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## THE DEVENS ENTERPRISE COMMISSION JOINS THE U.S. EPA SMARTWAY® TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

**Devens, MA** – Today the Devens Enterprise Commission announced that it has joined the SmartWay<sup>®</sup> Transport Partnership as an Affiliate partner. The SmartWay Transport Partnership is an innovative collaboration between U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and industry and provides a framework to assess the environmental and energy efficiency of goods movement supply chains.

The Devens Enterprise Commission will contribute to the Partnership's savings of 357 million barrels of oil, and the reduction of 152 million metric tons of CO2, by working with local businesses and educating their members and stakeholders on freight and logistics efficiency. By joining SmartWay Transport Partnership, The Devens Enterprise Commission demonstrates its strong environmental leadership and responsibility.

William Marshall, chair of the Devens Enterprise Commission, stated that joining this program and partnering with businesses in Devens is in line with the goals and objectives of the Devens Reuse Plan to help minimize traffic impacts related to the sustainable redevelopment of Devens and will help benefit the region by helping us achieve our Climate Action Plan goals of more efficient development, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, better air quality, and improved public health.

Developed jointly in early 2003 by EPA and Charter Partners represented by industry stakeholders, environmental groups, American Trucking Associations, and Business for Social Responsibility, this innovative program celebrated its 18-year anniversary in 2022. Partners rely upon SmartWay tools and approaches to track and reduce emissions and fuel use from goods movement. The Partnership currently has nearly 4,000 Partners including shipper, logistics companies, truck, rail, barge, multimodal carriers and affiliates.

The Devens Enterprise Commission is the regulatory and permitting authority for redevelopment of the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone. Its role is to administer and enforce the reuse plan, by-laws, regulations and sustainability vision within the Devens Regional Enterprise Zone: <a href="https://www.devensec.com/index.html">https://www.devensec.com/index.html</a>

For information about the SmartWay Transport Partnership visit <a href="www.epa.gov/smartway">www.epa.gov/smartway</a> .







