What does the New Land Use Handbook have to offer?



2006 AirTAP Fall Forum

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- → SF 1940
 - Effective August 1, 2006
- The operation and maintenance of airports is an essential public service.



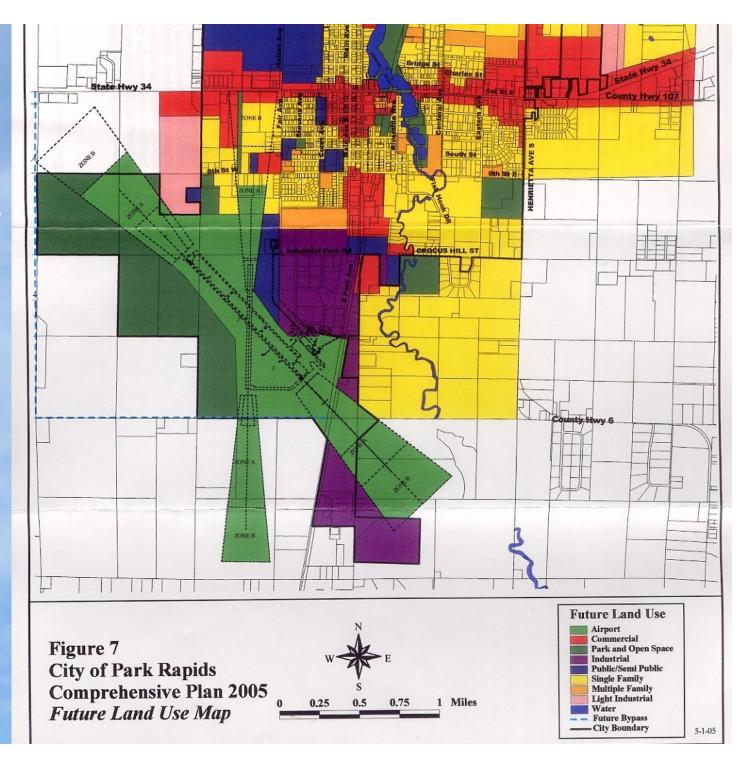
- → SF 1940
 - → Effective August 1, 2006
- Requires real estate disclosure that property is within an airport safety zone.
- > Includes A, B, & C



- → SF 1940
- A municipality that adopts a comprehensive plan that the commissioner finds is incompatible with the state aviation plan is not eligible for assistance from the state airports fund."
- Effective August 1, 2006

Example

Integrating
Community
& Airport
Land Use
Plans





Rule Changes



Minnesota Rules Chapter 8800

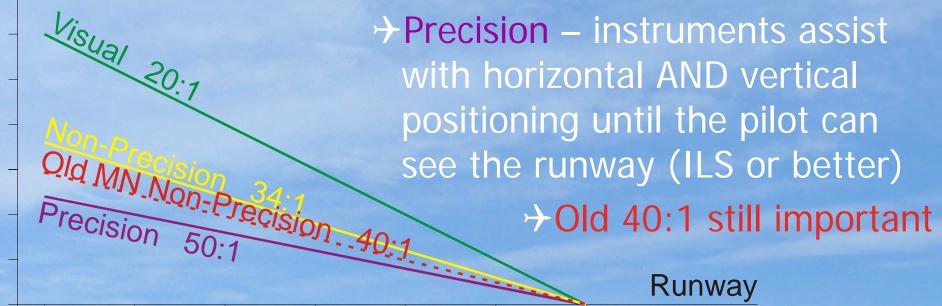
- → Dates
 - > September 5, 2005
 - → September 11, 2006
- <u>www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/revisor/pages/</u>
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Or

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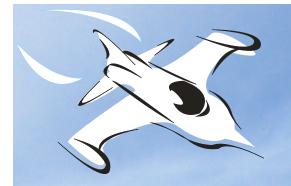
<u>Approaches</u>

- → A Trapezoid section of the airspace that acts as a ramp to the runway.
 - → Visual pilot can see the runway
 - → Non-Precision instruments assist with horizontal positioning until the pilot can see the runway (GPS, NDB, VOR)



