



# Agenda



- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)
   Investigation and Sampling Updates
  - ► Community Involvement Plan (CIP)
  - ► Sampling results for private drinking water wells and community/non-community systems
  - ▶ Sampling results for municipal water supply wells
  - ► Municipal water supply well treatment
  - ► Remedial Investigation (RI)
- 2020 Five-Year Review







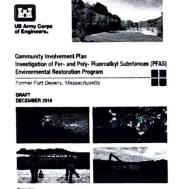
# Community Involvement Plan



- Describes the Army's community outreach program regarding the ongoing environmental investigations at Fort Devens
- Draft CIP was submitted for review on Dec 19 to 100 people
  - Available online (ftdevens.org)
- Schedule
  - ▶ 45-day review period until early **February**
  - ▶ Draft Final CIP planned for early May



Final CIP planned for mid-June







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#### Sampling Update for Community/ Non-Community Systems and Private Wells



- Army conducting sampling since 2018
- Regulatory benchmarks
  - ▶ 2016 EPA Lifetime Health Advisory (LHA) guidance value for drinking water
    - 70 ppt (sum of PFOS, PFOA)
  - ▶ 2018 MassDEP Office of Research and Standards Guideline (ORSG) guidance value for drinking water
    - 70 ppt (sum of PFOS, PFOA, PFHpA, PFHxS, PFNA)
  - ▶ Dec. 2019 MassDEP proposed maximum contaminant level (MCL) for drinking water
    - 20 ppt (sum of PFOS, PFOA, PFHpA, PFHxS, PFNA, PFDA)
  - ▶ Dec. 2019 MassDEP GW-1 standard for groundwater
    - 20 ppt (sum of PFOS, PFOA, PFHpA, PFHxS, PFNA, PFDA)



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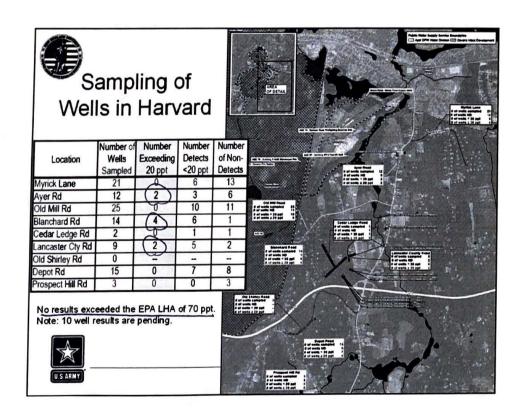


- 2018 (summer) Sampled 21 wells in Shirley & Harvard
  - ► PFAS detected in some wells, but below EPA's LHA of 70 ppt and Mass ORSG of 70 ppt
  - ▶ Source of PFAS in the wells is uncertain based on hydrogeology
- 2018-2020 Quarterly sampling of town water supply wells in Ayer and Devens
- 2019 (spring) Follow-up sampling of 3 locations in Harvard and sampling 1 location quarterly
- 2019 (fall) Sampling requested by Harvard Board of Health
  - ▶ Army contacted 196 well owners in Harvard
  - ▶ 101 wells were sampled between October 2019 and January 2020





