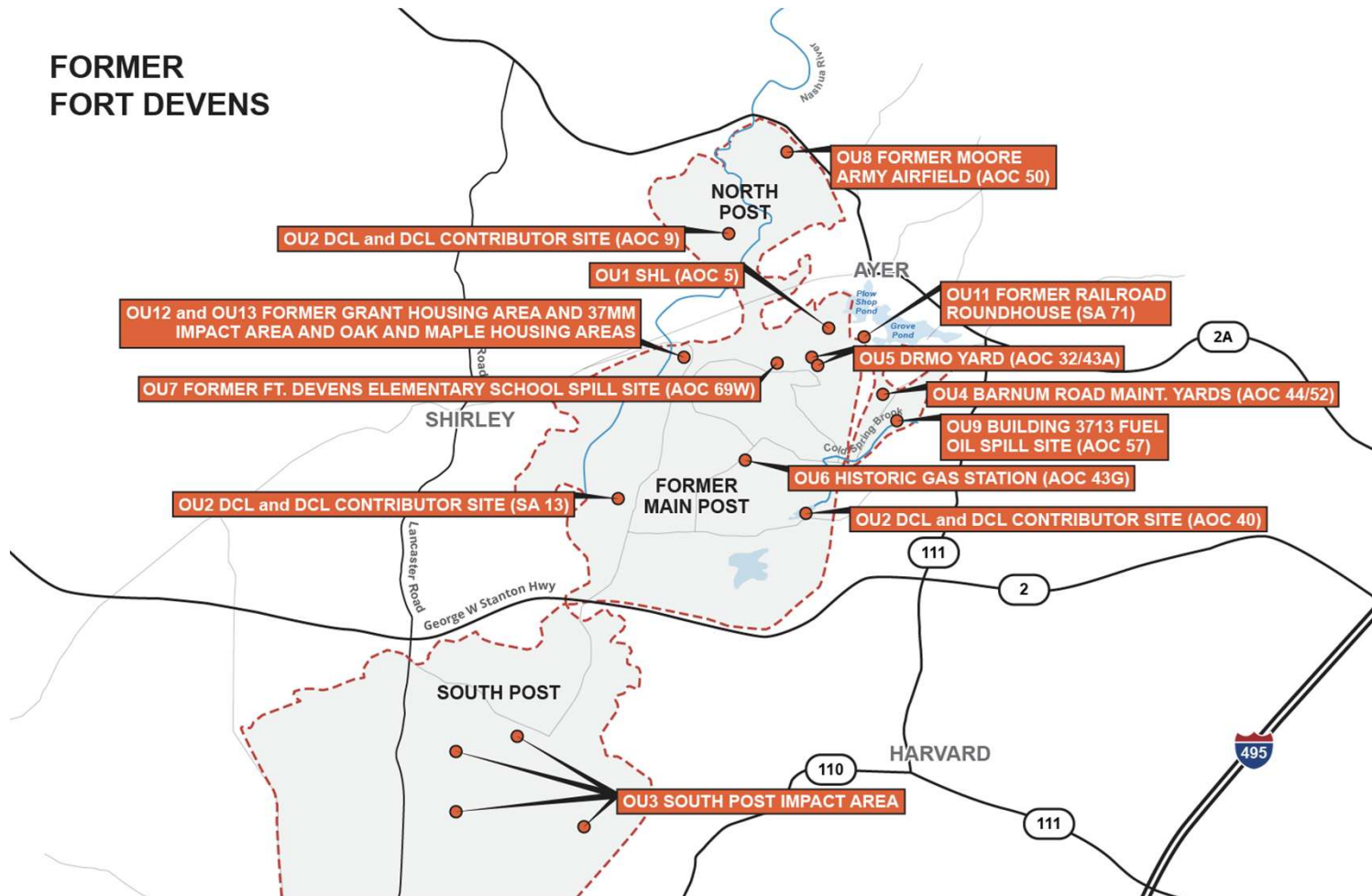


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Last Call for Community Interviews!

- To participate in the community interviews, please contact:
Penelope Reddy
978-318-8160
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- Responses due by June 2, 2025

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 submitted to Agencies on April 4, 2025
- Draft Final submittal to Agencies August 10, 2025
- Final submittal to Agencies September 25, 2025

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?



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



Community update [fact sheet](#) distributed January 2025; Next fact sheet anticipated for July 2025



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



The next quarterly RAB meeting will be August 14, 2025 **(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/>



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THANK YOU!
YOUR PARTICIPATION IS APPRECIATED!

NEXT RAB MEETING IS:
AUGUST 14, 2025 @ 6:30pm
(Second Thursday of the month)

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