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SEVEN HILLS FOUNDATION EXPANDS DEVENS FACILITY WITH HALF-ACRE LAND PURCHASE

MassDevelopment today announced the sale of a half-acre parcel of land at Devens to the Seven Hills Foundation. Seven Hills Foundation purchased the property to construct a 6,000-square-foot addition to its existing 13,500-square-foot Devens facility located at 22 Grant Road. The site is home to the organization's Devens Seven Hills Family Service's Day Habilitation Program and Seven Hills Academy, which is operated by Seven Hills Clinical Associates. The additional space will enable Seven Hills to construct new classrooms and add administrative space. Construction is scheduled to start this summer. When completed, Seven Hills will serve an additional twenty students.

"We are pleased that Seven Hills Foundation chose to expand its facilities and services at Devens," said Robert L. Culver, MassDevelopment president/CEO. "More than 85 businesses and nonprofits currently located in Devens, from human service providers and schools, to life sciences companies and manufacturers, help make Devens a true community."

Seven Hills opened its academy at Devens in 2000. During the past five years, the organization has expanded its Academy to educate thirty-two children and young adults between the ages of six and 22. The Academy offers academic and behavioral programs to children with autism spectrum disorders, dual diagnosis and severely challenging behaviors.

"Seven Hills chose Devens because of the need for healthcare services in north central Massachusetts," said Dr. David A. Jordan, President and CEO of Seven Hills Foundation. "The purchase of this additional property will allow us to enroll more students at the Academy and provide behavioral education to more children and young adults throughout the region."

Founded in 1951, the Seven Hills Foundation is one of the state's largest comprehensive health and human services organizations. Based in Worcester, the foundation serves Massachusetts residents through its network of over 130 clinical sites and residences.

Seven Hills offers rehabilitative, housing, educational, healthcare, and social services to persons with physical, developmental, emotional, or other disabilities. Programs are available to children, adults, and seniors and include residential and respite care options, school supports and consultation, pediatric care for medically fragile children, behavioral health counseling and treatment, supported employment and related adult day services, and therapeutic recreation. In total, Seven Hills Foundation provides various services to approximately 21,000 people annually through their clinical affiliates. For the past two years, the *Worcester Business Journal* has ranked the Seven Hills Foundation as the fastest growing non-profit in Central Massachusetts.

MassDevelopment, the state's finance and development authority, works with businesses, nonprofit organizations, financial institutions and local officials to stimulate economic growth across the Commonwealth. Between FY2004 and FY2006, MassDevelopment financed or managed 589 projects statewide representing an investment of more than \$4 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are supporting the creation of 5,505 housing units and more than 23,000 jobs: 12,381 permanent and 10,679 construction-related.

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