



# **SALISBURY-OCEAN CITY: WICOMICO REGIONAL AIRPORT- RUNWAY EXTENSION**

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**PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL HEARING**

**JUNE 28, 2023**

**7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 PM**

# **SALISBURY- OCEAN CITY: WICOMICO REGIONAL AIRPORT (SBY)**



- Runway 14-32: 6,400' x 100'
- Runway 5-23: 5,000' x 100'
- Piedmont Airlines
- Purdue Farms
- FedEx
- Military Training
- General Aviation

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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- Extend Runway 14-32 to 7,600 feet
- Construct Hangars in Airport Business Park
- Wetland Grading On-Airport
- Tree Clearing On- and Off-Airport

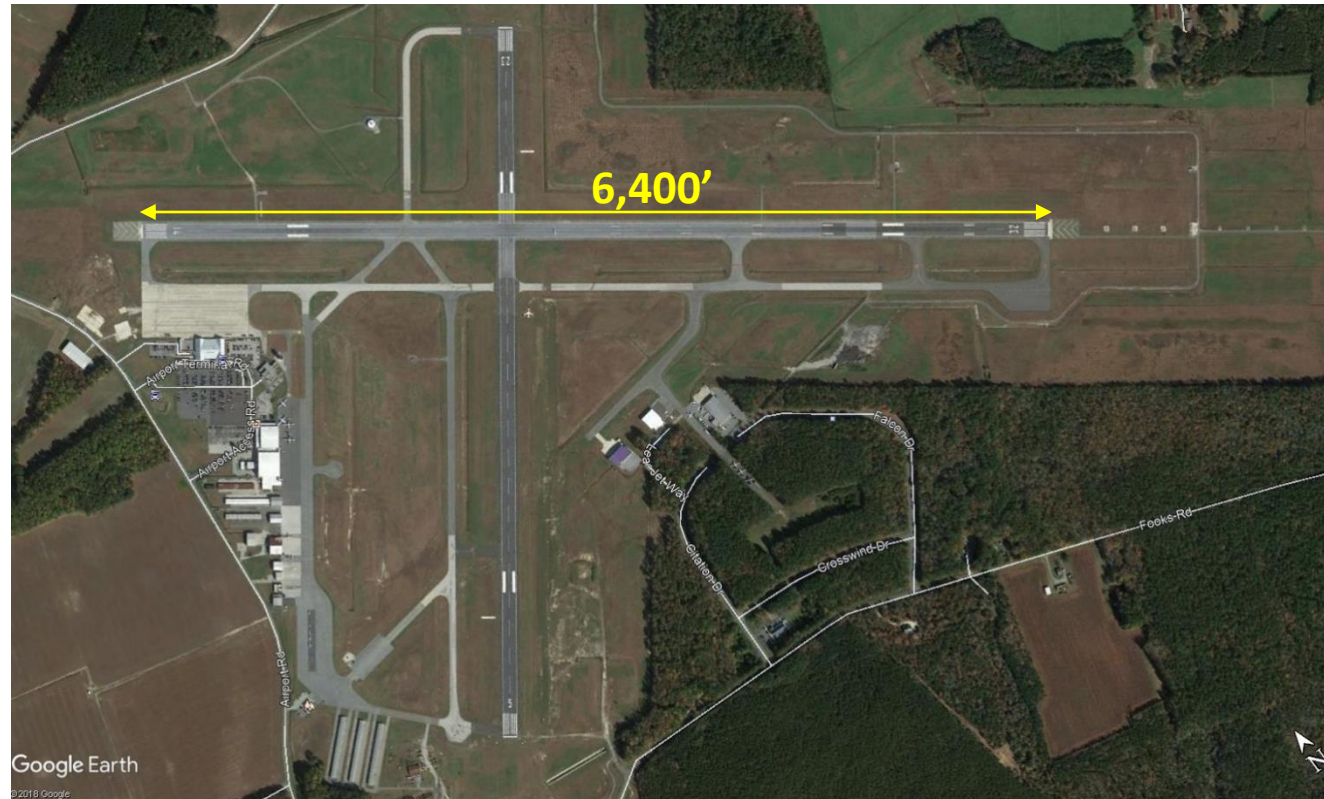
# PURPOSE AND NEED OF PROJECTS

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- Provide adequate runway length to fully accommodate current and anticipated airport users
- Ensure that the airport's current facilities meet or maintain FAA design standards, effectively accommodate existing and future facility demand, and adequately serve airport customers
- Safety for flying public

# PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION

- Problems the Proposed Action is addressing:  
Runway length inadequate to fully accommodate current and anticipated users



- Additional airspace clearing associated with new runway end location

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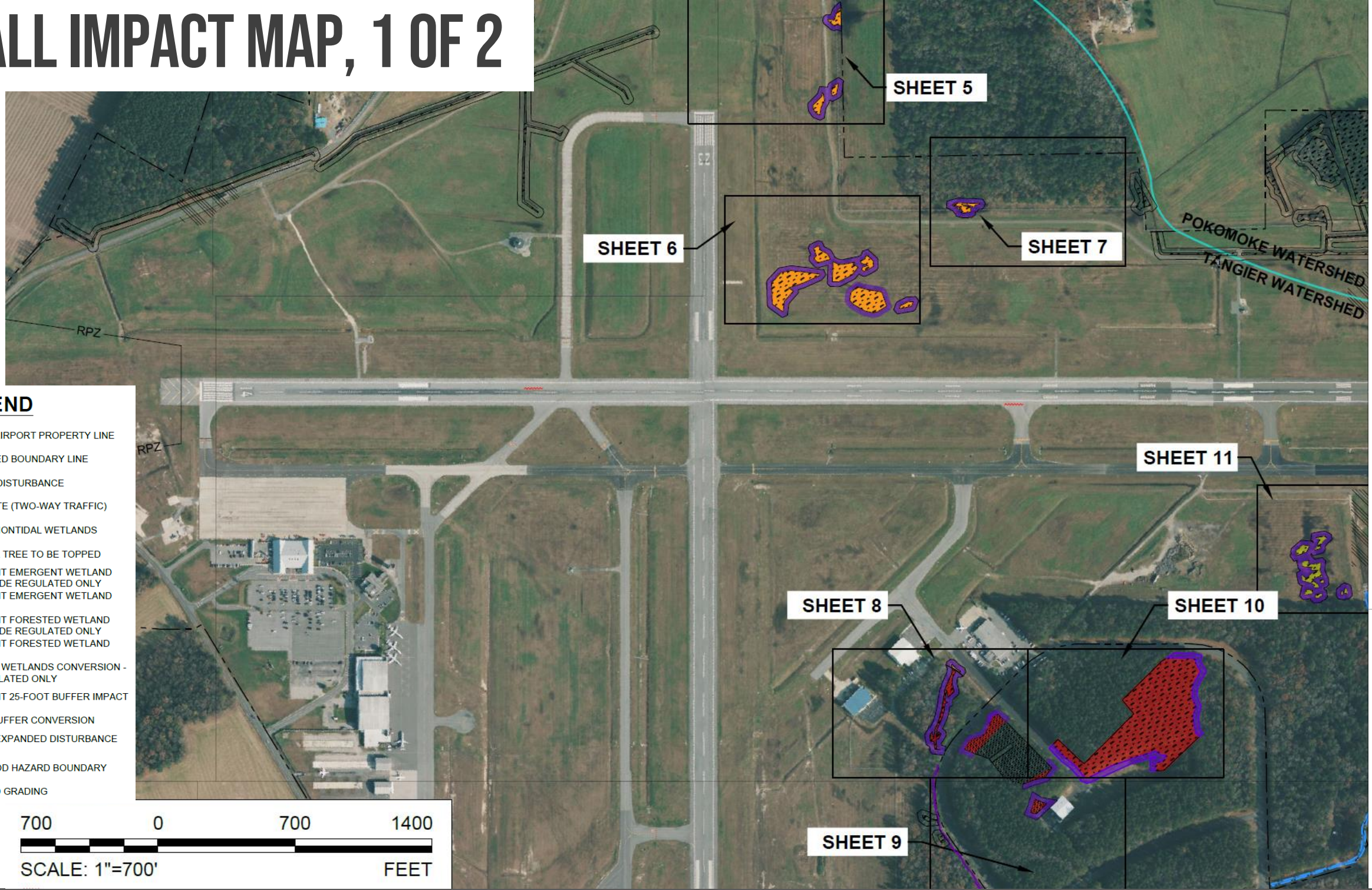
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- Problems the Proposed Action is addressing:  
Inability of current facilities to accommodate facility demand and adequately serve customers





