### FORMER FORT DEVENS ARMY INSTALLATION PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

September 2020











#### **AGENDA**



Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Investigation and Sampling Updates

- -Community Involvement Plan
- 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)



#### **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PLAN**



Describes the Army's community outreach program regarding the ongoing environmental investigations at Fort Devens.

#### **Draft CIP**

- Submitted for review to 100 stakeholders

#### Schedule

- Draft CIP issued Dec. 19 (completed)
- Public review period until Mar. 9 (completed)
- Response to comments May 26 (completed)
- Draft Final CIP planned for September
- Final CIP planned for November





Community Involvement Plan
Investigation of Per- and Poly- Fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)
Environmental Restoration Program

Former Fort Devens, Massachusetts



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## SAMPLING UPDATE FOR COMMUNITY/ NON-COMMUNITY SYSTEMS AND PRIVATE WELLS



Army has been sampling nearby drinking water wells since 2018 out of an abundance of caution

#### Regulatory benchmarks

- 2016 EPA Lifetime Health Advisory (LHA) guidance value for drinking water is 70 ppt (sum of PFOS, PFOA)
- December 2019 MassDEP proposed maximum contaminant level (MCL) for drinking water is 20 ppt (sum of PFOS, PFOA, PFHpA, PFHxS, PFNA, PFDA)
- 2020 MassDEP GW-1 standard for groundwater is 20 ppt (sum of PFOS, PFOA, PFHpA, PFHxS, PFNA, PFDA)
- January 2020 MassDEP Office of Research and Standards Guideline (ORSG) guidance value for drinking water is 20 ppt (sum of PFOS, PFOA, PFHpA, PFHxS, PFNA, PFDA)



### SAMPLING UPDATE FOR COMMUNITY/ NON-COMMUNITY SYSTEMS AND PRIVATE WELLS



2018 (summer) - Sampled 21 wells in Shirley & Harvard

- PFAS detected in some wells, but below EPA's LHA of 70 ppt and the Mass. 2018 ORSG of 70 ppt for the sum of PFOS, PFOA, PFHpA, PFHxS, PFNA
- Source of PFAS in the wells is uncertain based on hydrogeology

2018-2020 - Quarterly sampling of water supply wells in Ayer and Devens

2019 (spring) – Follow-up sampling of 3 locations in Harvard and sampling 1 location quarterly

Oct. 2019 to June 2020 - Sampling requested by Harvard Board of Health

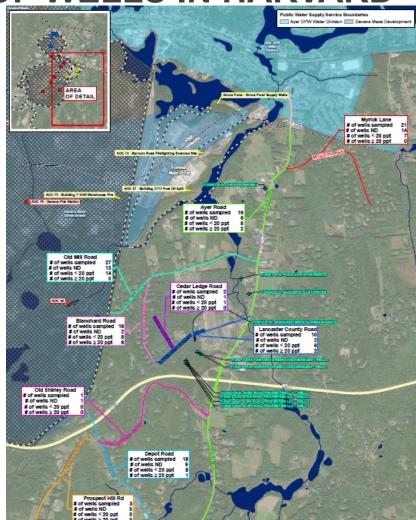
- Army contacted 196 well owners in Harvard in September 2019
- 114 wells were sampled between October 2019 and June 2020
- Resampled selected wells that had previous detections above MassDEP ORSG for PFAS