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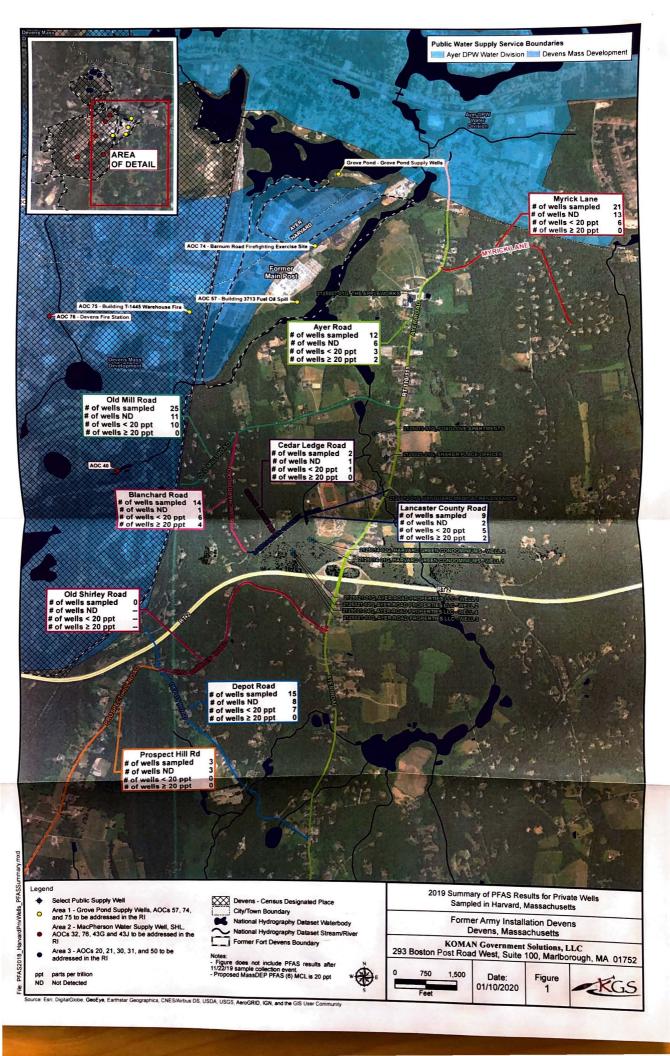
### Well Sampling Update for Community/ Non-Community Systems and Private Wells

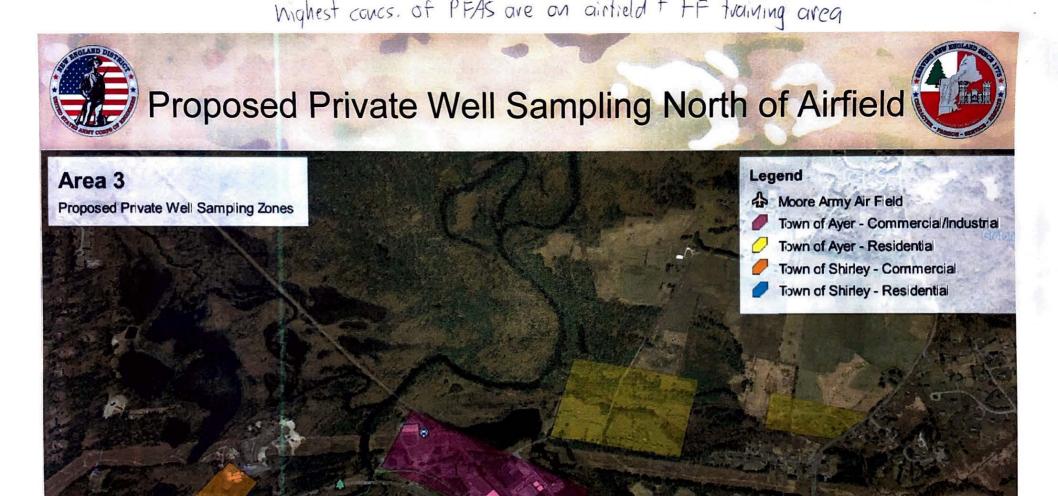


- Ongoing sampling in 2019-2020
  - ► Harvard private well sampling
  - ► Quarterly sampling of Ayer's town wells Wid-Feb 2020
  - ▶ PFAS Remedial Investigation (RI) to locate possible source areas and define nature and extent of PFAS contamination associated with the former Fort Devens
- Planned additional sampling in 2020
  - ► Sampling private wells north and west of the former Army airfield









majority of un-shaded areas are on municipal water



# Sampling of Municipal Water Supply Wells - Ayer Detections of PFAS, November 2019



	Grove Pond Wells (ppt)				Spectacle Pond Wells (ppt)		
	Well 6	Well 7	Well 8 (after treatment)	Finished Water (wells 6,7,8)	Well 1A	Well 2A	Finished Water (wells 1A, 2A)
	11/22/2019	11/22/2019	11/18/2019	11/22/2019	11/18/2019	11/18/2019	11/18/2019
NEtFOSAA	ND	1.13 J	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
PFBS	2.22	2.33	ND	1.15 J	1.79 J	1.66 J	1.77 J
PFHxA	16.7	50.9	ND	8.17	2.95	23.4 J	13.4
PFHpA~	10.6	43.7	ND	5.50	1.96	10.1 J	6.19
PFHxS -	6.19	13.7	ND	2.90	4.16	2.34 J	3.48
PFOS <i>₹</i>	3.71	17.5	ND	2.00	6.70 J	6.99 J	7.77 J
PFOA-	12.2	32.7	ND	6.28	7.24	10.0 J	8.91
PFNA-	0.632 J	1.42 J	ND	ND	0.509 J	0.996 J	0.816 J
EPA LHA (70)	15.9	50.2	ND	8.28	13.9	17.0	16.7
Mass ORSG (70)	33.3	109	ND	16.7	20.6	30.4	27.2
Proposed Mass MCL (20)	33.3	109	ND	16.7	20.6	30.4	27.2

