

APPENDIX D

FARMLANDS



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January 19, 2009

Mr. Rob Weaver
Natural Resources Conservation Center
Carroll County Service Center
698 J Corporate Center Court
Westminster, MD 21157

RE: Farmland Conversion
Environmental Assessment
Carroll County Regional Airport
Westminster, Maryland
AIP Project No. 3-24-0028-024
Delta Project No. MD 08002

Dear Mr. Weaver:

On behalf of the Carroll County, Maryland, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. is conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the development of the Carroll County Airport. Alternative 4 (Preferred) will require the fee simple acquisition of approximately 100 acres, 33 of which are farmland soils of statewide importance, and 8 acres are prime farmland soils. Only areas north and northwest of the airport have been calculated as farmland; the remaining areas proposed for acquisition are existing industrial or residential properties.

Enclosed for your review are exhibits of the fee simple land acquisition and prime soils for each alternative discussed in the EA. I have also enclosed a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form (AD-1006) for your review and completion.

If you have any questions or need any further information to process the AD-1006, please do not hesitate to contact me at 704.521.9101 or via e-mail at kkeels@deltaairport.com.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathryn S. Keels

Enclosures

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U.S. Department of Agriculture

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Date Of Land Evaluation Request
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Name Of Project Carroll County Regional Airport	Federal Agency Involved FAA
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Proposed Land Use Light Industrial	County And State Carroll County, Maryland
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PART II (To be completed by NRCS)	Date Request Received By NRCS
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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	Average Farm Size 139 acres
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Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: %	Amount Of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: %
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Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	Name Of Local Site Assessment System	Date Land Evaluation Returned By NRCS
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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	4.0	33.0	41.0	
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly				
C. Total Acres In Site	4.0	33.0	41.0	0.0

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	0.0	9.0	8.0	
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland	4.0	24.0	33.0	
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted				
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value				

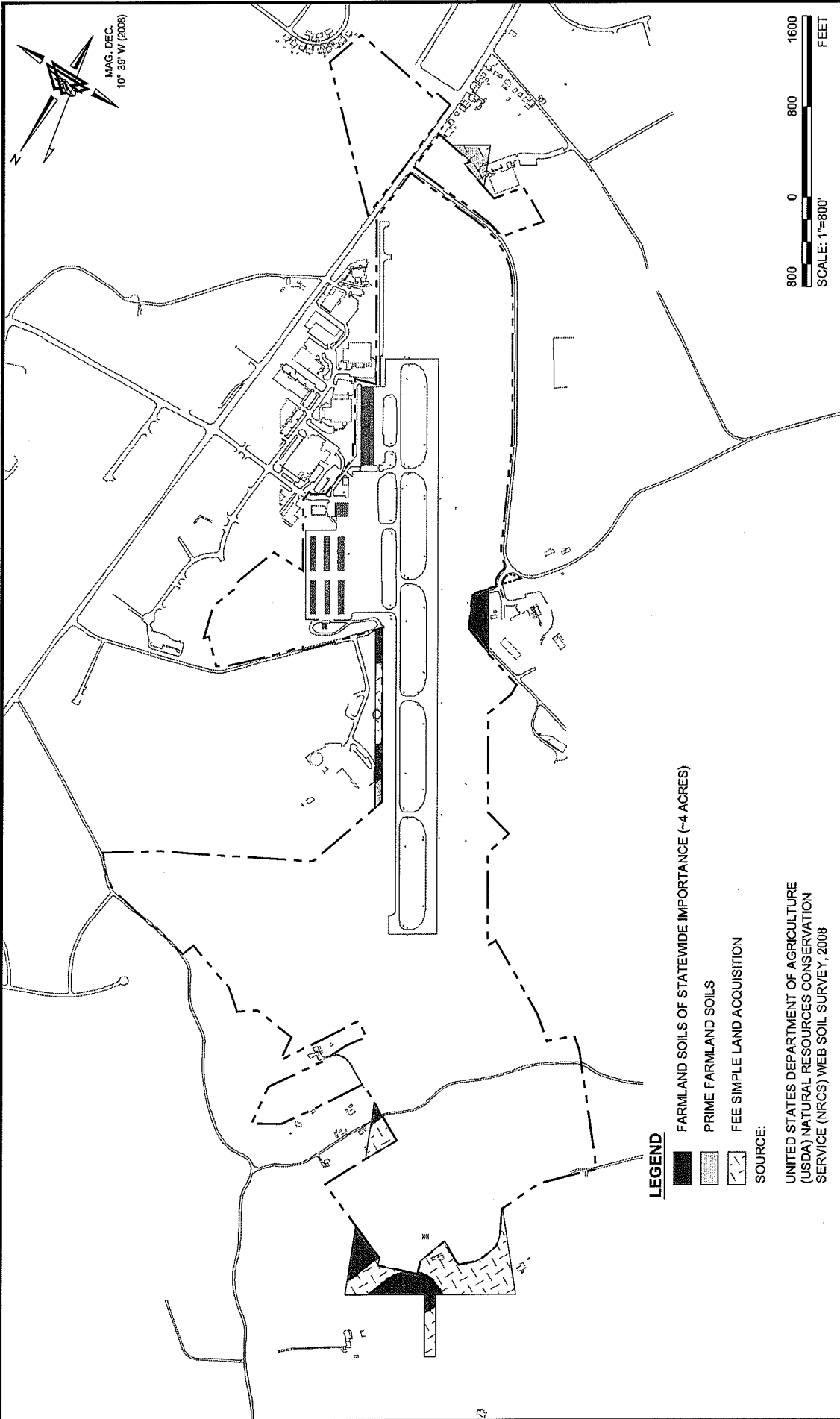
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)	0	0	0	0
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PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))	Maximum Points	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
1. Area In Nonurban Use	3	3	3	3	
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use	3	3	3	3	
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed	0	0	0	0	
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	0	0	0	0	
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area	0	0	0	0	
6. Distance To Urban Support Services	0	0	0	0	
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	0	0	0	0	
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	0	0	0	0	
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	5	5	5	
10. On-Farm Investments	10	10	10	10	
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	0	0	0	0	
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	21	21	21	0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	0	0	0
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	21	21	21
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	21	21	21