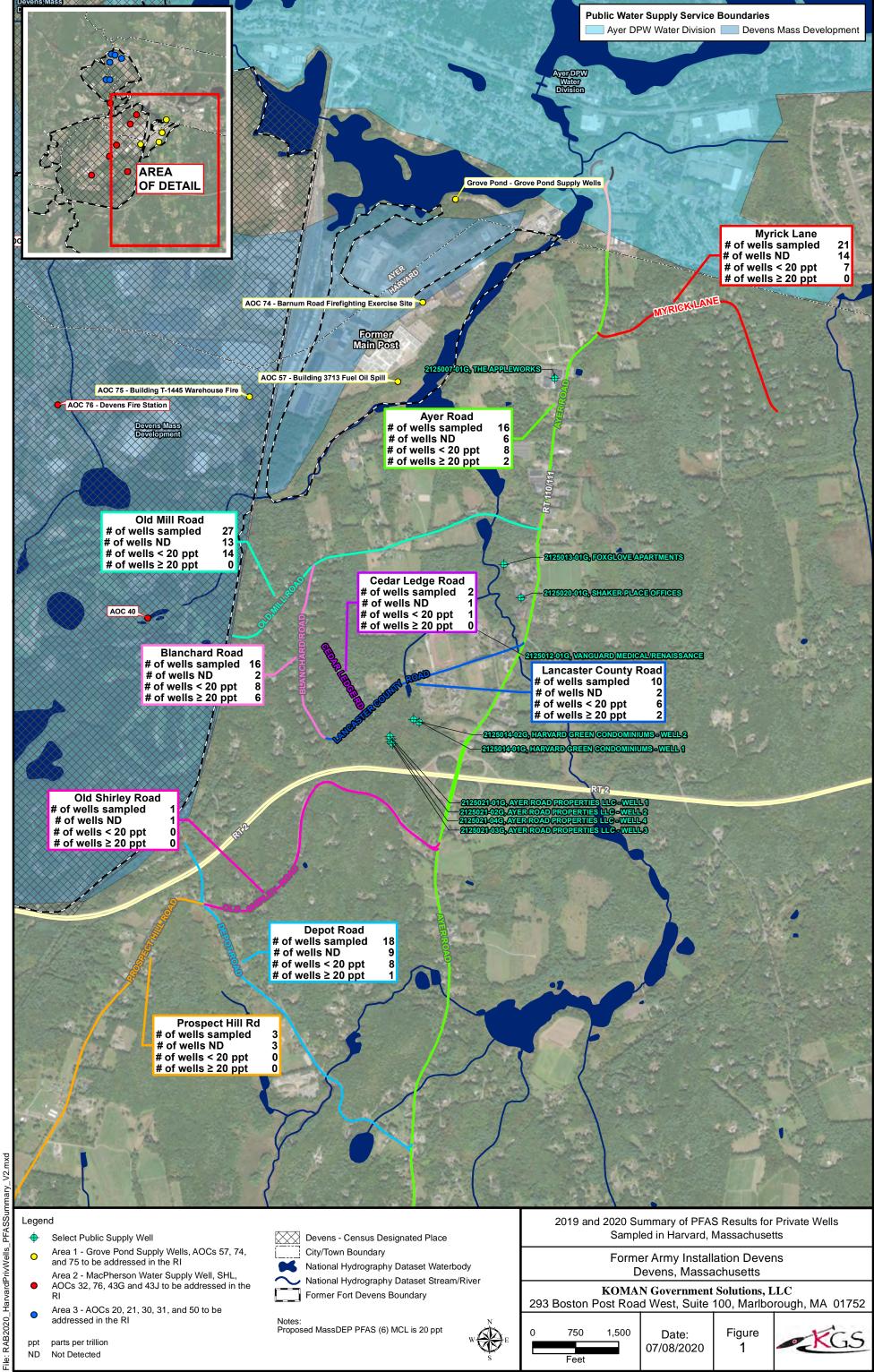


### **RESULTS OF SAMPLING OF WELLS IN HARVARD**

Harvard Private Well PFAS Results Summary Breakdown							
	Number of	Number	Number	Number			
Location	Wells	Exceeding	Detects	of Non-			
	Sampled	20 ppt	<20 ppt	Detects			
Myrick Lane	21	0	7	14			
Ayer Rd	16	2	8	6			
Old Mill Rd	27	0	14	13			
Blanchard Rd	16	6	8	2			
Cedar Ledge Rd	2	0	1	1			
Lancaster Cty Rd	10	2	6	2			
Old Shirley Rd	1	0	0	1			
Depot Rd	18	1	8	9			
Prospect Hill Rd	3	0	0	3			
Subtotals	114	11	52	51			

No results exceeded the EPA LHA of 70 ppt







### WELL SAMPLING UPDATE FOR COMMUNITY/NON-COMMUNITY SYSTEMS AND PRIVATE WELLS



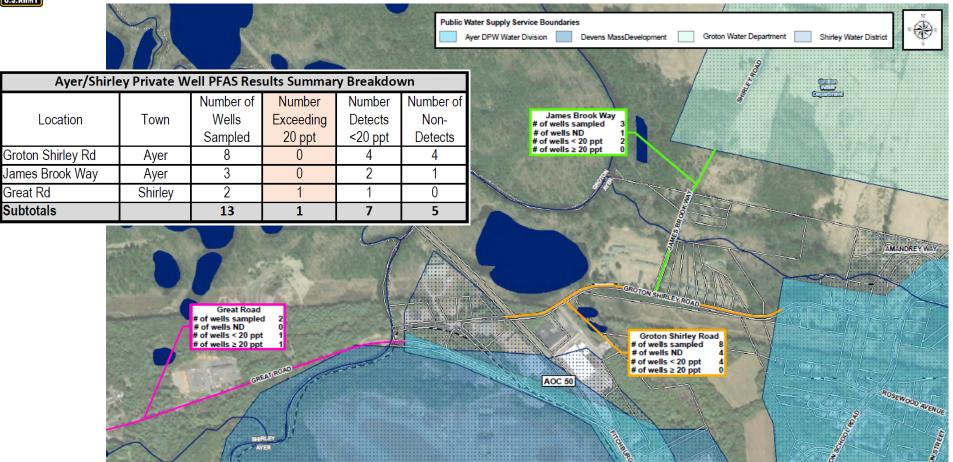
2020 – Sampling of private wells in Ayer and Shirley

- Located north and west of the former Army Airfield
- Army contacted 16 Ayer and 4 Shirley well owners in January 2020
- 13 wells were sampled between February and June 2020

