JEFFERSON COUNTY

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/ NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

WATERTOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – LAND/EASEMENT ACQUISITION AND OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Jefferson County, Watertown International Airport Sponsor, has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for acquisition of land and avigation easements, existing easement enhancement, and vegetation obstruction removal affecting Runways 7-25 and 10-28 at Watertown International Airport. The Draft EA evaluates the environmental, social and economic consequences and the project's consistency with the goals and objectives of the Airport and County's land use and planning strategy. Potentially affected environmental resources include wetlands and wildlife habitat.

The Draft EA is available for public review beginning on May 19, 2021 at the Watertown International Airport Business Center located at 22525 Airport Drive, Dexter, NY 13601 and the Flower Memorial Library located at 229 Washington St, Watertown, NY 13601 during normal business hours and the Watertown International Airport webpage https://www.watertownairport.com/about-us. Interested parties without access to a computer or copies at the above locations, may receive a copy upon request from the contact information provided below.

A public meeting will be held to summarize the results of the Draft EA. The public meeting will be conducted on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm virtually on Zoom. The link to the virtual public meeting is https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvdOmvrDosGNPtgTl6uY1K57jw5UOXLp55 and the phone number for call in is +1 646-558-8656. Sign-in for the public meeting will begin at 6:30pm, followed by a brief summary presentation at 7:00pm. The project team will be available to answer questions following the presentation. Visit the Airport's webpage for a link to register for the virtual meeting and instructions (https://www.watertownairport.com/about-us). The virtual public meeting will provide closed captioning. The video recording of the meeting will be posted within 48 hours of the meeting.

Public comments will be accepted until June 26, 2021. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Public comments will be accepted without personal identifying information.

Public comments will be accepted at the following addresses:

Watertown International Airport Land/Easement Acquisition and Obstruction Removal DEA c/o McFarland Johnson, Inc.
49 Court Street, Suite 240
Binghamton, NY 13901

Or by email at: WatertownEA@mjinc.com

For further information contact: Grant W. Sussey Airport Manager Watertown International Airport 22525 Airport Drive Dexter, NY 13601 (315) 786-6002