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My comments for the discussion on housing and community development at Devens:

* I would like to see truly affordable and high-quality housing developed: duplexes, triplexes, 1-floor cottage-style houses, clustered small-ish houses with common land/nature around. I am an active senior and would like to downsize and stay in the area.
* I’d like to see the natural beauty be preserved and nurtured:
  + areas of wild, natural land (not manicured and landscaped) with walking trails that connect throughout Devens
  + quiet and safe streets to walk on
  + quiet and dark-sky – as much as possible – be preserved and protected (restrict / reduce light pollution)
  + continue to add and nurture trees and natural beauty at Devens (it lifts spirits, makes people feel prouder of where they live, increases property values, and positively contributes the benefits of nature: oxygen into the air, soil conservation and support of other plant and animal life
* I would also love to see a space for a community garden! : )

Thanks for providing a place to contribute my / our comments into the process. I am in favor of some additional, thoughtful, and affordable housing added to Devens with an eye out for not only economic development but developing community among residents.

Kindly,

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