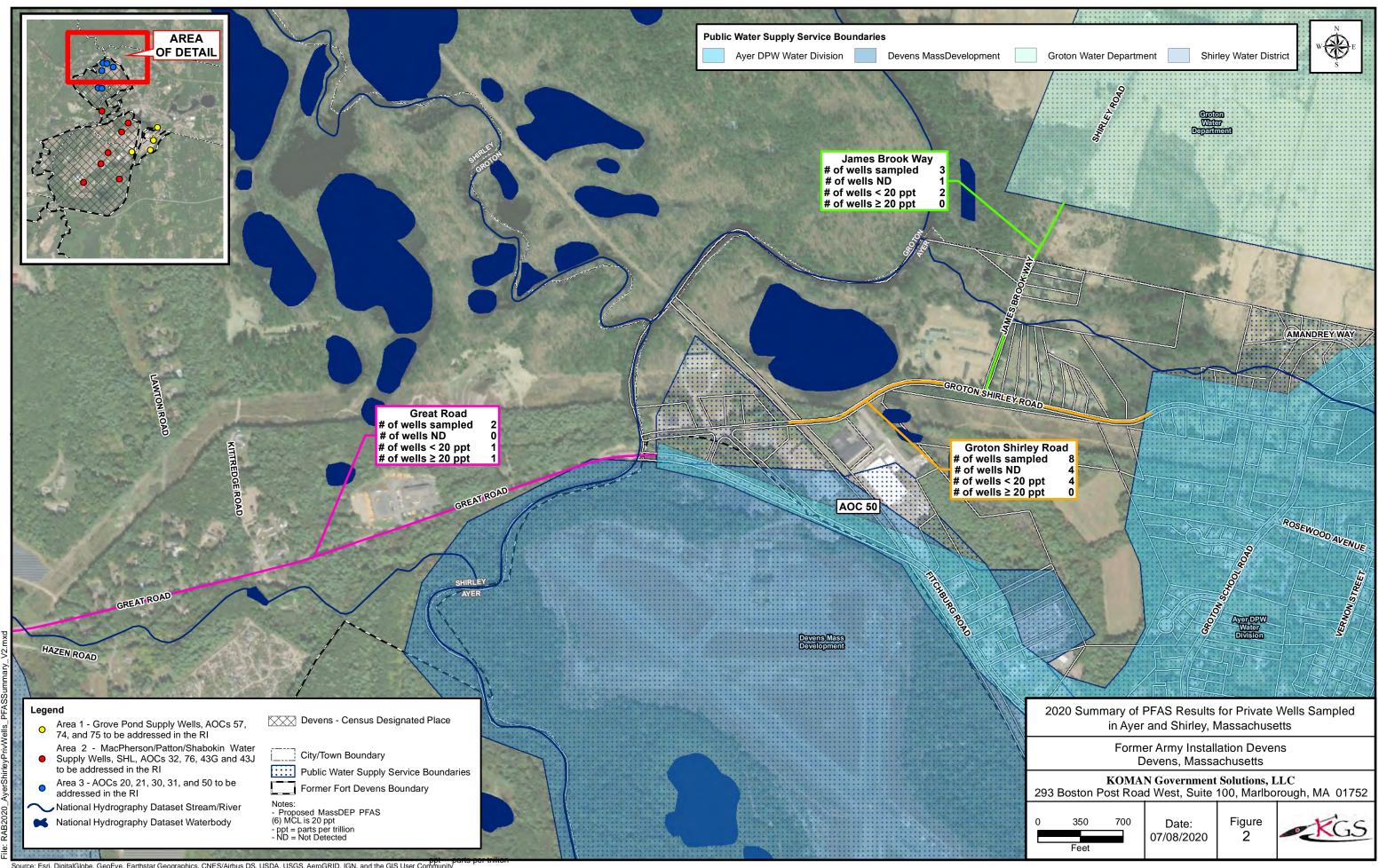


### WELL SAMPLING RESULTS IN AYER AND SHIRLEY





No results exceeded the EPA LHA of 70 ppt





### SAMPLING OF MUNICIPAL (AYER) WATER SUPPLY WELLS DETECTIONS OF PFAS, JUNE 2020



	Grove Pond Wells (ppt)					Spectacle Pond Wells (ppt)			
	Well 1	Well 6	Well 7	Well 8 (pre- treatment)	Well 8 (post- treatment)	Finished Water (wells 1,6,7,8)	Well 1A	Well 2A	Finished Water (wells 1A, 2A)
	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	6/9/2020	6/9/2020
PFBS (unreg.)	1.60 J	1.91	2.29	3.52	ND	1.24 J	1.88	2.04	1.73 J
PFHxA (unreg.)	ND	4.68	44.0	106	ND	18.0	2.71	20.1	11.3
PFHpA	1.05 J	2.16	33.2	81.9	ND	14.0	1.44 J	7.13	4.35
PFHxS	4.87	4.68	8.92	23.5	ND	4.56	3.57	2.22	2.58
PFOS	3.67	3.52	14.9	51.7	ND	5.75	5.85	7.06	6.24
PFOA	6.87	7.34	33.2	65.6	ND	14.1	6.64	9.28	8.12
PFNA	0.654 J	0.576 J	1.40 J	1.94 J	ND	0.618 J	0.469 J	0.983 J	0.775 J
PFDA	ND	ND	0.609 J	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
EPA LHA (70)	10.5	10.9	48.1	117	ND	19.9	12.5	16.3	14.4
Mass ORSG/ MCL (20)	17.1	18.3	92.2	225	ND	39.0	18.0	26.7	22.1

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 Massachusetts ORSG (Office of Research and Standards Guideline) for drinking water and the Massachusetts maximum contaminant level (MCL) for drinking water (PFOS, PFOA, PFHpA, PFHxS of 20 ppt).

ND = non-detect, J = estimated value



### SAMPLING OF MUNICIPAL (AYER) WATER SUPPLY WELLS DETECTIONS OF PFAS, FEBRUARY 2020



#### **Grove Pond Wellfield**

- Water from Well 8 is treated using a carbon filter. Pre- and post-treatment samples are collected. The water is treated for PFAS before the water is combined with water from the other wells. The results from the Finished Water represent the combined water flow (wells 1, 6, 7, 8) that is entering the municipal water system for public use.

#### Spectacle Pond Wellfield

- The PFAS impacts at these wells are not attributed to the Army.
- The town of Ayer is pursuing treatment for PFAS at these wells and is working with MassDEP to investigate the potential source of PFAS at these wells.



# UPDATE ON GROVE POND WELLFIELD - TIME CRITICAL REMOVAL ACTION (TCRA)







Ongoing <u>temporary</u> treatment of Well #8 using granular activated carbon (GAC)

- On-line since June 2019; pumping approximately 200 to 300 gpm; over 135M gallons treated to date
- Winterized in November 2019
- Well #8 raw water was 277 ppt for the 6 OSRG
   PFAS compounds in June 2020
- Treated Well #8 water was non-detect (ND) for the 6 OSRG PFAS compounds in June 2020



# UPDATE ON GROVE POND WELLFIELD ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (ESCA)





Supported by federal ESCA grant ~ \$4.4M signed September 5, 2019

Permanent upgrade to Grove Pond Water

Treatment Plant – New Ion Exchange (IX)

System

- Installation of IX begun: Sept. 2019

Anticipated completion: Fall 2020

Will treat up to 2 million gallons per day



### MASSDEVELOPMENT SAMPLING OF DEVENS WATER SUPPLY WELLS FOR PFAS



	MacPherson	MacPherson	Patton Well	Patton Well	Shabokin Well	Shabokin Well
	Well (raw)	Well (treated)	(raw)	(treated)	(raw)	(treated)
	6/17/2020	6/17/2020	5/13/2020	6/10/2020	6/24/2020	6/24/2020
PFHxA (unreg.)		2.8		1.64		ND
PFHpA	14	ND	3.99	ND	1.35	ND
PFHxS	47.3	0.56	5.94	ND	11.9	ND
PFOS	40.8	ND	3.37	ND	5	ND
PFOA	22.5	ND	8.09	ND	4.88	ND
PFNA	2.67	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
PFDA	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
EPA LHA (70)	63.3	ND	11.46	ND	9.88	ND
Mass ORSG/ MCL (20)	127.27	0.56	21.39	ND	23.13	ND

Yellow shading shows concentrations above the EPA LHA (Lifetime Health Advisory) (PFOS, PFOA of 70 ppt) and/or Massachusetts ORSG (Office of Research and Standards Guideline) for drinking water and the Massachusetts maximum contaminant level (MCL) for drinking water (PFOS, PFOA, PFHpA, PFNA, PFHxS of 20 ppt).

ND = non-detect

-- = not analyzed/not reported



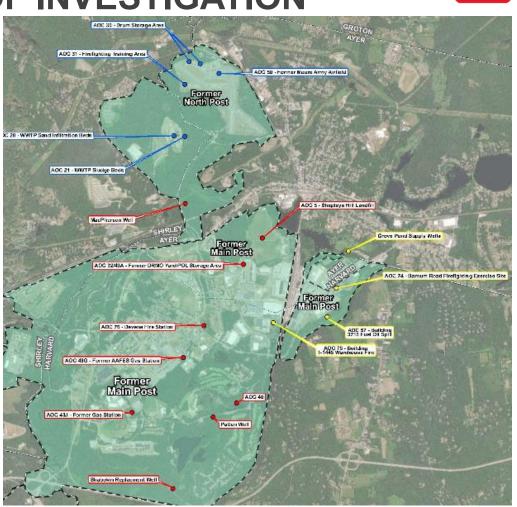
#### PFAS RI AREAS OF INVESTIGATION

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RI Areas of Investigation – the areas of investigation were divided into Areas 1, 2, and 3 to facilitate mobilizing into the field quicker back in 2018. Each area of investigation is shown on the map within the specified area.

- Area 1 = yellow
- Area 2 = red
- Area 3 = blue

The initial field activities have been completed in the three areas. Additional activities have been identified based on the review of the results and are being conducted.





