

**Carroll County Regional Airport
Environmental Assessment
November 18, 2008**

Welcome to the Environmental Assessment (EA) public open house. The purpose of this open house is to provide information, and answer questions, related to the environmental analysis considered for the airport development project. Public comments are welcome.

Three stations have been established as described below. Please begin at Station 1 and visit each station to gain a complete understanding of the alternatives and potential environmental consequences as evaluated during the EA process.

Station 1 – Proposed Development Plan

- Proposed Alternative
- Land Acquisition

Station 2 – Environmental Considerations

- 18 Impact Categories
- Noise Analysis

Station 3 – Environmental Considerations

- Wetlands/Water Quality
- Historic and Cultural Resources

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION !

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Project Summary – Alternatives Review**

I. Project Background

In accordance with FAA regulations, Carroll County, Maryland, as Owner and Operator of the Carroll County Regional Airport (DMW) is required to undertake an environmental review prior to constructing the improvements proposed in the 2007 Master Plan (MP) Update. The FAA authorized Carroll County to proceed with an Environmental Assessment (EA) and has retained Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. to conduct this EA and prepare a report for submittal to the FAA consistent with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines.

II. Environmental Analysis

- Wetlands – A total of 14 wetlands, approximately 15 acres, and 8 streams were identified within the project area. Coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers and Maryland Department of the Environment is ongoing.
- Cultural Resources – Proposed improvements to the airport would have no effect on archaeological resources within the current area of potential effect (APE); however, effects on architectural resources, four (4) potentially eligible resources were recorded, are currently under review with the Maryland Historic Trust.
- Air Quality – A draft Air Quality Assessment Protocol was submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment for review and coordination. Air quality analysis is ongoing.
- Endangered and Threatened Species – The Phase I bog turtle field survey did not identify any bog turtles within the project area. Coordination with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is ongoing. Additional agency coordination revealed that there are no State or Federal records for other rare, threatened or endangered species within project boundaries.

III. Public Participation

NEPA stipulates that the EA process should encourage public participation throughout the study period. This is the final of three open houses, and, if requested, a public hearing will be scheduled near the end of the study. The open house format allows the public to interact directly with airport management and consultant representatives, as well as involved federal and state agencies. The public also has the opportunity to submit written comments which will then become part of the EA document.