Results show the detected PFAS out of 18 analytes tested:

Yellow shading shows concentrations above the EPA LHA (Lifetime Health Advisory) (PFOS, PFOA of 70 ppt) and/or Mass ORSG (Office of Research and Standards Guideline) for drinking water (PFOS, PFOA, PFHpA, PFNA, PFHxS of 70 ppt) and/or proposed Mass maximum contaminant level (MCL) for the sum of PFOS, PFOA, PFHpA, PFNA, PFHxS,

PFDA of 20 ppt. This was ND in these samples

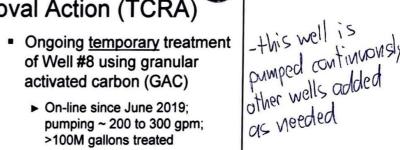
ND = non-detect, J = estimated value



# Update on Grove Pond Wellfield -Time Critical Removal Action (TCRA)







- ▶ On-line since June 2019; pumping ~ 200 to 300 gpm; >100M gallons treated
- ▶ Winterized in November 2019
- ▶ Well #8 raw water was 259 ppt for 5 OSRG PFAS compounds
- ▶ Treated Well #8 water is nondetect (ND) for PFAS compounds



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### Update on Grove Pond Wellfield -**Environmental Services Cooperative** Agreement (ESCA)

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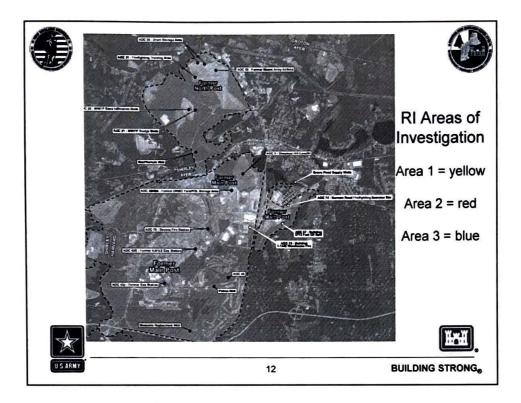
- Supported by federal ESCA grant ~ \$4.4M signed 5-Sep-2019
- Permanent upgrade to Grove Pond Water Treatment Plant -New Ion Exchange (IX) System
  - ▶ Installation of IX begun: Sept 2019
  - ► Anticipated completion: June 2020
  - ▶ Will treat up to 2M gallons per day



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-Env. Services Cooperative Agreement

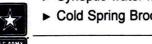




# Drilling and Sampling Activities



- Completed Oct 1 Dec 31, 2019
  - ▶ 9 Vertical profiles conducted
  - ▶ 6 Monitoring wells and 24 piezometers installed
  - ▶ 56 Soil borings conducted
  - ▶ 31 Monitoring wells sampled (existing)
  - ▶ 22 Surface water and sediment samples collected
- Planned in 2020
  - ► Vertical profiles (GW Grab Sampling)
  - ▶ Monitoring well and piezometer installation
  - ▶ Monitoring well sampling
  - ▶ Surface water and sediment sampling
  - ▶ Synoptic water level measurements
  - ► Cold Spring Brook investigation (including SW/Sed







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# **Surface Water and Sediment**

