
Appendix J – Comments on the Draft EA

Public Involvement Details

A public notice (found in this section) was advertised in a local newspaper explaining that the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was available for public review and comment and included directions on how to request a public hearing and provide comments to the project team. To allow the public a chance to thoroughly review the Draft EA, the document was available for 34 days prior to the closing of the commenting period. Physical copies of Draft EA document were available for public review at the Augusta Regional Airport administrative office during normal business hours and online at www.flyags.com.

Following the completion of the Final EA and a subsequent Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) if approved, the documents will be made available for public review. A public notice will be advertised in a local newspaper and on the Airport's website explaining that the Final EA and FONSI are available for review the project is ready to move forward to design, permitting, and construction.

As with the Draft EA, physical copies of Final EA and FONSI will be available for public review at the Augusta Regional Airport administrative office during normal business hours and online at www.flyags.com for a minimum of 30 days. Agencies that commented on the Final EA will be sent courtesy copies for their records.

Summary of Agency and Public Comments and Responses on Draft EA

No public comments were received and no public hearing was requested; however, correspondence from four agencies was received on the Draft EA. Responding agencies concurred with the findings of the Draft EA with no revisions requested. Their letters can be found in the following pages.

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT AND
OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING FOR A SOUTH EAST
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
Augusta Regional Airport
Augusta, Georgia**

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- Rehabilitation of Runway 8/26
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- Demolition of the existing Airport maintenance facility
- Construction of a new Airport maintenance facility
- Demolition of the existing fuel farm and Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) station
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- Reuse of the existing general aviation hanger
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- Construction of a new electrical vault
- Construction of an on-airport access road

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- Augusta Regional Airport, 1501 Aviation Way, Augusta, GA 30906 (administration office, second floor)

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are further advised of an opportunity for a public hearing - if requested. If substantial requests for a public hearing are received, the airport will schedule and hold a public hearing on the Draft Environmental Assessment. The purpose of the public hearing would be to consider the social, economic and environmental effects of the proposed improvements and whether the improvements are in the public interest and consistent with the goals and objectives of area planning. Requests for a public hearing must be received by **May 3, 2018** at the address listed below.

Citizens are also encouraged to submit general comments or concerns by mail or email. Comments submitted in this manner must be received by **May 3, 2018**, to be included in official project record. Send comments to:

Ms. Diane Johnston,
Marketing Director
Augusta Regional Airport
1501 Aviation Way
Augusta, GA 30906
Phone: (706) 796-4002
Email: djohnston@augustaga.gov

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[!\[\]\(830769b31eeeaca920791081939ff8ba_img.jpg\) Appendix I- Water Quality](#)

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Agencies that received the Draft EA for review and comment

Pfx	First	Last	Title	Agency
Mr.	Hardie	Davis, Jr.	Mayor	City of Augusta, Georgia
Ms.	Melanie	Wilson	Director	Augusta-Richmond County, Planning and Development Department
				Georgia Aviation Authority
Commissioner	Gary	Black		Georgia Department of Agriculture
Commissioner	Mark	Williams		Georgia Department of Natural Resources
Mr.	Spud	Woodward	Director	Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division
Mr.	Judson	Turner	Director	Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division
Dr.	David	Crass	Director	Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Division
Ms.	Becky	Kelley	Director	Georgia Department of Natural Resources, State Parks and Historic Sites Division
Mr.	Dan	Forster	Director	Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division
Mr.	Russell	McMurry, P.E.	Commissioner	Georgia Department of Transportation
Representative	Earnest	Smith		Georgia House of Representatives - District 125
Senator	Harold	Jones II		Georgia State Senate - District 22
Governor	Nathan	Deal		State of Georgia
Ms.	Gracia	Szczech	Regional Adm	Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IV
Ms.	Joyce	Stanley	Regional Env	U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Atlanta Region
Ms.	Kimberly	Garvey	Supervisory E	United States Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
Mr.	Jack	Lewis	Assistant Sta	United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Athens Area Office
Ms.	Heather	McTeer Toney	Regional Adm	United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4
				United States Fish and Wildlife Service - Georgia Ecological Services Field Office
	Cindy	Dohner	Regional Dire	United States Fish and Wildlife Service - Southeast Region 4
Representative	Rick	Allen		United States House of Representatives - Georgia District 12
Senator	Johnny	Isakson		United States Senate - Georgia
Senator	David	Perdue		United States Senate - Georgia



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Office of Environmental
Policy and Compliance

April 5, 2018

Ms. Joyce Stanley
U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance, Atlanta Region
75 Spring Street, S.W., Suite 1144
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Draft Environmental Assessment for Proposed Improvements
at the Augusta Regional Airport, Augusta, Georgia

Dear Ms. Stanley,

Enclosed for your review and comment is a flash drive containing an electronic copy of the Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed Southeast Side Development at the Augusta Regional Airport (AGS). A hardcopy of this document is available upon request.