#### RECENT PFAS RI DRILLING AND SAMPLING ACTIVITIES



#### PFAS RI Activities Completed during Jan. 1 to May 15, 2020

- 14 Vertical profiles conducted in Cold Spring Brook wetlands
- 24 Monitoring wells and 17 piezometers installed
- 2 Soil borings conducted
- 43 Existing monitoring wells sampled
- 30 New monitoring wells sampled
- 1 Irrigation well sampled
- 13 Surface water and sediment samples collected
- 1 Staff gauge installed
- 5 Synoptic water level surveys performed

#### Future PFAS RI Activities Planned in 2020

- Vertical profiles
- Piezometer installation
- Bedrock well installation
- Surface water and sediment sampling



### VERTICAL PROFILES CONDUCTED IN COLD SPRING BROOK WETLANDS (MAR.-APR. 2020)



Vertical profiles were conducted within the wetlands on the west side of Cold Spring Brook to gather more information on the extent of PFAS in groundwater at AOC 74, AOC 57 Area 2, AOC 57 Area 3, and AOC 75 beneath the wetlands. ("Vertical profiles" are a one-time sampling of groundwater from multiple depths below ground surface.)

- At AOC 57 Area 2, it was possible to use a drill rig to obtain groundwater profile samples beneath the containment dam in the wetland area
- At AOC 57 Area 3, AOC 74, and AOC 75 it was not possible to use a drill rig without compromising the wetlands. Instead, the drill crew used hand-held equipment to collect groundwater profile samples.
  - The crew used a jack hammer to drive 1.5-inch rods driven into the wetland. Groundwater samples were collected through the rods.
  - The crew waded into the brook/wetland from the shoreline but did not proceed further if the water was deeper than knee height.

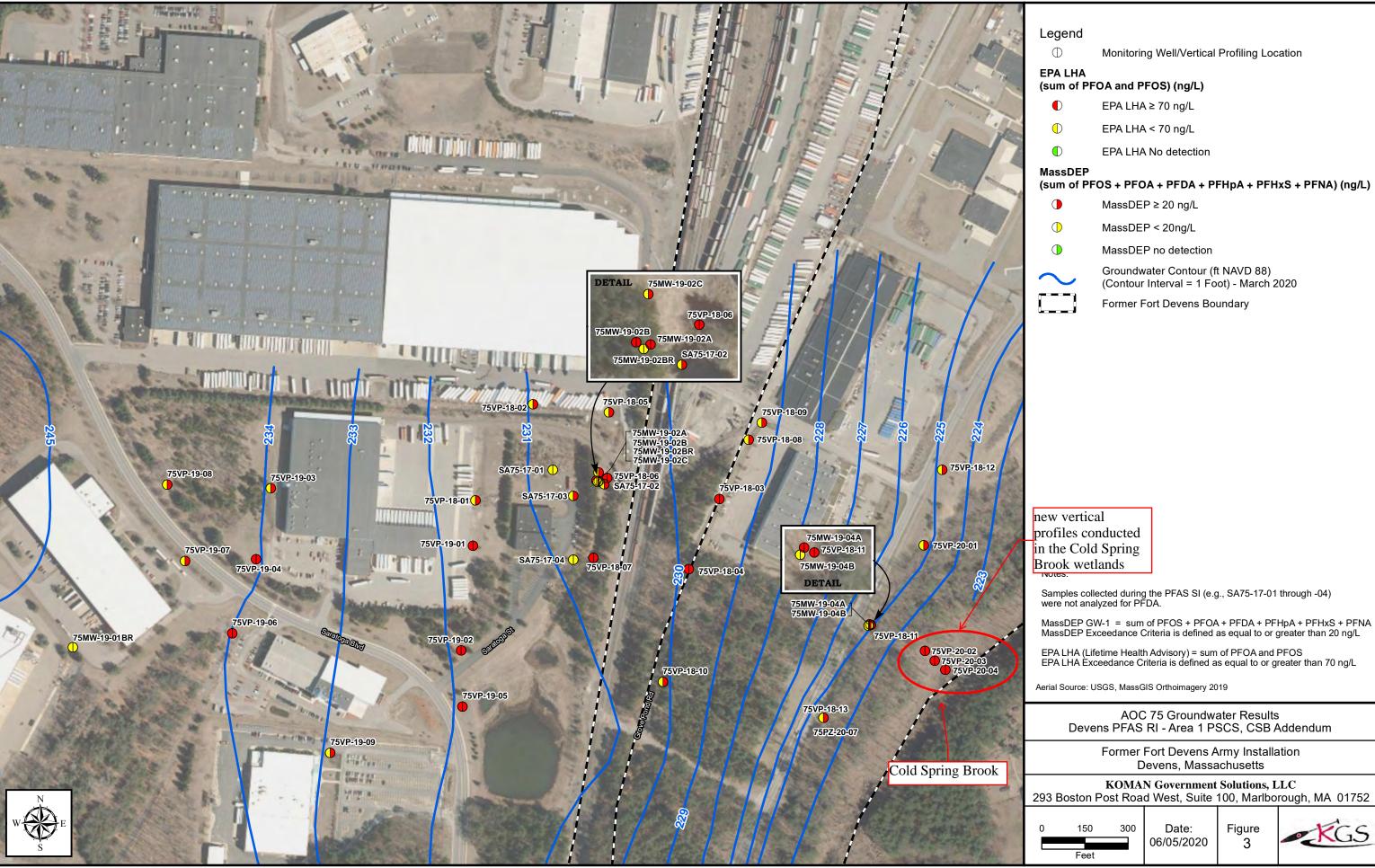
The profile results are shown on the following maps, which show the maximum concentration detected at each location regardless of depth.



