

FRANKLIN COUNTY AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Impetus- a convergence of events led us to initiate action

- State Planned Upgrade of the Franklin County Airport w runway extension
- Swanton Village upgrade of water line to MVU High School
- Subdivision of abutting property into 7-Lot Commercial Park
- Lack of vacant commercial/Industrial space in Franklin County
- Burlington airport at maximum capacity for cargo companies
- VT National Guard 10-year plan considering FC Airport as destination

Actions Taken

- Discussions between Swanton Village and Highgate
- Joint application to VCDP for study funds
- Economic and Engineering Study completed with collaboration with AOT, private developer, NRPC, FCIDC
- NBRC Grant award of \$507,107

Overview of Proposed Project

- Extend water 6,300' from MVU to FC Airport property to coincide with airport expansion to:
 1. Provide potable water /sewer to the airport terminal
 2. Offer water/sewer to airport hangars
 3. Provide water/sewer to the state snow removal building
 4. Provide water/sewer to the Agency of Transportation District 8 garage
- Extend water into the Commercial Industrial District to coincide with development of commercial park to:
 5. Enhance value of commercial/industrial properties
 6. Attract high-end manufacturing to the area
 7. Attract aviation related businesses to the area
 8. Remove sprinkler water storage requirements from construction costs
 9. Improve job opportunities in our region to increase pay and reduce travel times for residents

Project Need- this project has been identified as a Town Econ. Dev. Priority since 1972

- 51% Low to Moderate Income (LMI)
- 25% of residents drive 60 + minutes one way to work
- Area currently offers few job opportunities. Main industry is Agriculture
- Commercial development in Highgate has been stagnant for 20 years
- Highgate residential growth has increased demand for services with little commercial growth to offset tax burden

Anticipated Outcomes of Project- Significant Economic Development Stimulus to the area

- **Marketable business property 3 miles from I-89 and 7 miles from Canadian Border**
- **Improved private hangar value at FC Airport stimulating tax revenue**
- **Improved area job opportunities- job creation estimate as many as 1,200 jobs within 5 years of full build out of project**
- **Potable water to area with poor water quality**
- **Sewer service to area to increase manufacturing potential**

Next Steps

- **Continue to submit grant applications**
- **Seek support from State Legislators**
- **Seek support from US Legislators**
- **Seek support from State Agency of Transportation**
- **Seek support from private business**
- **Seek voter support for local match**

CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE		
WATER	SEWER	TOTAL
\$1,590,000	\$1,810,000	\$3,400,000

The Town has received one grant for this project from Northern Borders Regional Commission for \$507,107. We will be applying to VCDP and EDA for grants and USDA RD for loans and will schedule a town vote prior to Sept 2021.

This project will not move forward without a positive vote from Highgate residents

More Information

- Link to the EPR economic development study https://www.highgatevt.org/vertical/sites/%7B27DD8364-9602-460E-9A11-4C6436D74153%7D/uploads/Town_of_Highgate_Report_Final_Draft_3.0_05.22.20.pdf
- Link to A&E Engineering Report https://www.highgatevt.org/vertical/sites/%7B27DD8364-9602-460E-9A11-4C6436D74153%7D/uploads/Highgate_Airport_Infrastructure_Feasibility_Study_Final.pdf