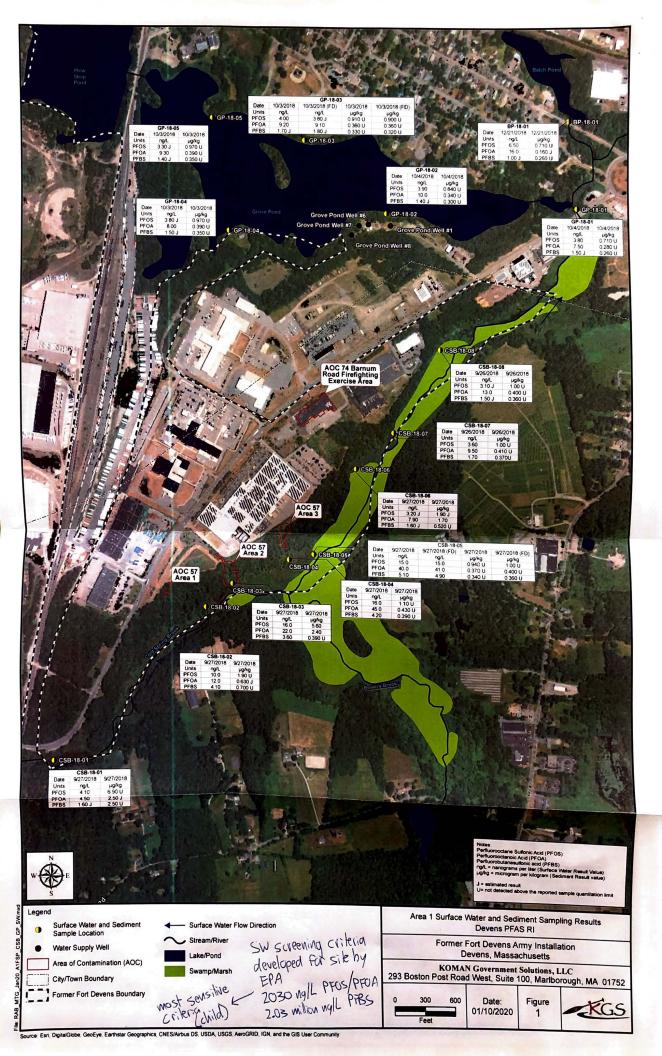


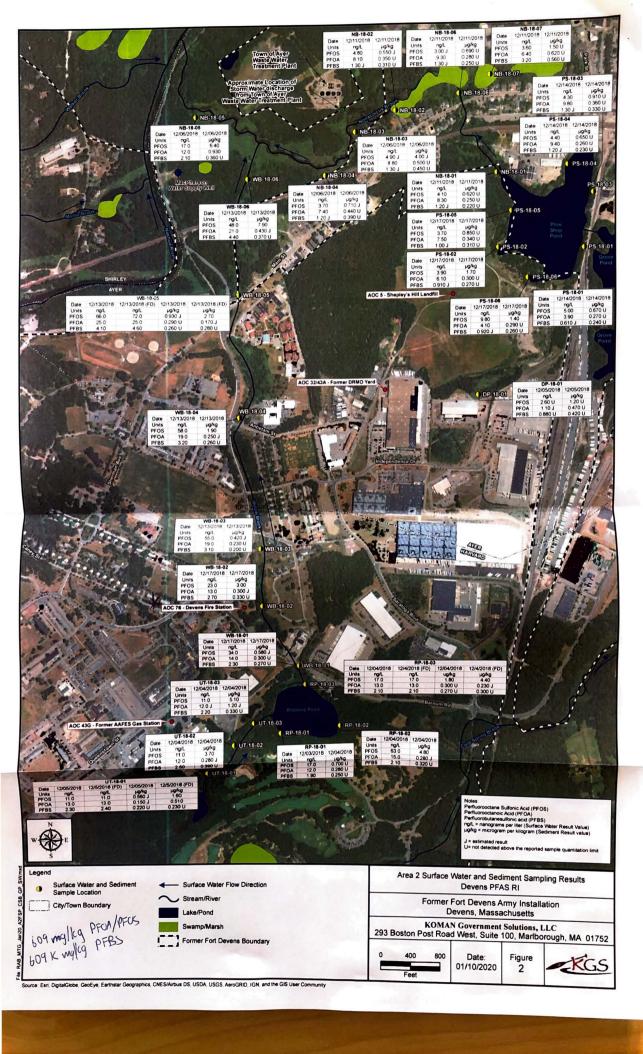
- Area 1 Cold Spring Brook, Grove Pond
- Area 2 Willow Brook, Plow Shop Pond, Robbins Pond, unnamed tributary, Nonacoicus Brook, Cold Spring Brook Pond, Mirror Lake
- Area 3 Nashua River, unnamed streams and wetlands
- Proposed background locations Nashua River, Walker Brook, Mulphus Brook, Bowers Brook, Squannacock River, Balch Pond, Flannagan Pond

