



STEWART INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Konheim & Ketcham's role in the update of the Stewart Airport Master Plan in Orange County, NY, has two main components - public outreach and environmental assessment. In all aspects of the work, K&K has collaborated closely with consultant team leader, Black & Veatch (formerly TRA, Inc., with Goodkind & O'Dea and Wyle Laboratories), and with the NYS Department of Transportation Aviation Division. The Master Plan Update is based on a detailed forecast of demand for air travel, to be conducted as part of the contract. K&K organized and provided staffing for a broadly representative Working Group that helped to shape all aspects of the Master Plan. K&K prepared and is now updating an environmental assessment of all MPU elements for review by the NYSDOT and the Federal Aviation Administration for compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA.) The EA segregates these elements that are categorically excluded from further review by FAA regulations and those that require analysis under SEQRA. The two most significant issues are offsite noise impacts and wetlands and habitual impacts. The evaluations also include runway extensions, runway safety area improvements, taxiway expansion, air cargo areas, surface runoff and hydrology impacts from increased impervious areas and affected streams, water quality, wetlands, endangered species, wildlife habitats and disposal of hazardous materials.