# RESULTS OF VERTICAL PROFILES CONDUCTED IN COLD SPRING BROOK WETLANDS – AOC 75



- Three vertical profiles were conducted starting at the edge of the wetlands. Samples were collected down to 32 and 35 ft below the top of the sediment.
- PFAS concentrations greater than the EPA LHA (70 ppt) and MassDEP GW-1 standard (20 ppt) were observed at all three locations. Concentrations decreased with distance from the shoreline (i.e., toward the center of the brook). The higher PFAS concentrations were shallower with increasing distance from the shoreline. These observations support our understanding that the groundwater from AOC 75 discharges to Cold Spring Brook/wetlands.
- The highest concentrations were detected at sample locations 75VP-20-02 at 8-10 ft below the top of the sediment (PFOA + PFOS = 320 ppt and the sum of the six MassDEP GW-1 standard compounds is 1,010 ppt)

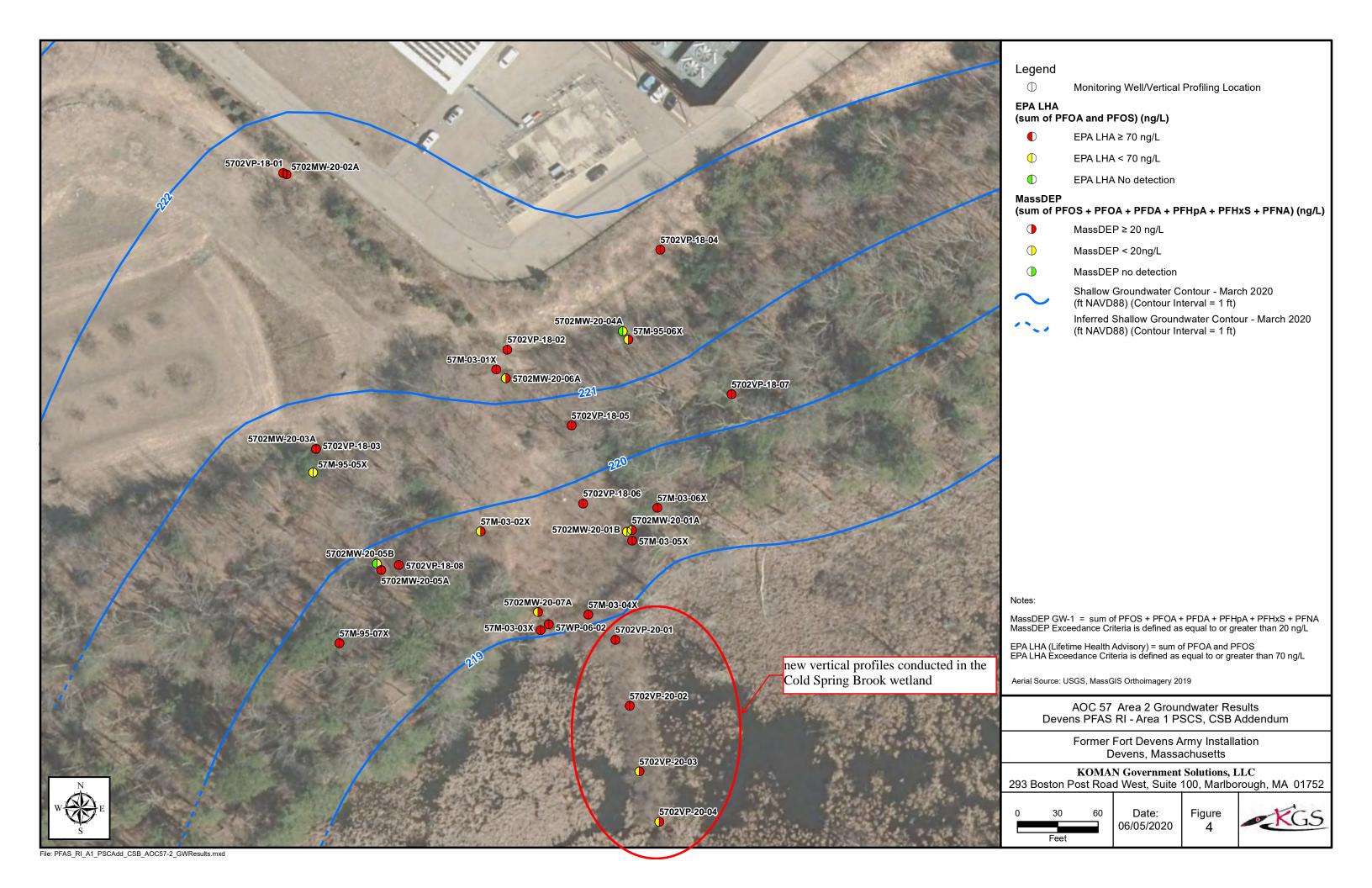




### RESULTS OF VERTICAL PROFILES CONDUCTED IN COLD SPRING BROOK WETLANDS – AOC 57 AREA 2



- Four vertical profiles were conducted on the containment dam starting at the edge of the wetlands. Samples were collected down to 52 to 54 ft below the top of the dam. PFAS concentrations greater than the EPA LHA were observed at two locations and greater than the MassDEP GW-1 standard at all four locations.
- The highest concentrations were detected at 5702VP-20-02 at 10-14 ft below the top of the sediment (PFOA + PFOS = 769 ppt, the sum of the six MassDEP GW-1 standard compounds is 1,990 ppt).
- Concentrations were lowest at the location farthest from the shoreline (closest to the center of the brook). The highest concentrations in each profile became shallower with increasing distance as the profiles approached the center of the brook. These observations support our understanding that the groundwater from AOC 57 Area 2 is discharging to the brook/wetland.
- Upward vertical gradients measured in monitoring wells and piezometers at the shoreline also support our understanding that groundwater at AOC 57 Area 2 discharges to the brook/wetland.

