

Community Considerations

IMPACTS	Ayer	Devens	Harvard	Shirley
Traffic	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lack of public transportation	✓	✓	✓	✓
Loss of small town feel/community character	✓	✓		✓
Greenfield development vs reuse	✓	✓		
Potential loss of green spaces, walking trails, and wildlife habitat		✓		
Dilution of housing values		✓		
Increased air and noise pollution		✓		
Conflict between new V'burg Sq units & Rogers field parking needs		✓		
Need a COA		✓		
Potential classroom crowding in K-5			✓	
Realistic development timeline needed for educational & municipal services planning			✓	
Playground or park near the ITC?			✓	
Limited access between Harvard & Devens			✓	
Uncompensated/underfunded addition of children to the Town school system				✓
MBTA lot would need to be expanded				✓
Childcare already difficult to find locally				✓
OPPORTUNITIES				
Increased senior housing	✓	✓	✓	✓
Additional customer base for existing businesses	✓		✓	
Additional customer base for new businesses		✓	✓	
Increased affordable housing	✓		✓	
Additional customer base for new amenities		✓		✓

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OPPORTUNITIES (Cont'd)	Ayer	Devens	Harvard	Shirley
Educational opportunity: Ayer can absorb students	✓			
Reduce pollution, traffic & accidents if commuting		✓		
Now is the time to set aside land for future school			✓	
Establish road and pathway connections between			✓	
Economic growth, increased revenue & job				✓