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Westmass Area Development Corp. takes on one of the largest brownfield mill redevelopment projects at Ludlow Mills

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Westmass Area Development Corp. has eagerly taken on the challenge of redeveloping the largest historic brownfield mill redevelopment project in New England - the "Ludlow Mills."

This past fall the Ludlow Mills Preservation and Redevelopment project was recognized by lieutenant governor Murray for its regional significance and was chosen to be one of only five priority projects statewide to be included in the 3rd round of the Massachusetts Brownfield Support Team Initiative (BST).

This historic mill site is 170 acres in area with over 1.45 million s/f of existing historic mill space. The Ludlow Mills project is the new home to HealthSouth's 74,500 s/f LEED Silver Certified rehabilitation hospital which is currently under construction and will incorporate green energy design including the installation of solar arrays. The new hospital is expected to open later this fall.

In 2014 WinnDevelopment is expected to commence work on its preservation and adaptive reuse of a 100,000 s/f historic mill building for senior independent living. This project will also be LEED certified and is a natural complement to the new HealthSouth rehabilitation hospital.

Building on this early success at the Ludlow Mills, Westmass welcomes site inquiries from healthcare related businesses, office uses, retail, mix use developers and traditional industry sectors seeking a unique, accessible business environment either to lease or own in western Mass.

Solar energy is a key design element in Westmass parks and projects. In addition to the application at the Ludlow Mills, Westmass is proud to announce the completion of an important solar facility in its Agawam Regional Industrial Park. Citizens Energy, the town of Agawam and Westmass successfully partnered to develop a 1.8 MW facility in the park which will generate efficient cost effective power for the town of Agawam. Citizens Energy utilized its knowledge and expertise in the field of renewable energy to build and own this new Agawam solar facility. The "switch was thrown" activating this facility on April 30th by mayor Richard Cohen of Agawam, Joe Kennedy of Citizens Energy and Kenn Delude president of Westmass. As a result of this partnership, Agawam will have the lasting benefit of solar energy for decades to come.

Westmass' effort to develop solar energy in its parks and projects does not stop with the Ludlow Mills and Agawam Regional Industrial Park. Announcements are expected shortly for a new facility at University Business Park in Hadley, in the shadow of UMASS, and Westmass is seeking interested developers for a 2 MW facility at the Chicopee River Business Park in Chicopee and Springfield.

Chicopee River Business Park, the region's premier business location is located at the crossroads of I-90 and I-291. With permitted land available for sale in both Chicopee and Springfield this park is a business resource for companies requiring superior interstate access, affordable land and a quality

business environment.

Whether it's historic mill redevelopment or the latest in renewable energy technologies, Westmass Parks and Projects offer businesses unique real estate opportunities for growth at the cross roads of New England; western Mass. They encourage you to assess the opportunities at the Ludlow Mills, Chicopee River Business Park or any of Westmass' fully permitted Parks. Westmass will help your business grow, thrive and succeed.

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