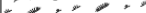













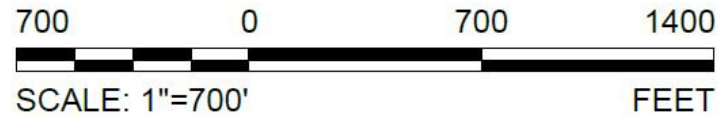
- Proposed Hangars
- Proposed Clearing to Prepare for Future Development
- Clearing Trees to Maintain Airspace and to Manage Wildlife Hazards

# OVERALL IMPACT MAP, 1 OF 2

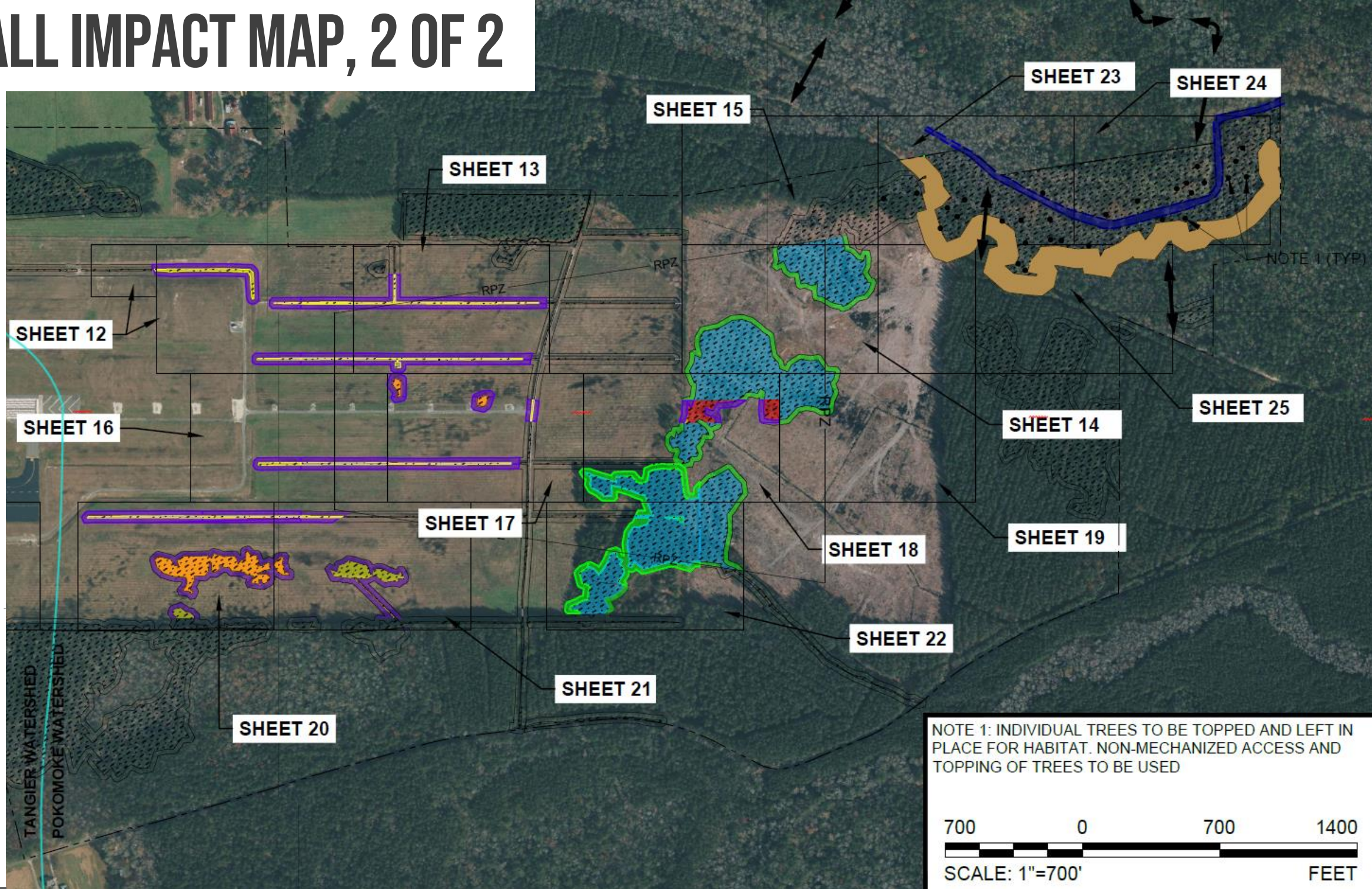


## LEGEND

-  EXISTING AIRPORT PROPERTY LINE
-  WATERSHED BOUNDARY LINE
-  LOD- LIMITS OF DISTURBANCE
-  HAUL ROUTE (TWO-WAY TRAFFIC)
-  EXISTING NONTIDAL WETLANDS
-  INDIVIDUAL TREE TO BE TOPPED
-  PERMANENT EMERGENT WETLAND IMPACT - MDE REGULATED ONLY
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-  PERMANENT FORESTED WETLAND IMPACT - MDE REGULATED ONLY
-  PERMANENT FORESTED WETLAND IMPACT
-  FORESTED WETLANDS CONVERSION - MDE REGULATED ONLY
-  PERMANENT 25-FOOT BUFFER IMPACT
-  25-FOOT BUFFER CONVERSION
-  100-FOOT EXPANDED DISTURBANCE BUFFER
-  FEMA FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY
-  PROPOSED GRADING

