



DEVENS FORWARD

Embracing the Past, Transforming the Future

CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCE PLAN

The Devens community promotes a balance between economic development, quality of life, and environmental awareness. Just as we did with base redevelopment, with the **DEVENS FORWARD** Climate Action and Resilience Plan we're taking a holistic approach as we consider climate change and how we plan for the future.

WHY DEVENS NEEDS A PLAN

With Devens Forward we will continue the foresight and leadership created over the years by developing the tools and systems to foster a more resilient community and minimize the impacts of climate change, which could threaten:



Business recruitment and retention



Jobs and economic growth



Food supplies



Public health and safety



Recreation opportunities and revenue



Natural systems

THE PLAN

DEVENS FORWARD WILL CONSIDER STRENGTHS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN SEVEN AREAS:



CLIMATE & ENERGY

How we take action to minimize our contribution to climate change by:

- Reducing the sources of greenhouse gas emissions by switching to renewable energy for our homes, businesses, and vehicles
- Promoting efficiency programs that reduce overall energy use and costs



PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

How we enhance the community's:

- Overall health and well-being
- Access to resources and support before and after extreme events or disasters
- Resilience to the impacts of natural hazards



NATURAL RESOURCES

How we preserve and enhance our:

- Parks, forests, rivers, streams, wetlands and natural habitats
- Air quality
- Street trees
- Drinking water



INFRASTRUCTURE

How we:

- Build and maintain our buildings, roads, water and wastewater systems, stormwater piping and drainage systems
- Reduce, reuse, recycle and dispose of material



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

How we offer the region:

- Quality jobs, workforce development, and educational opportunities for all
- A diverse economy that supports emerging industries, such as the creative enterprises, tourism, technology, and manufacturing.
- A showcase of sustainable business practices



HOUSING

How we:

- Provide a diverse range of accessible and affordable housing options
- Ensure all our residences are built and maintained to have a minimal impact on the environment



TRANSPORTATION & LAND USE

Includes how we are ensuring resilient community assets through:

- Our network of roads, trails, greenways, bike paths, bus routes and sidewalks that help us get around
- The guidance and policies for how we develop and redevelop our land





THE DEVENS COMMUNITY is well known for its military roots and as a world-class location for businesses, a growing residential community, and a leading destination for sports and recreation. Our goal is to protect those assets that make us unique and preserve them for future growth.

OUR PROGRESS

DEVENS FORWARD will build on years of sustainability and climate work, including:

- Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Workshops
- Devens Eco-Efficiency Center
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory
- STAR Community/LEED for Cities Certification
- Green Infrastructure Guidelines
- Complete Streets Policy
- Sustainable Redevelopment



DEVENS FORWARD TIMELINE



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