



CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG
Economic Development Authority

April 8, 2009

Tucker K. Edmonds
Chair, James City County Airport Feasibility Committee
Chesapeake Bank
Lafayette Financial Center
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Williamsburg, VA 23187

Dear Tucker:

Please find enclosed a resolution from the Williamsburg Economic Development Authority (EDA). The Resolution expresses the EDA's support of a general aviation airport in the Williamsburg area.

The Williamsburg Jamestown Pilots Association approached the EDA about the importance of the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport. After discussions with James City County staff and the Pilots Association, the EDA reviewed your Committee's Feasibility Study and passed the enclosed resolution.

If you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me at (757)220-6120 or mdewitt@williamsburgva.gov or the EDA Chair Monty Mason at (757)229-3404 or mmason@visa.com.

Sincerely,

Michele Mixner DeWitt
Economic Development Director

Copy: T. Montgomery Mason, EDA Chair
Steven Hicks, James City County Development Management Director
Keith Taylor, James City County Economic Development Director



RESOLUTION

Economic Development Authority

WHEREAS, the Williamsburg Economic Development Authority is aware that James City County has studied the feasibility of the continuation of a general aviation airport in the Williamsburg area; and

WHEREAS, the location of a general aviation airport in the Williamsburg area produces substantial economic activity, provides jobs and ad hoc air transportation for local citizens; supports tourism, business travel, and the economic development of Greater Williamsburg; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of the Williamsburg area general aviation airport (the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport) was quantified at 39 jobs, \$936,000 in wages and \$2.8 million in business sales in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Aviation ranks the economic impact of the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport as the third largest of all general aviation airports in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport was a gateway for 8,000 visitors to greater Williamsburg in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the location of a general aviation airport in the Williamsburg area enhances the City's business climate, appeal to visitors, and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS, one of the missions of the Williamsburg Economic Development Authority is to enhance the business climate for job creation and economic growth as well as assisting in the creation of a desirable lifestyle in which members of the community can live and work and where visitors will spend time and money.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Williamsburg Economic Development Authority supports the location of a general aviation airport in the Williamsburg area.

Adopted April 7, 2009

T. Montgomery Mason, Chairman