

Aeronautics Report

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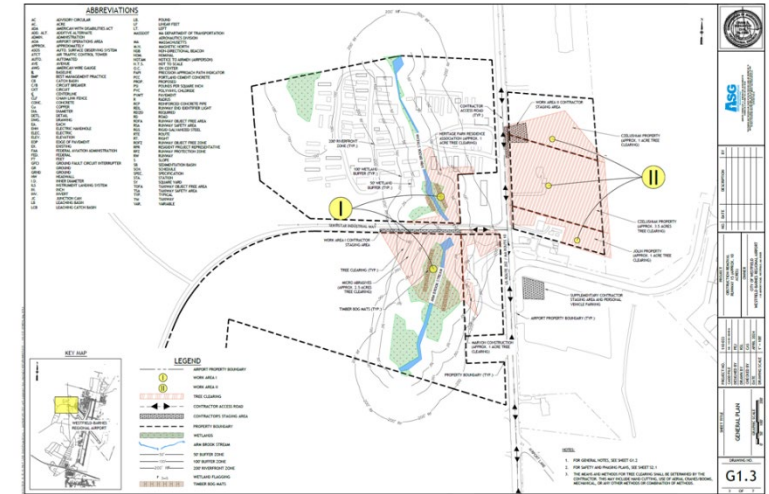


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Westfield-Barnes Regional Airport Obstruction Removal

Vegetative management for clear approaches promotes airport safety



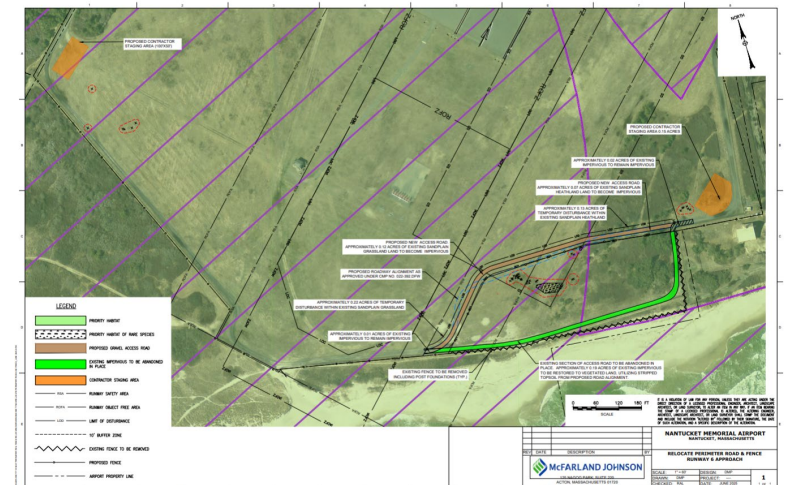
- Multiple areas of trees off the Runway 15 end required cutting to provide safe approaches
- The Airport and their consultant worked with an abutting environmental justice (EJ) population through the NEPA/MEPA process.

Nantucket Memorial Airport Perimeter Road & Fence Relocation

Project will enhance airport security and improve coastal resiliency



- Coastal erosion and rising sea levels have threatened the existing perimeter road & fence at the airport
- Airport coordinated with NHESP to get approval for fence and road relocation
- The perimeter road and fence are critical elements in ensuring airport safety and compliance with TSA regulations



State Collaboration on Advanced Air Mobility (AAM)

Leaders from 30 states align priorities to strengthen a coordinated national approach

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- Aeronautics participated in two Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) events underscoring the growing role of states in shaping AAM policy, infrastructure, and integration

- At the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), Aeronautics joined legislators and staff from four states and the Vertical Aviation International team on an industry panel.

- The platform focused on building awareness among legislators and highlighted insights from the Massachusetts AAM Roadmap



- Aeronautics joined 30 states for the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) AAM Multi-State Collaborative. The forum brought aviation leaders together to align priorities, exchange best practices, and form a coordinated national approach.

Plymouth Municipal Airport Open House

Aeronautics demonstrates the practical applications of drone technology



- On September 5, 2025, Aeronautics participated in an airport open house supporting community engagement
- Two interactive stations were set up: one featuring MassDOT drones and another with a full airplane flight simulator
- Visitors had the opportunity to try out the equipment, ask questions, and learn about the various operational use cases of drones in transportation and public safety
- Staff provided detailed information on Aeronautics mission, including aerial surveys, infrastructure monitoring, and data collection efforts



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