

devens community update

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Boston's Metric Construction to Build Multi-Family Green Housing in Devens

Metric Corporation, a Boston-based contractor and developer, and its subsidiary, Devens Net Zero LLC, have been approved to build 12 moderately-priced, attractive, super energy-efficient townhouses on a 1.2 acre site on Bates Street in Devens.

MassDevelopment selected Metric Corporation from a group of four developers competing for the right to purchase residential lots and build energy-efficient homes in Devens. Metric Corporation has more than 30 years of experience within the construction industry with expertise in multi-unit residential, nonprofit, commercial, academic, retail, and institutional work along the East Coast. The company uses sustainable construction practices, and brings significant experience as a builder and developer to the project.

Cambridge Seven Associates, Inc., a renowned architectural firm based in Cambridge, will design the homes, and Steven Winter Associates will provide building systems consulting. Steven Winter Associates manages CARB, the Consortium for Advanced Residential Buildings, one of the Building America research teams sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy.

MassDevelopment also announced last fall that Transformations of Townsend would build eight single-family homes adjacent to the slated 12-unit project at Adams Circle in Devens. When complete, the Devens green housing pilot project will have 20 homes.

Nashoba Valley Regional Dispatch District Formed, Receives \$890,000 Grant for Regional Emergency Communications Center

Four north-central Massachusetts communities – Devens, Harvard, Lancaster, and Lunenburg – have agreed to establish, operate, and maintain a consolidated emergency services communications and dispatch system. The system will serve these communities and operate as the Nashoba Valley Regional Dispatch District. The facility will be in Devens, and each community expects to save about \$100,000 annually by consolidating these services.

“The dispatch center is truly a regional effort, with Nashoba Valley communities sharing the costs, responsibilities, and benefits of the E911 system,” said MassDevelopment President and CEO Marty Jones.

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and State 911 Board awarded the District \$890,805 to build and equip the dispatch center. The 911 Department's development grant program supports the development and startup of regional Public Safety Answering Points and Regional Emergency Communication Centers. Construction on the facility is expected to start in spring or summer 2012 with an anticipated opening a year later.

Holiday Tree Lighting

Friday, December 9, 2011 at 4 p.m.

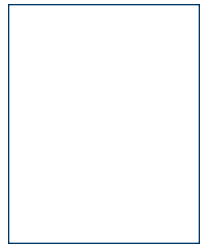
**Devens Community Center
100 Sherman Avenue, Devens**

**Enjoy refreshments and a performance by the
Francis W. Parker Charter Essential School Choir.**

**For more information, contact
Kathy O'Connor at 978.784.2933.**



33 Andrews Parkway, Devens, MA



Reduce Waste – of Resources and Money

The Devens Eco-Efficiency Center is helping businesses save money by reducing the amount of solid waste sent to landfills. Services available to industrial, commercial, and nonprofit entities include:

- Waste audits and waste reduction plans;
- Educational materials and engagement programs;
- Establishment or expansion of recycling programs;
- Repurpose of reusable materials in the waste stream.

These initiatives can reduce waste management costs by as much as 50%. Assistance is provided to Devens facilities free of charge until September 2012, thanks in part to a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. To learn more contact Dona Neely at 978.772.8831x3304 or donaneely@ecostardevens.com.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT – Integrated Process Technologies

Behind the gleaming new machinery and office space at Integrated Process Technologies (IPT) on Devens's Charlestown Street, a few signs give away the building's history. A boxing speed bag. Two chairs from Fenway Park. Center court from the former Fort Devens hardwood.

Formerly the gym for Fort Devens, IPT's building, purchased in 2006, now houses the company's engineering, automation, fabrication, and installation services. Founded in 2000 by President James Banks and Vice President Chris Sandusky, IPT provides these services to pharmaceutical, biofuel, and other high-technology companies. Steve Banks, the company's director of

"It was the right place for us, starting with site selection," Banks said.

"We have no complaints about being here."

Because engineers travel to customer sites in Worcester, Cambridge, and other Massachusetts communities, Banks said Devens's central location and access to Routes 495 and 2 provides a major benefit to the business. He also listed the

area's pro-business environment and quick permitting as bonuses.

Banks said IPT first rented space at 94 Jackson Road while workers converted the gym and locker rooms

to a 20,000-square-foot manufacturing facility. Once that renovation finished, the company moved on to transforming the racquetball courts into 9,700 square feet of office space. Banks said demolition workers had to punch through brick, concrete, rebar, and more concrete because of the building's military-grade construction.

"The thing that attracted us to Devens was the ability to repurpose the gym to make it a business, rather than a gym, and create better-paying jobs," said Sandusky.

Locating in Devens provides access to high-tech businesses that may need IPT's services, Sandusky said, and the company has helped a few of its Devens neighbors. Sandusky added that this year, business has been stable, and the company matched its highest employment level.