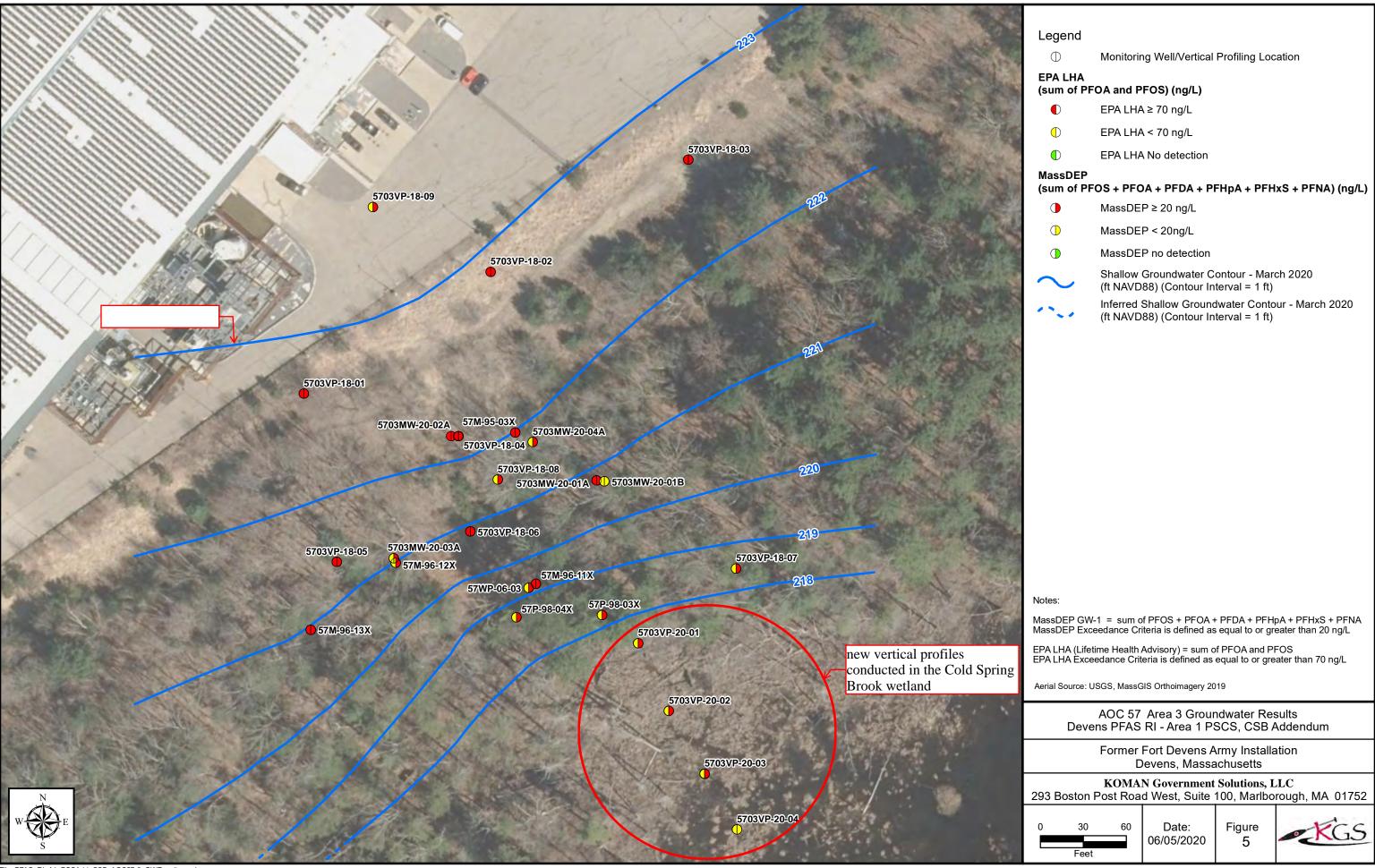




### RESULTS OF VERTICAL PROFILES CONDUCTED IN COLD SPRING BROOK WETLANDS – AOC 57 AREA 3



- Four vertical profiles were conducted starting at the edge of the wetlands. Samples were collected down to 32 and 37 ft below the top of the sediment. None of the locations had PFAS concentrations greater than the EPA LHA. Three locations had concentrations greater than the MassDEP GW-1 standard.
- The highest concentrations were detected at 5703VP-19-01 at 30-32 ft below the top of the sediment (PFOA + PFOS = 28.0 ppt, the sum of the six MassDEP GW-1 standard compounds is 93.9 ppt).
- Concentrations decreased with distance from the shoreline (i.e., toward the center of the brook) and higher concentrations became shallower with increasing distance from the shoreline. Both of these observations support our understanding that the groundwater from AOC 57 Area 3 discharges to the brook/wetlands.
- Upward vertical gradients measured in monitoring wells and piezometers at the shoreline support our understanding that groundwater at AOC 57 Area 3 is discharging to the brook/wetlands.

