

Prince George's County Planning Department Airport Compatibility Planning Project

The Prince George's County Planning Department has been engaged in a work program effort to examine risk and land use compatibility issues around the county's four general aviation airports: Potomac Airfield in Friendly, Washington Executive Airpark in Clinton, Freeway Airport in Mitchellville, and College Park Airport in College Park. The project is an outgrowth of several aircraft accidents in the neighborhoods close to Potomac Airfield during the mid-1990s and resulting residents' concerns. To help the staff further understand the issues and risks involved at Potomac Airfield and the other airports in the county, the Planning Department hired a team of aviation consultants to examine safety and land use compatibility issues around each airport, to research what is being done in other jurisdictions, and to recommend state of the art approaches to address issues in Prince George's County. For increased public accessibility, this consultant's report is on the Planning Department website. A printed copy of the consultant's report is available as a reference at the following public libraries:

- Hyattsville Branch Library, 6532 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville
- Bowie Branch Library, 15210 Annapolis Road, Bowie
- Surratts-Clinton Branch Library, 9400 Piscataway Road, Clinton

Airport Land Use Compatibility and Air Safety Study

An aviation consultant, William V. Cheek and Associates of Prescott, Arizona, conducted research and field study around the county's four general aviation airports during the past summer. They prepared a detailed report, entitled the *Airport Land Use Compatibility and Air Safety Study for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission*, which was submitted to the Planning Department on November 10, 2000. This report contains an overview of the regulatory environment affecting airports and land use planning, local and national airport compatibility issues, a risk analysis and an evaluation of existing and proposed land uses around each airport. The report also identifies incompatible existing or proposed land uses and contains recommendations for preparing regulations, or taking other actions that will enhance the safety and compatibility of land uses in the immediate vicinity of these airports. **It is important to note that the views and opinions expressed in this consulting study are those of William V. Cheek and Associates and not necessarily those of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.**

Process to Formulate Legislation

During the winter 2001, the Planning Department will work with an advisory group to evaluate the consultant's report and prepare new zoning or subdivision ordinance regulations that would enhance compatibility of future land uses around these airports. Landowners and residents in the areas close to these airports will be informed of the project and provided opportunities to comment. It is anticipated that the Prince George's County Council will consider the proposed new regulations during the spring 2001 legislative session.

This website will contain reports on planning activities and accomplishments throughout this process. To be placed on a mailing list or to ask questions about this project, please contact either of the project planners:

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An aerial photograph of the state of Maryland, overlaid with a network of yellow lines representing major roads or highways. Three circular markers with internal symbols are placed on the map: one in the upper left, one in the upper right, and one in the lower left. The text is centered over the map.

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