

Environmental Program Overview

The continued growth of the airport and the surrounding communities requires careful planning to avoid potential conflicts. The current expansion has been in the planning process for nearly fifteen years and has included two Master Planning efforts, an FAR Part 150 document (an airport noise compatibility planning study), a Capacity Task Force Document, a Environmental Assessment, and an Environmental Impact Statement as well as numerous smaller studies and documents. The Department of Airports is committed to minimizing impacts to the natural and human environments as a result of its activities.



To replace natural wetland environments impacted by construction of the new runway, a 465 acre manmade wetland was completed in 1992. This is one of the largest wetland replacement projects undertaken in the United States, unique not only for its size, but also for the diversity of habitats replaced.