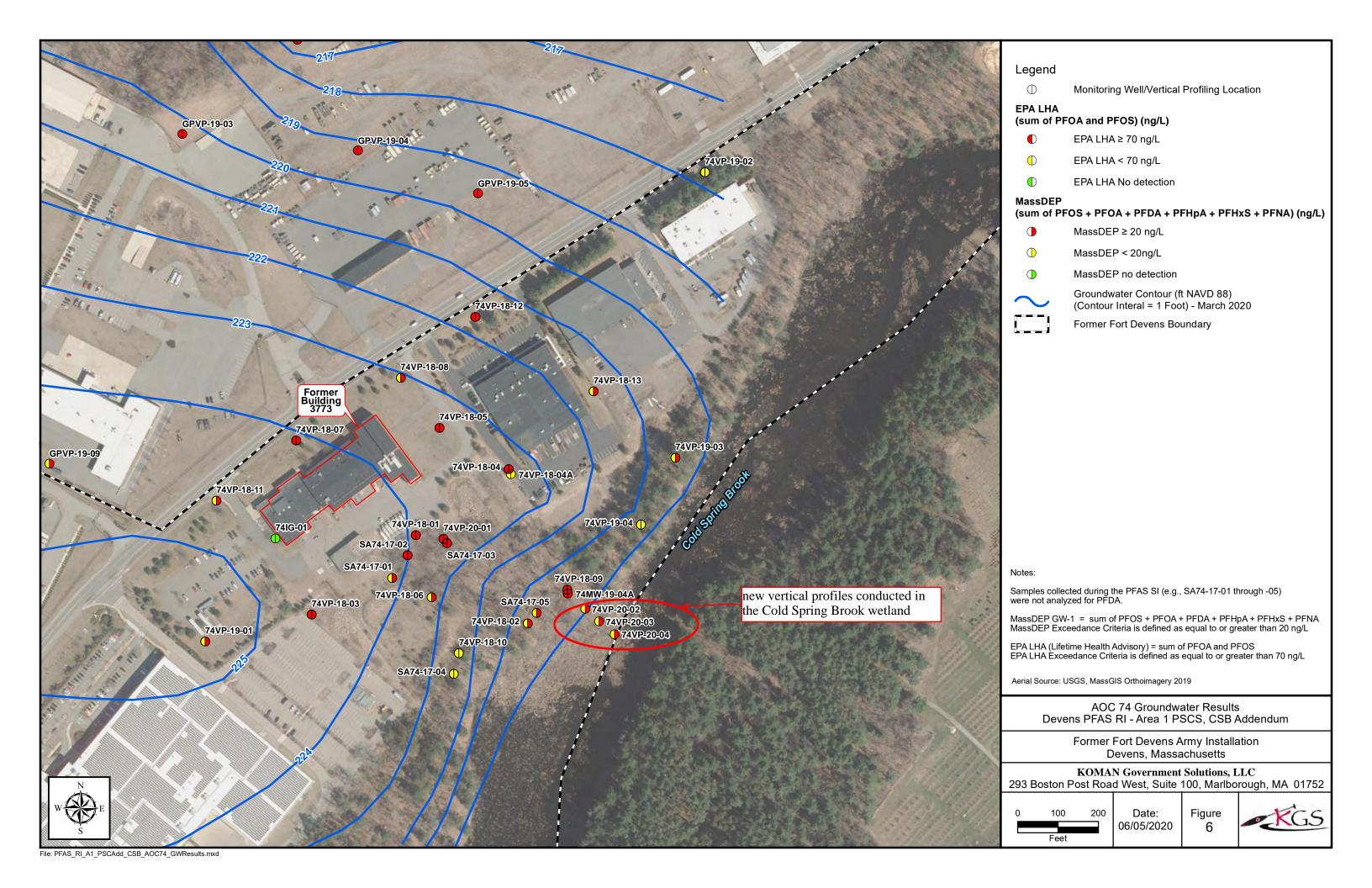




## RESULTS OF VERTICAL PROFILES CONDUCTED IN COLD SPRING BROOK WETLANDS – AOC 74



- Three vertical profiles were conducted starting at the edge of the wetlands. Samples were collected down to 27 to 37 ft below the top of the sediment. None of the locations had PFAS concentrations greater than the EPA LHA. All three locations had concentrations greater than the MassDEP GW-1 standard.
- Concentrations were lowest at the location farthest from shore and higher concentrations became shallower with increasing distance from the shoreline. Both of these observations support our understanding that the groundwater from AOC 74 is discharging to the brook/wetland.
- The highest concentrations (PFOA + PFOS = 68.4 ppt, the sum of the six MassDEP GW-1 standard compounds is 102 ppt) were detected at 74VP-20-03 at 15-17 ft below the top of the sediment.
- Upward vertical gradients measured in monitoring wells and piezometers at the shoreline support our understanding that groundwater at AOC 74 is discharging to the brook/wetland.