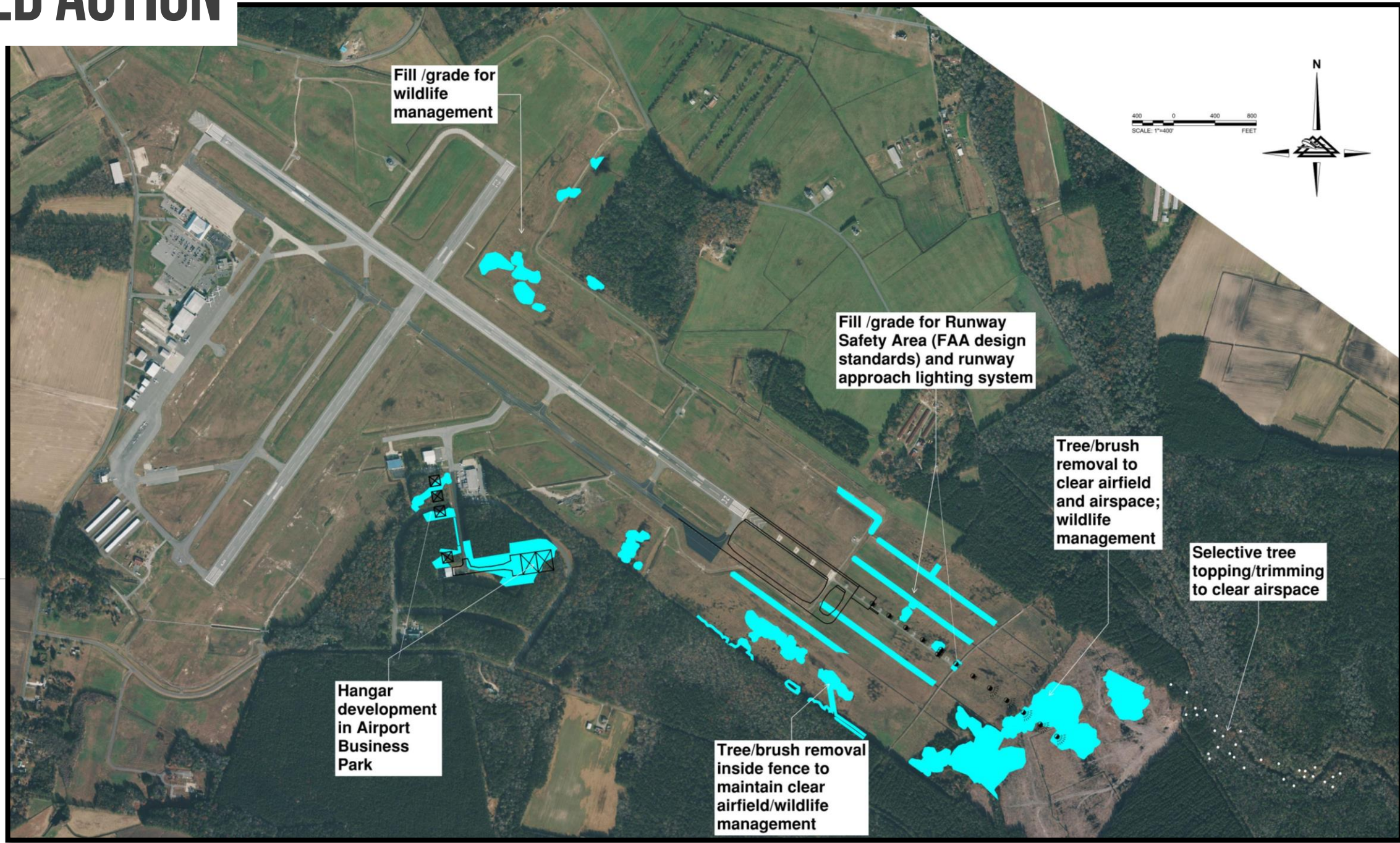


# OVERALL IMPACT MAP, 2 OF 2





# PROPOSED ACTION



# SUMMARY OF IMPACTS

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<b>IMPACT TYPE</b>	<b>MDE REGULATED</b>	<b>USACE AND MDE REGULATED</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
PERMANENT EMERGENT WETLAND IMPACT	126,707 SQFT	84,775 SQFT	211,482 SQFT
PERMANENT FORESTED WETLAND IMPACT	-	245,635 SQFT	245,635 SQFT
FORESTED WETLANDS CONVERSION	595,703 SQFT	-	595,703 SQFT
PERMANENT 25-FOOT BUFFER IMPACT	643,887 SQFT	-	643,887 SQFT
25-FOOT BUFFER CONVERSION	209,094 SQFT	-	209,094 SQFT
100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN IMPACT	0 SQFT	-	0 SQFT
STREAM IMPACT	0 SQFT	0 SQFT	0 SQFT

# SUMMARY OF AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION

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- During E.A. – Refine Fuel Farm and General Aviation Automobile Access to avoid wetlands and streams
- During Design –
  - Reduce amount of tree removal by focusing on highest priority airspace surfaces
  - Selectively top/trim instead of clearing within Non-Tidal Wetlands of Special State Concern
  - Selectively top/trim within 100-year floodplain and within some off-site wetland areas

# SUMMARY OF PROPOSED MITIGATION

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- Purchase 576,734-square feet (13.24 acres) of credits from Maple Dam Wetland Mitigation Bank (Maple Dam)
  - Satisfies all MDE/USACE jointly regulated impacts
- Create 721,731-square feet (16.57 acres) of off-site wetlands at the Walnut Tree Mitigation Site (Walnut Tree)
  - Permittee-Responsible Mitigation (PRM)
  - Satisfies MDE-only regulated impacts

# PROJECT TIMELINE – NOTABLE ITEMS

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- Airport Master Plan/Airport Layout Plan
  - ALP approved by FAA July 2020
    - Direct coordination with Nature Conservancy and DNR
- Wetlands Delineated: March – May 2020
  - J.D. issued by USACE December 2020
  - Verbal confirmation by MDE May 2020
    - 68 letters mailed to adjacent property owners during permitting phase, November 2021
    - Public notice for permit application published, December 2021
- Environmental Assessment
  - FONSI issued by FAA June 2021
    - Agency scoping call, March 2020 (attended by Nature Conservancy, DNR, FAA, and the County)
    - Two invitation-only property owner briefings, April 2020 and July 2020
    - Two public workshops (virtual), March 25, 2021, 11:30 am and 6:00 pm
    - Project website made available to public March 18, 2021 to April 16, 2021
    - Final E.A. and FONSI available for public review, July 8, 2021 to August 6, 2021

**THANK YOU!**