Site Selected:	Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Reason For Selection:



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 FARMLAND SOILS OF STATEWIDE IMPORTANCE (~4 ACRES)

 PRIME FARMLAND SOILS

 FEE SIMPLE LAND ACQUISITION

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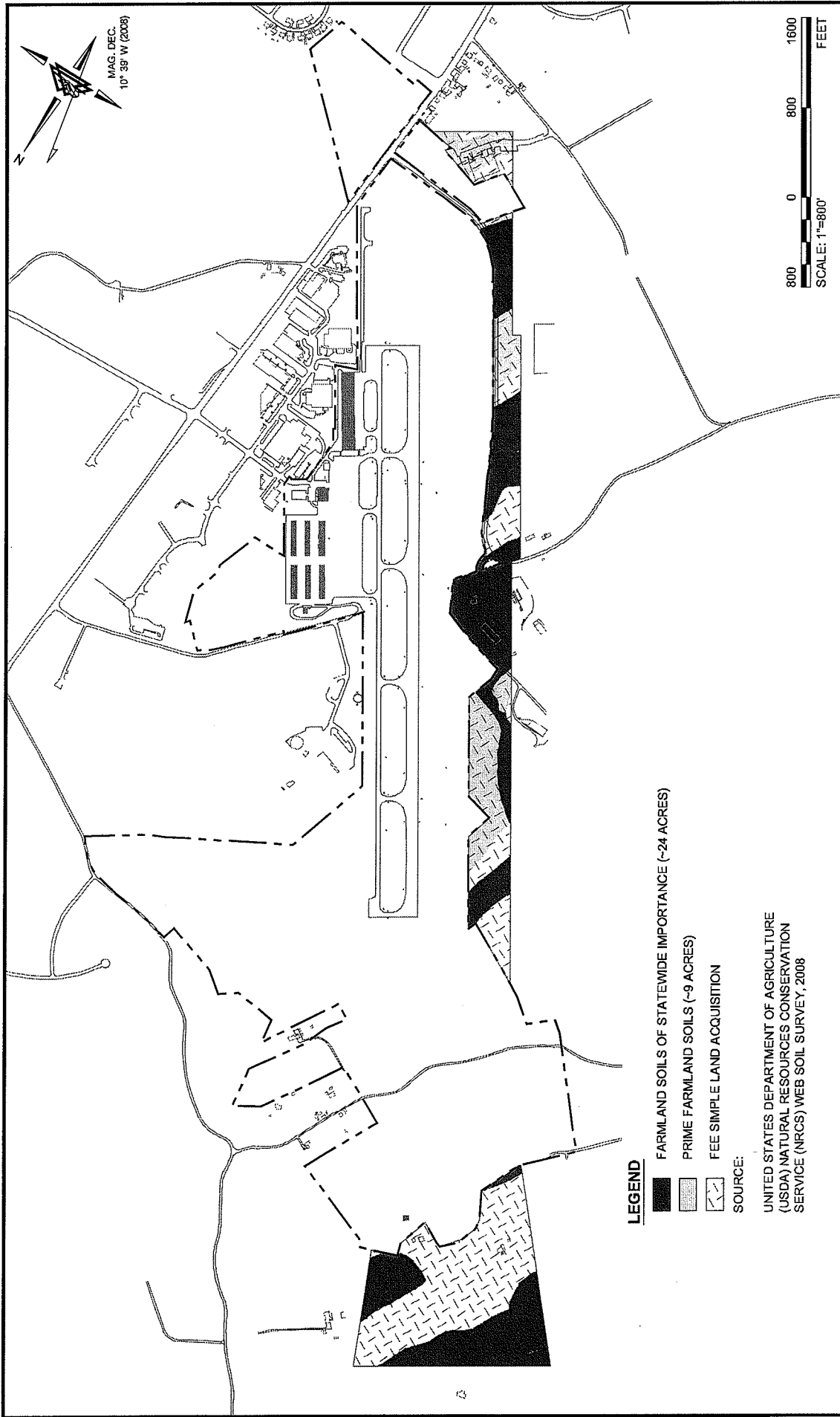
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**PRIME SOILS - ALTERNATIVE 2
 CARROLL COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT**




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-  FARMLAND SOILS OF STATEWIDE IMPORTANCE (~24 ACRES)
-  PRIME FARMLAND SOILS (~9 ACRES)
-  FEE SIMPLE LAND ACQUISITION

SOURCE:

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**PRIME SOILS - ALTERNATIVE 3
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