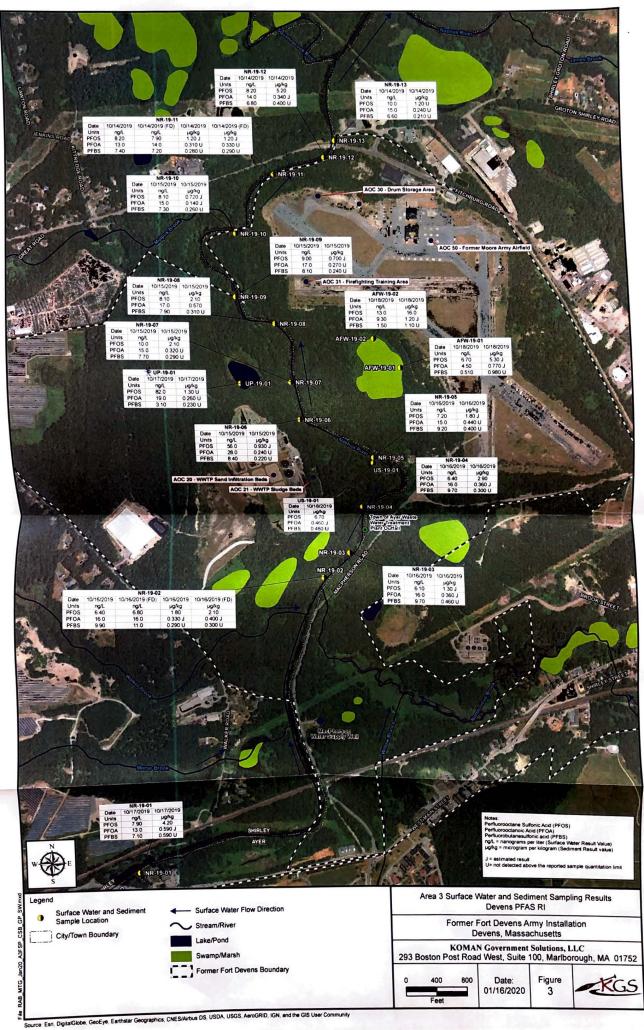




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determine ecological risk (fish fische sampling)
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will be compared to site-specific screening values









# Soil Sampling

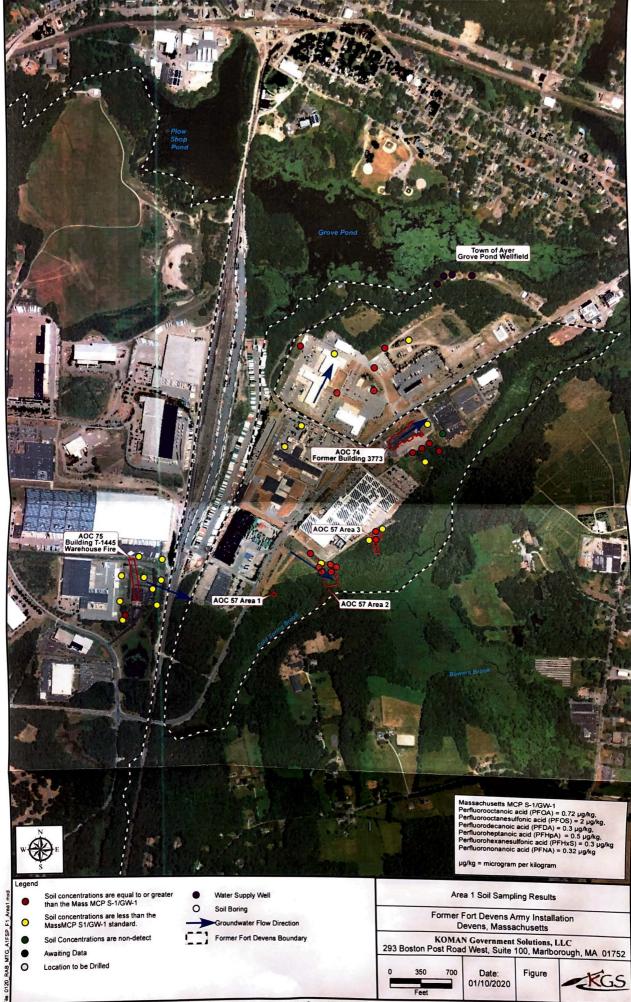


- Area 1
  - ► Area of Contamination (AOC) 57 Areas 2 and 3, AOC 74, AOC 75, Grove Pond Area
- Area 2
  - ► AOC 32, AOC 43G, AOC 76, Patton Well Area, AOC 40
- Area 3
  - ► AOC 20, AOC 21, AOC 30, AOC 31, AOC 50