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Water line extension map

Highgate, VT

1 inch = 1075 Feet



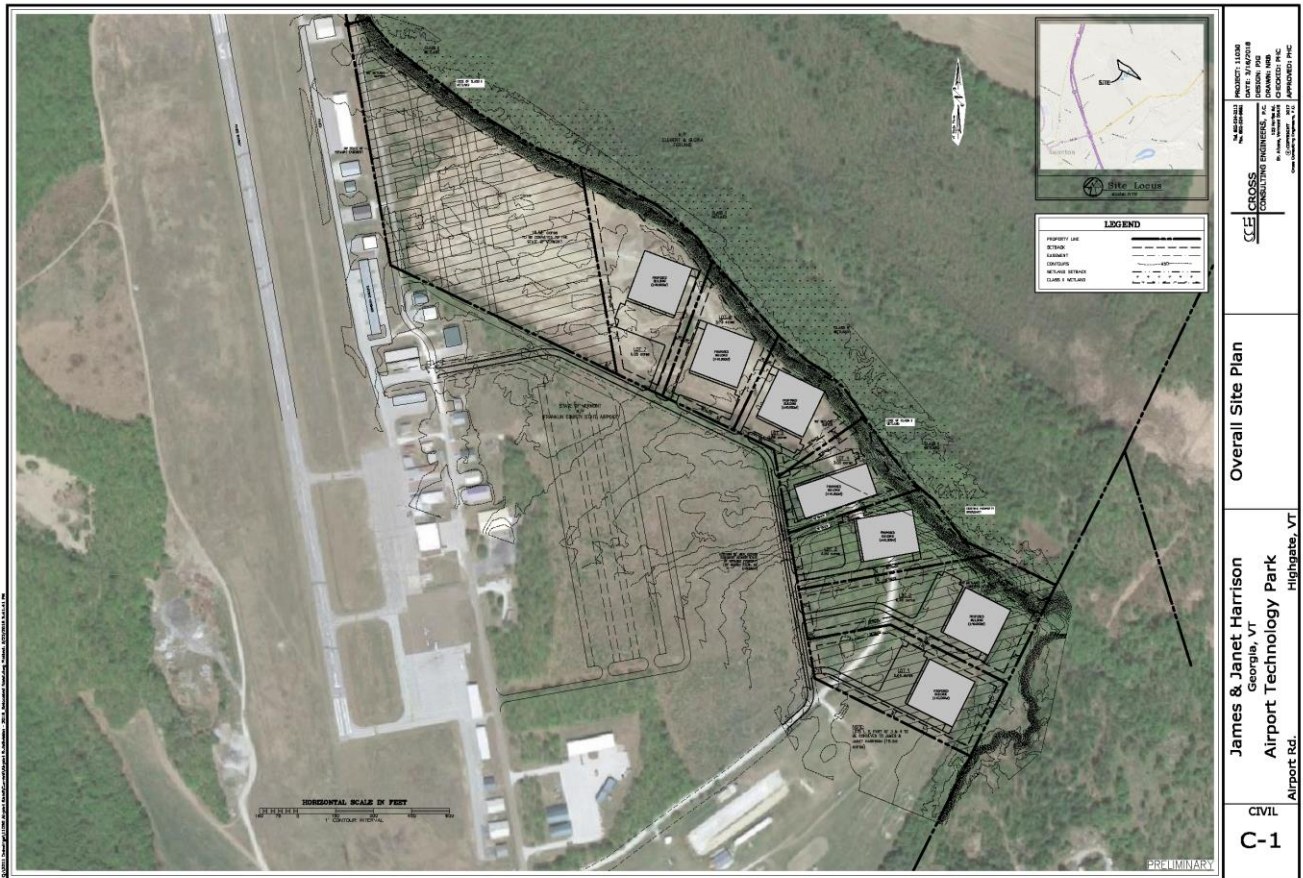
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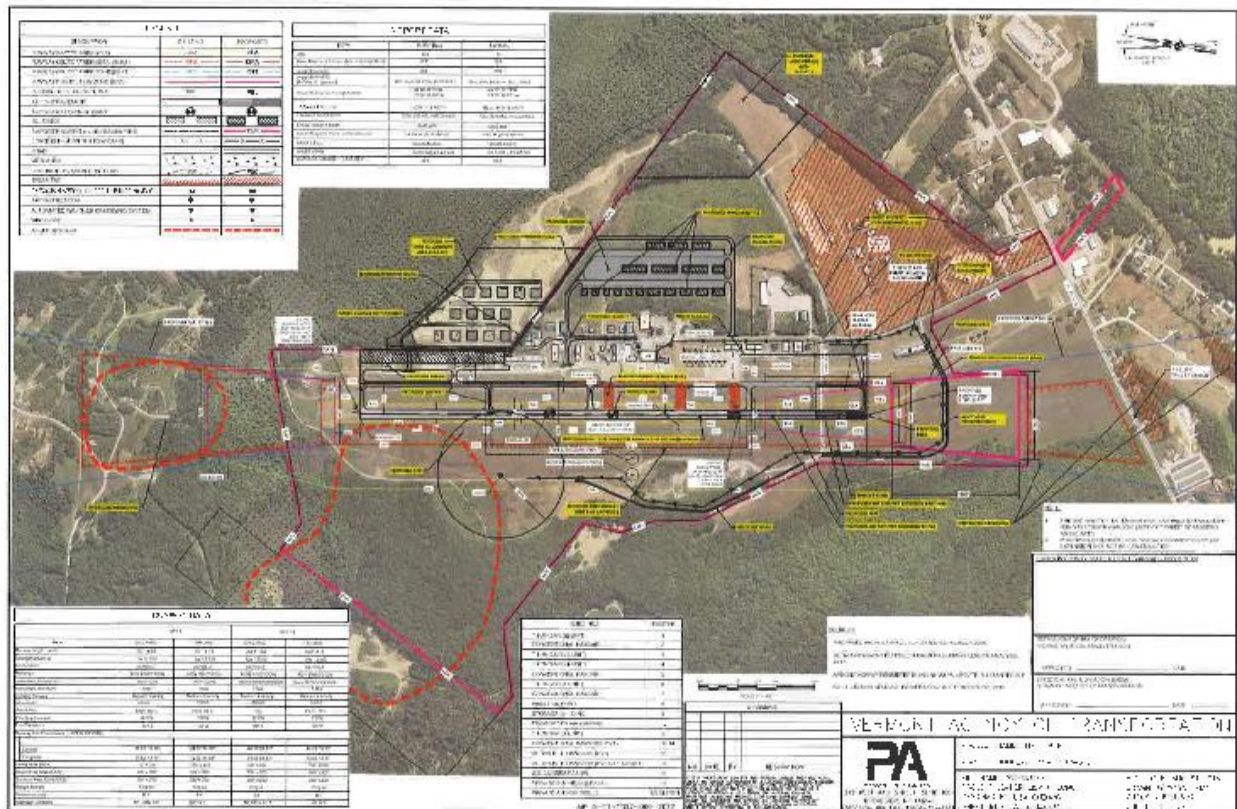


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