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Subject: Auburn-Lewiston Municipal Airport T-Hangar Project – Landscaping Waiver Request

Ms. McLaughlin:

On behalf of the Airport, the project is seeking a waiver from the Auburn landscaping standards listed below.

Vegetation on an airport is not compatible with airport use. Vegetation can grow up into the protected airspace that aircraft use to navigate to and from the airport's runways. Vegetation attracts wildlife, especially birds, increasing the potential for aircraft bird strikes. By this reasoning trees present a safety concern.

Additionally, the project is not adjacent to residential uses.

Therefore, the project seeks a waiver request from the landscaping standards below.

Sec. 60-579 - Dimensional Regulations.

g. Landscaping

4. Side and rear lot lines between non-residential uses shall be planted with an evergreen tree line planted in staggered rows having the base of the trees not more than 10 feet apart. The minimum width of the buffer shall be 30 feet.

5. Landscaping is considered to be vegetative treatment with trees, shrubs and, flowering plants and grass and/or bark mulch. Grass only is not deemed to satisfy this requirement. Evergreen trees shall be used as required in subsections (3)g3 and (3)g4 of this section. Trees shall be a minimum of six feet at the time of planting. Where possible, existing trees shall be preserved, building shall be oriented with respect to natural landscape feature, topography and natural drainage area.

Thank you for your continued support of the project.



John Gorham, PE
Project Manager