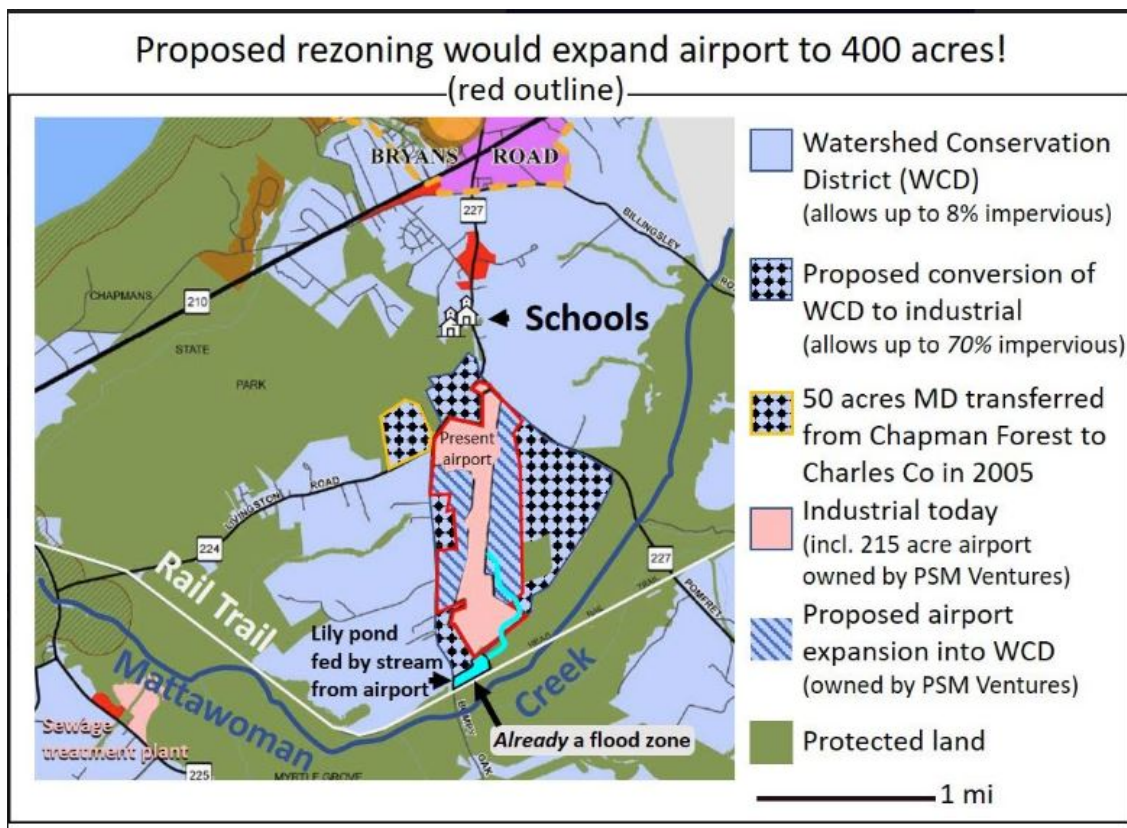


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Subject: For the Record Airport Expansion - ❁❁Charles County Aviation Business Park
Attachments: Airport CC Myths VS Facts is misleading on each question. (2).pdf

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1) **Lead exhaust:** Never studied in Charles County. The planes using this airport are piston engine craft, which burn leaded avgas. The runway is less than 1/2 mile from two schools. Avgas contains 20 times more lead than was allowed in automobile gas in 1986. Lead YouTube - airport lead starts at Part II: <https://youtu.be/6HIUm7dXq5s?t=350>

2) **CC stated - no increase in the size of the airport.** Charles County's Rezoning will change the size of the airport from 215 acres to 400+ acres. If the Watershed Conservation District and its environmental protections are removed, Charles County will create a 400-acre private airport, inside their proposed Aviation Business Park - the rezoning plus the airport total 763 acres!

2) **CC stated - The purpose of the rezoning of the 558 acres is to permit employment-supporting development.** (same as the pitch for the Tech Park!) The private airport's current 215-acre has two large parcels zoned BP (business park) - for 20 years! No business activity to date. Those two BP parcels would easily support *employment supporting development - without the need for further rezoning.* see the map of two BP parcels: click: [Associated Documents](#) click: **guide to understanding** - see present zoning map - see the two existing BP parcels.

3) **Charles County is not providing adequate public information on its proposed airport expansion rezoning and business park.**

- Boarddocs/county public documents archive has been discontinued.

The relevant documents and past information on the airport are not available.

The **Myths VS Facts** posting seems to be the best Charles County can do for public information and outreach so citizens can make informed decisions on CC's airport expansion rezoning.

This document link is a follow-up with more accurate information on all Myths and Facts

highlighted points. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NTQwNo8Cj71r0O-3m3lCUvCz5h4Ggy1bGIOLW2qoJE/edit?usp=sharing>

The continued airport expansion is based on unsupported economic & environmental assumptions, without community buy-in and a fair process!

The planes using this airport are piston engine craft, which burn leaded gas. The runway is less than 1/2 mile from two schools. The planes fly over the schools distributing lead pollution. Lead is toxic; why has there been no government recognition of the problem, with an appropriate response? **Community trust must be restored.**

The size of the airport is a problem. In 2019 PSM Holdings, LLC, purchased the 215-acre private Maryland Airport. Closely related company PSM Ventures LLC already owned 183 acres surrounding the airport. The 183 acres are in the Watershed Conservation District (WCD). If CC removes the WCD and its environmental protections from the 183 acres, Charles County will create a 400-acre private airport, inside their proposed Aviation Business Park - the rezoning and airport total 763 acres! **The expansion of the airport to 400+ acres was not discussed during the Planning Commission process, or any other venue.** Also: CC misstated to the public and Planning Commission: *“The proposal does not include rezoning of the Airport facility properties.* See the airport map above – the legend identifies ownership parcels.