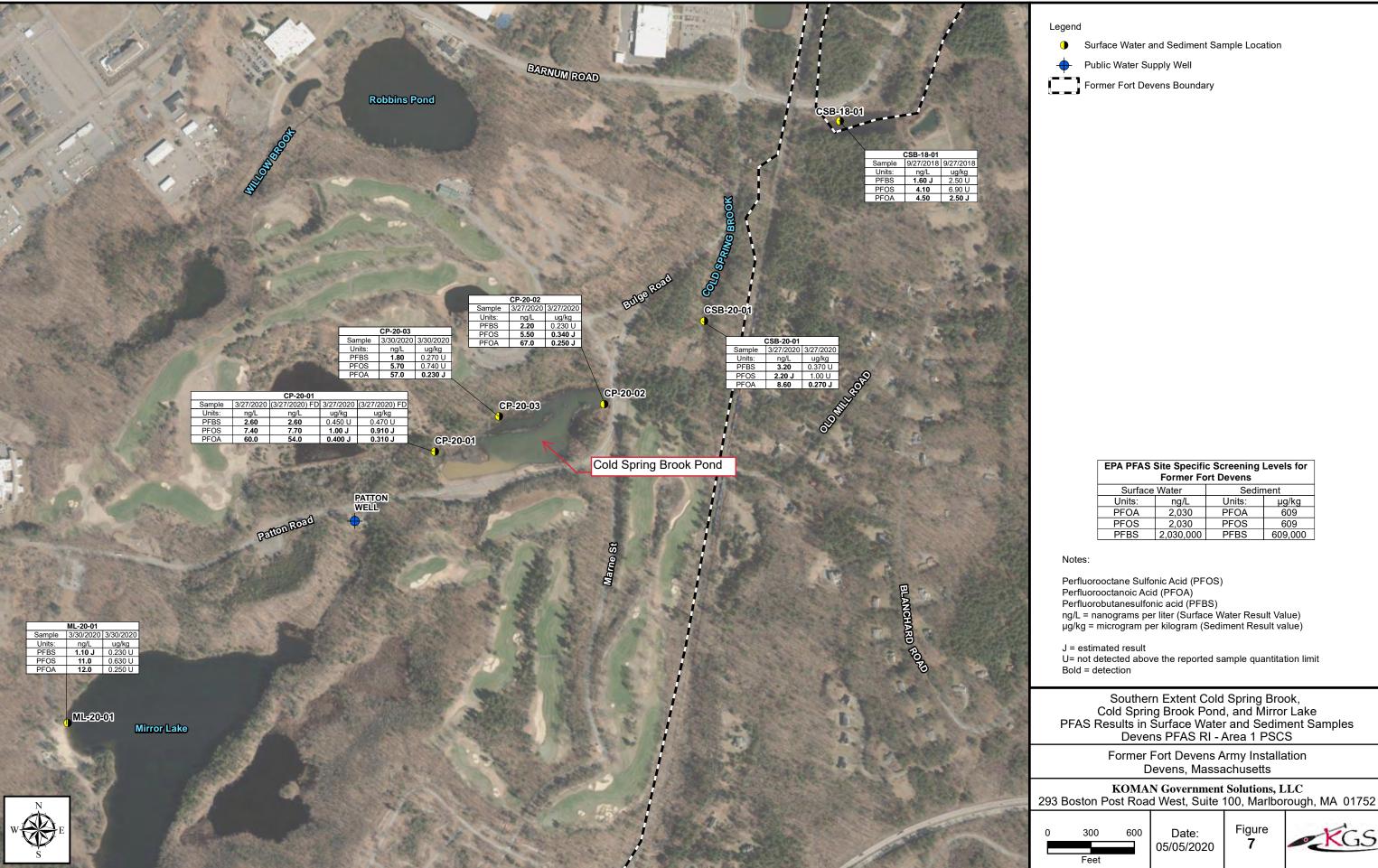


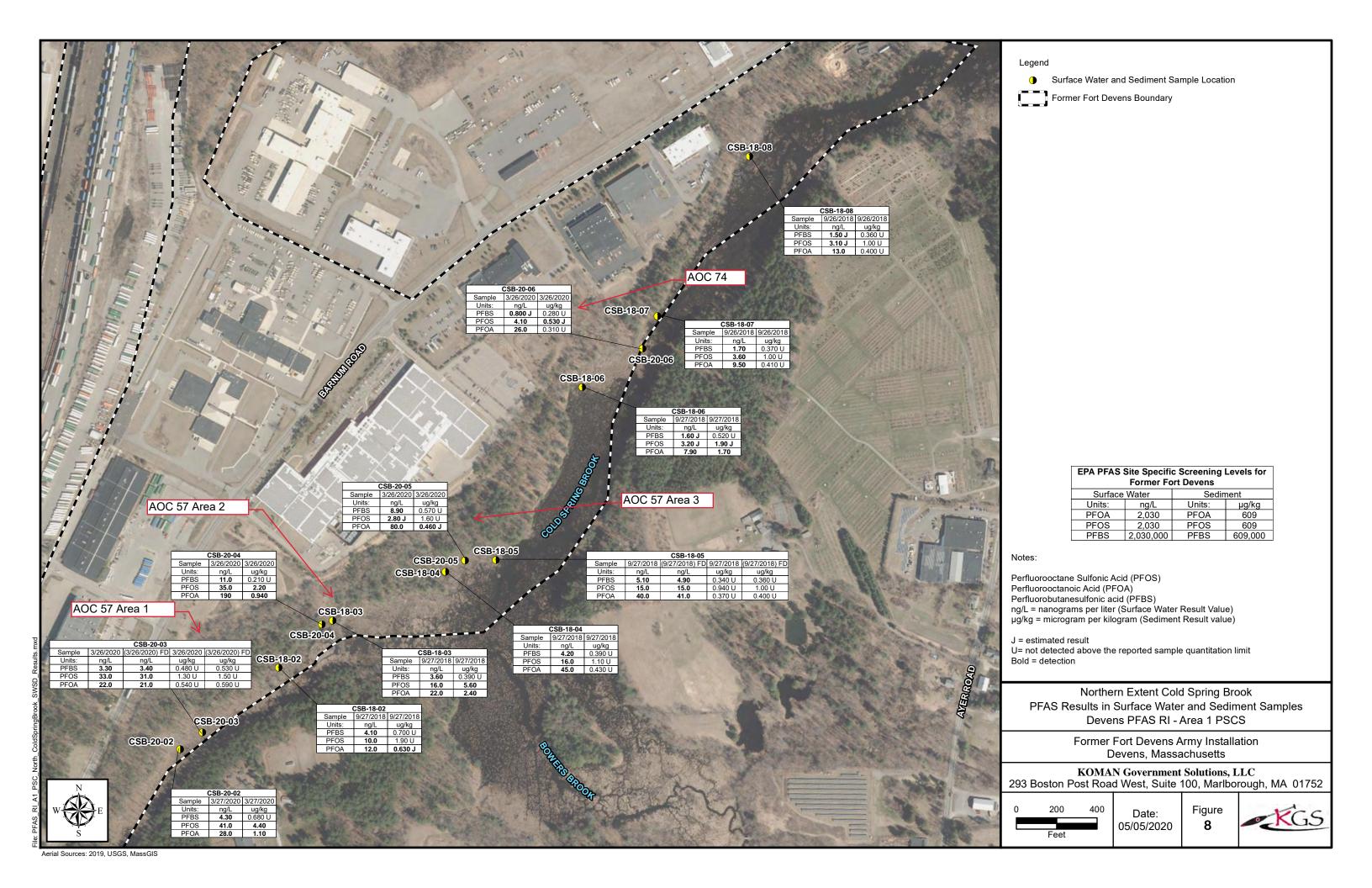
#### SURFACE WATER AND SEDIMENT SAMPLING



Ten surface water and sediment samples were collected from Mirror Lake, Cold Spring Brook Pond, and Cold Spring Brook in March 2020.

- The location at Mirror Lake was collected near the beach.
- The three locations in Cold Spring Brook Pond were to assess potential impact to the pond that may have been caused by contamination associated with AOC 40.
  - AOC 40 was an informal disposal area along Patton Road on the south side of Cold Spring Brook Pond. The disposed materials primarily consisted of construction debris (masonry, asphalt, wire, and metal), ash, stumps, and logs. Some drums were also found that had held antifreeze, but the drums had been painted and reused. The disposal area was remediated in 2000 through the removal of debris, contaminated soil, and contaminated sediment. The wetlands were also restored. PFAS was not a known contaminant at the time the remediation was conducted.
- Most of the locations in Cold Spring Brook were collected in areas where groundwater from the AOC 57 Area 2, AOC 57 Area 3, AOC 74, and AOC 75 are thought to be discharging to the brook/wetland
- The results are shown on the following maps, along with previously collected samples.







#### SURFACE WATER AND SEDIMENT SAMPLING RESULTS



- PFAS concentrations did not exceed EPA's site-specific screening levels which are:
  - o Surface water screening levels: PFOA = 2,030 ppt, PFOS = 2,030 ppt, PFBS = 2,030,000 ppt
  - Sediment screening levels: PFOA 609 μg/kg, PFOS = 609 μg/kg, PFBS = 609,000 μg/kg
- Mirror Lake (1 location)
  - Surface water: PFOA = 12 ppt, PFOS = 11 ppt, PFBS = 1.1 ppt
  - Sediment: PFAS was non-detect
- Cold Spring Brook Pond (3 locations)
  - Surface water maximum: PFOA = 67 ppt, PFOS = 5.7 ppt
- Cold Spring Brook (6 locations)
  - Surface water maximum: PFOA = 190 ppt, PFOS = 41 ppt, PFBS = 11 ppt
  - Sediment maximum: PFOA = 1.1 μg/kg, PFOS = 4.4 μg/kg, PFBS = non-detect
  - Five of the locations were positioned in areas where groundwater from the AOC 57 Area 2, AOC 57 Area 3, AOC 74, and AOC 75 are thought to be discharging to the brook. The concentrations at these locations (CSB-20-02 through -06) had higher concentrations than other samples collected in the brook. The results suggest that groundwater from AOC 57 Area 2, AOC 57 Area 3, AOC 74, and AOC 75 is discharging to the brook/wetland.
  - CSB-20-01 had low PFAS concentrations indicating a minimal impact from PFAS at this location.



#### PFAS RI DRILLING ACTIVITIES



Monitoring wells and piezometers were installed in numerous AOCs across Fort Devens. The piezometers are used to assess water levels. Monitoring wells are used to collect groundwater samples and to assess water levels.

#### **Monitoring Wells**

- 9 monitoring wells installed at AOC 57 Area 2
- 5 monitoring wells installed at AOC 57 Area 3
- 5 monitoring wells installed at AOC 75
- 1 monitoring well installed in the Grove Pond Area
- 1 monitoring well installed in the Shabokin well area
- 3 monitoring wells installed at AOC 43G

#### **Piezometers**

- 5 piezometers installed at AOC 74
- 7 piezometers installed at AOC 75
- 4 piezometers installed in the Shabokin well area
- 1 piezometer installed in the Patton well area



#### **NEXT STEPS**



#### PFAS RI

- Continue sampling efforts in Areas 1, 2, and 3 including installation of bedrock wells
- Review the Remedial Investigation data collected to date with the regulatory agencies

#### PFAS sampling/treatment

- Submit private well sampling results to stakeholders
- Fourth Quarter 2020 (December) sampling of municipal (Ayer) water supply wells
- Continued operation of municipal treatment system at Ayer's Grove Pond Well #8
- MassDevelopment continuing sampling and treatment at MacPherson, Patton, and Shabokin water supply wells

#### Community Involvement Plan

Draft Final CIP planned for September 2020