

My comments are an overview of Devens' immediate needs in housing, although thoughtful and intelligent planning of details should take precedence over speed.

I believe the primary concern should be to build for young adults so they can live near their jobs in or around Devens. They need affordable apartments which would include studio, one and two bedroom apartments. Many of these residents will be able to fill the jobs needed by local businesses here. It will help stop the flight of productive people who are moving out of Massachusetts in droves. These apartments should be built in quantity also to accommodate seniors who are downsizing and veterans who have unique housing needs.

As those young adults increase their skills and move into higher paying jobs, building affordable condos and small one family houses could then become the dominant focus. As time goes on and job income increases, many will start families with small children and will need larger apartments, condos and single family houses to accommodate them.

Housing in Devens is essential to the growth of the businesses in and around Devens, and the success of the businesses will ensure a continuation of the quality of our lives here.