A legal notice announcing information on how the public can review and comment on the project was published in a local area newspaper along with instructions on how to request a public hearing. The Draft Environmental Assessment will be made available for public review and comment for a minimum of 30 days.

Subject to the receipt of any information indicating that the proposed project will result in significant impacts to the environment, it is our intention to submit this document to the approving authority, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), with a recommendation that the FAA prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). For a project of this type, a FONSI is the final step in the environmental clearance process. After the FONSI has been approved, the project can proceed to final design, permitting, and construction.

To maintain the project schedule, your written comments are requested by **May 7, 2018**. Please send your written or email comments to:

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FWS Log No. 2018-I-1837

Sincerely,

William Ballard

William Ballard
Enclosure

Based on the information provided, the proposed action is not expected to significantly impact fish and wildlife resources under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service jurisdiction.

Donald W. Imm
Donald W. Imm, Field Supervisor

5-11-2018
Date

William Ballard

From: Wallace, Dan - NRCS, Athens, GA <Dan.Wallace@ga.usda.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 10:41 AM
To: William Ballard
Subject: Augusta Regional Airport

Received your DEA for Augusta Regional Airport. We provided early coordination in 2015 as reflected in your agency correspondence appendix. We have no further comments beyond that.

DANIEL F. WALLACE
USDA NRCS GEORGIA RESOURCE INVENTORY COORDINATOR

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William Ballard

From: Moore, Kelie <Kelie.Moore@dnr.ga.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2018 4:09 PM
To: William Ballard
Subject: RE: Augusta Regional Airport FAA DEA, Columbia County, GA

Excuse me – Richmond County.

Kelie Moore

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From: Moore, Kelie
Sent: Friday, May 04, 2018 3:59 PM
To: 'william.ballard@meadhunt.com' <william.ballard@meadhunt.com>
Subject: Augusta Regional Airport FAA DEA, Columbia County, GA

Staff of the Georgia Coastal Management Program have reviewed the draft environmental assessment for proposed improvements at the Augusta Regional Airport in Augusta, Columbia County, Georgia. Columbia County is outside of Georgia's coastal zone and the proposed project does not have any reasonably foreseeable impacts to coastal uses or resources. Additionally, the project is not located in a Coastal Barrier Resource Area.

Kelie Moore

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June 06, 2018

Regulatory Branch
SAS-2013-00375

Mr. William Ballard, AICP
MEAD & HUNT, Incorporated
2605 Port Lansing Road
Lansing, Michigan 48906

Dear Mr. Ballard:

We have received information that you are requesting an environmental review pursuant to the proposed improvements at the Augusta Regional Airport, City of Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia. This project has been assigned number SAS-2013-00375. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence regarding this matter.

Please be advised that if your project involves work in waters of the United States that are considered to be within the jurisdiction of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and/or Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA), you may require a permit. The placement of dredged or fill material into any waterways and/or their adjacent wetlands, including material re-deposited during mechanized land clearing or excavation of those wetlands, would likely require prior Department of the Army authorization. Proceeding with such work, without proper authorization, may result in our initiating a CWA and/or RHA enforcement action.

If your project does not involve waters of the United States under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers jurisdiction, then a Department of the Army permit is not required. To learn more about our program you may want to access our website located at <http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>.

Thank you in advance for completing our on-line Customer Survey Form located at http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey. We value your comments and appreciate your taking the time to complete a survey each time you have interaction with our office.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 912-652-5048.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sarah E. Spatzer", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Sarah E. Spatzer
Regulatory Specialist, Coastal Section

William Ballard

From: Spatzer, Sarah F CIV USARMY CESAS (US) <Sarah.F.Spatzer@usace.army.mil>
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 8:19 AM
To: William Ballard
Subject: RE: SAS-2013-00375

Mr. Ballard,

The letter was my official response. After review it appears you are considering to avoid all aquatic resources, therefore, a Corps permit would not be required. However, if it comes to you may need to impact an aquatic resource with either discharge of fill or dredged material a Corps Permit would be required and further coordination would be needed.

V/R,

Sarah F. Spatzer
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Thank you in advance for completing our Customer Survey Form. This can be accomplished by visiting our web site at http://corpsmapu.usace.army.mil/cm_apex/f?p=regulatory_survey, and completing the survey on-line. We value your comments and appreciate your taking the time to complete a survey each time you interact with our office.

-----Original Message-----

From: William Ballard [mailto:william.ballard@meadhunt.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 3:07 PM
To: Spatzer, Sarah F CIV USARMY CESAS (US) <Sarah.F.Spatzer@usace.army.mil>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] SAS-2013-00375

Good Afternoon Sarah:

A few weeks ago, I sent a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed improvements at the Augusta Regional Airport to your office for review and comment. I just received the attached letter from you yesterday. I was wondering if I should consider the attached letter your official response or should I expect more communication from you? I did not want to finalize the EA without checking with you first.