

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR WILDLIFE HAZARD REMOVAL PROJECT AT THE JACKSONVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Notice of Impacts to Wetlands in Accordance with Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands

PROJECT: Wildlife Hazard Removal Project

LOCATION: Jacksonville International Airport (Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida)

SPONSOR: Jacksonville Aviation Authority

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) of 1969, the Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAA) is making available for public and agency review and comment the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Wildlife Hazard Removal at the Jacksonville International Airport (JAX). After review of the EA, and consideration of comments from the public and federal, state and local agencies, the Federal Aviation Administration will make a NEPA determination on the Proposed Project.

Project Description: Prior studies and wildlife surveys at JAX identified several wetland areas at the approach end of Runway 26 as hazardous wildlife attractants. The airport's Wildlife Hazard Management Plan recommends eliminating these wetlands to maintain a safe operating environment. The proposed project will remove approximately 52.8 acres of wetland habitat by clearing vegetation within the wetlands and placing fill within cleared areas to prevent the accumulation of water. The cleared areas will be maintained as mowed field. Compensation for unavoidable wetland impacts will be provided through the acquisition of credits in one or more approved wetland mitigation banks. The Draft EA did not identify any significant impacts associated with the project.

Draft EA Availability: A copy of the Draft EA is available for public review and inspection during regular business hours at the location listed below. An electronic copy of the Draft EA is also available for download at:

<http://flyjacksonville.com/content2015.aspx?id=1389>

Jacksonville Aviation Authority
14201 Pecan Park Road
Jacksonville, FL 32218
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Comment Period: The comment period is from March 25th, 2020 to April 24th, 2020. Written comments on the Draft EA should be postmarked by April 24th, 2020. All comments will be carefully reviewed and addressed in a Final Environmental Assessment. Written comments should be mailed to:

Environmental Resource Solutions (Attention Gabrielle Allerton)
3550 St. Johns Bluff Road South
Jacksonville, Florida 32224
(904) 285-1397

Please note that comments can only be accepted with the full name and address of the individual commenting. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information (PIP) in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your PIP – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask in your comment to withhold from public review your PIP, the Aviation Authority cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

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