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#### Fifth (2020) Devens Five-Year Review (FYR)



- Required by Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) for sites where hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants remain above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure (UU/UE); remedy includes restrictions on land/natural resource use
- Evaluates implementation/performance of selected remedy to determine if remedy is or will be protective of human health and the environment
- Triggered by the signature of the first ROD (with use restriction) (1995 SHL→2000 FYR) and no later than five years following signature date of the previous FYR Report
- If deficiencies are found, FYR Report includes recommendations to address those deficiencies





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#### **Five-Year Review Components**



- Site inspections
- Community notification/involvement
- Interviews (local officials, community action groups or associations, residents and businesses located near the site, and other pertinent organizations or individuals)
- Data review and analysis
- Document reviews
- Assessment of protectiveness
  - ▶ Are the remedies functioning as intended by the decision document? (i.e., ROD)
  - ► Are the exposure assumptions, toxicity data, cleanup levels, and RAOs used at the time of remedy selection still valid?
  - ▶ Is there any new information that may call into question the protectiveness of the remedy?







#### **Five-Year Review Locations**

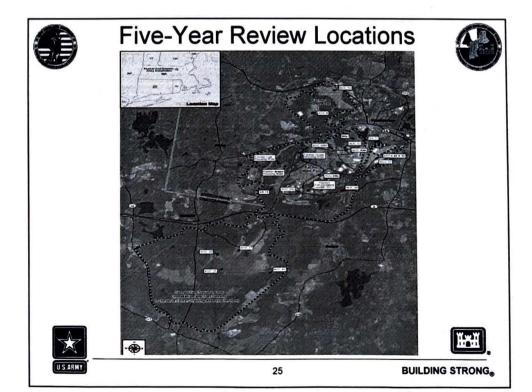


- Former Shepley's Hill Landfill (Areas of Contamination [AOCs] 4,5, and 18)
- Devens Consolidation Landfill and Contributor Sites (AOCs 9, 40, and SA 13)
- South Post Impact Area (AOCs 25, 26, 27, and 41)
- Former Barnum Road Vehicle Maintenance Yards (AOCs 44 and 52)
- Former DRMO Yards and Storage Area (AOCs 32 and 43A)
- Former Historic Gas Stations (AOCs 43G and 43J)
- Former Devens Elementary School Fuel Oil Spill (AOC 69W)
- Former Moore Army Airfield (AOC 50)
- Building 3713 Fuel Oil Spill Site (AOC 57)
- Former Devens Main Post Training Areas (former Grant, Oak, and Maple Housing Areas)
- Railroad Roundhouse (SA 71)





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#### Five-Year Review Schedule



- First Five-Year Review was triggered by signature of the ROD in 1995
- Previous Five-Year Reviews completed in 2000, 2005, 2010, and 2015
- Deadline for 5<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Review is September 2020
  - ▶ Site Interviews / Site Inspections Winter/Spring 2020
  - ▶ Draft to Stakeholders Late Spring 2020
  - ▶ Draft Final Summer 2020
  - ▶ Final to be signed in September 2020





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#### Have Questions or Interested in Being Interviewed?



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## **Next Steps**



- PFAS RI
  - ▶ Continue sampling efforts in Areas 1, 2, and 3
  - ► Compile and present current Area 1 data
- PFAS sampling/treatment
  - ▶ First Quarter 2020 (Feb) sampling of municipal water supply wells
  - Sampling of private wells north of airfield (Feb./March)
  - Continued operation of municipal treatment system at Ayer's Grove Pond Well #8
  - ► MassDevelopment continuing treatment at MacPherson and Patton water supply wells
- Community Involvement Plan
  - ▶ Receive comments by Feb. 3, then prepare Draft Final CIP
- Five-Year Review



▶ Draft planned for spring 2020



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# Former Fort Devens Army Installation Project Status Updates

Questions?



