

APPENDIX D

FARMLANDS



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FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request			
Name Of Project Carroll County Regional Airport		Federal Agency Involved FFA			
Proposed Land Use Light Industrial		County And State Carroll County, Maryland			
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS 1/20/09			
Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? <i>(If no, the FPPA does not apply -- do not complete additional parts of this form).</i>		Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated n/a	Average Farm Size 139
Major Crop(s) CORN, soybeans, wheat	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: 223,607 % 77	Amount Of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 204,102 % 70			
Name Of Land Evaluation System Used Modified LESA	Name Of Local Site Assessment System N/A	Date Land Evaluation Returned By NRCS 2/6/09			
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating			
		Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		7.9	61.0	71.0	
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly		0.0	0.0	0.0	
C. Total Acres In Site		7.9	61.0	71.0	0.0
PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information					
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland		0.0	5.2	4.1	
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland		3.0	22.4	38.7	
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted		0.00 i	0.0 i3	0.02 i	
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value		74.7	60.1	60.1	
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted <i>(Scale of 0 to 100 Points)</i>		54	61	59	0
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria <i>(These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))</i>		Maximum Points			
1. Area In Nonurban Use		3	3	3	
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use		3	3	3	
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed		0	0	0	
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government		0	0	0	
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area		0	0	0	
6. Distance To Urban Support Services		0	0	0	
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		0	0	0	
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland		0	0	0	
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services		5	5	5	
10. On-Farm Investments		10	10	10	
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		0	0	0	
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		0	0	0	
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160	21	21	0
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland <i>(From Part V)</i>		100	54	61	59
Total Site Assessment <i>(From Part VI above or a local site assessment)</i>		160	21	21	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		260	75	82	80
Site Selected:		Date Of Selection		Was A Local Site Assessment Used? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Reason For Selection:					

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SUBJECT: Farmland Protection Policy Act
Environmental Assessment for
Carroll County Regional Airport Project
Westminster, Maryland
AIP Project No. 3-24-0028-024
Delta Project No. MD 08002

DATE: February 6, 2009

TO: Kathryn S. Keels
Delta Airport Consultants, Inc.
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Dear Ms. Keels:

The responsibility of our agency, for your environmental assessment of the Carroll County Airport Project, is to provide technical assistance for the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) by evaluating and completing our sections of the Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form AD-1006.

We have completed our sections of the form. See attachment. Per our recent phone conversations, I have explained the modifications to the original acreage figures you provided under Part III and have sent, via email, aerial photos depicting areas of the project excluded and included in our determinations. Excluded areas were determined to be "already in or committed to urban build up" and therefore are not subject to the Act.

If you require any additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Brewer".

James E. Brewer, CPSS/SC
NRCS Soil Scientist
410 822-1577 ext. 121

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cc: Eric Hines, Westminster, MD
Mark Rose, Annapolis, MD

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