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DEVENS IN THE NEWS:

MassDevelopment sells off parcel to build 12 factory-built homes in Devens

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Reframe Systems is looking to build 12 factory-built homes in Devens. This is an artist's rendering of what those homes would look like. ILLUSTRATION COURTESY OF REFRAME SYSTEMS

A new future for housing construction may be emerging on a two-acre parcel at the former Fort Devens military base northwest of Boston. That's because Devens landlord MassDevelopment has inked a \$600,000 deal to sell the site to home manufacturer Reframe Systems Inc., which plans to build six two-unit duplexes there and sell the 12 units inside as four-bedroom condos.

MassDevelopment officials are hoping that Reframe's approach offers a model for others.

Unlike traditional developers, Reframe is a venture-backed home builder that relies heavily on robotics and automation, and is founded by three former robotics employees from Amazon. Reframe will build six modules for each 2,100-square-foot unit at its Andover manufacturing plant, and then deliver and assemble the modules in Devens in a single day.

The first four homes will be assembled in July, while the remaining eight will go up between August and September. Reframe will fabricate building components using its robots in Andover, and then complete interior finishes in Devens once the components are in place.

MassDevelopment initially sought developers for this parcel in 2022, after the three Devens towns rezoned it in 2015, but didn't have much luck. Then Reframe approached MassDevelopment about opening a manufacturing plant; Reframe later decided on Andover for its plant location, but also chose to develop the 12 condos at the Devens site, at 25 Adams Circle.

These 12 units were to be the final ones allowed under the old 282-unit cap on housing construction at Devens. The Legislature removed that cap entirely in the 2024 economic development bill known as the Mass Leads Act. As a result, MassDevelopment recently started looking for housing developers for two additional parcels, totaling nearly 70 acres, in Devens in addition to the two acres being sold off to Reframe.

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VulcanForms, a Devens, MA-based company reportedly building the first fully integrated digital metal manufacturing platform in the U.S., will use a \$220-million late-stage funding round to build another Boston-area factory. The company has existing facilities in Devens and Newburyport and will build a second Devens plant, VulcanThree.

"As part of this broader expansion, we are also planning for the VulcanForms Campus, a multi-facility environment that unites material production, additive manufacturing, post-processing, and machining within one integrated footprint," VulcanForms CEO Kevin Kassekert said in a blog posting Friday.

He added that the expansion was "part of a broader shift taking place in the United States. Companies are bringing critical production back home and reducing reliance on offshore manufacturing for strategic metals and components. We see this across our customer base. More teams are designing with domestic production in mind from the beginning."

The *Boston Business Journal* reported that VulcanThree could be operational by July.

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