Definitions

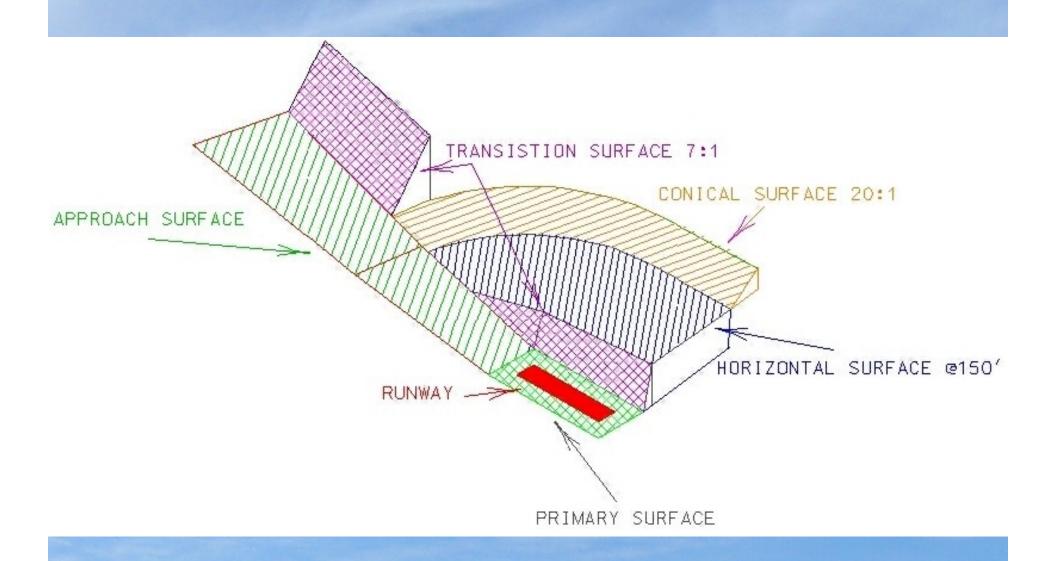
- Utility Runway = less than 4900' length
 - Used for prop aircraft, 12,500 pounds or less
 - → 5,000 ft Zone C radius
- Other than Utility = greater than 4900' runway length
 - Used for jet aircraft, more than 12,500 pounds
 - → 10,000 ft Zone C radius
- → Special Use Airports
 - Airports not runways



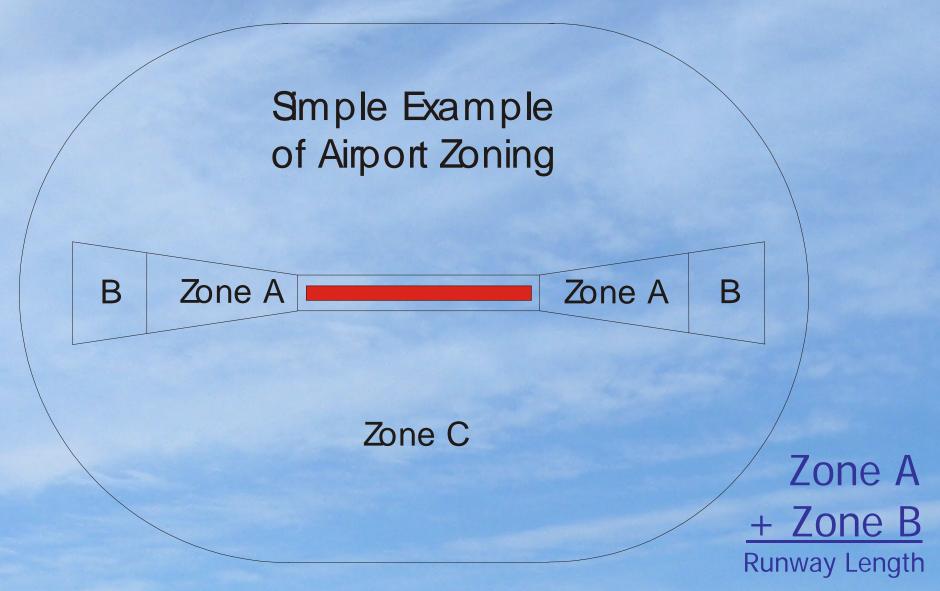
Zoning Review



Airspace Diagram



Minnesota Standard Zones



<u>OK</u>

Zone A

- Agricultural crops
- → Horticulture
- Raising livestock
- Wildlife habitat
- Nonspectator outdoor recreation
- → Cemeteries
- Auto parking

<u>NO</u>

- → Buildings
- Temporary structures
- Exposed transmission lines
- Assembled groups of people
- → Or similar other uses
- → Radio interference
- Lighting



OK

Zone B

- → Buildings
 - (on appropriate size site)
- All uses OK in Zone A
 - → Agricultural crops
 - → Horticulture
 - → Raising livestock
 - → Wildlife habitat
 - → Non-spectator outdoor recreation
 - → Cemeteries
 - → Auto parking



NO

- Building Site less than 3 acres
- Assembly of people (> 15 / acre)
- Churches

Hospitals

→ Schools

1Theaters

→ Stadiums

- 1Hotels & Motels
- Trailer Courts
- 1Camp grounds
- → Radio interference
- Lighting

Zone C

<u>OK</u>

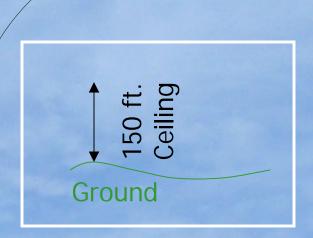
 All other uses below the height restrictions

NO

- → Radio interference
- → Lighting

Consider Other Heights

- → 100?
- → Less?



Zone C

Procedural Steps

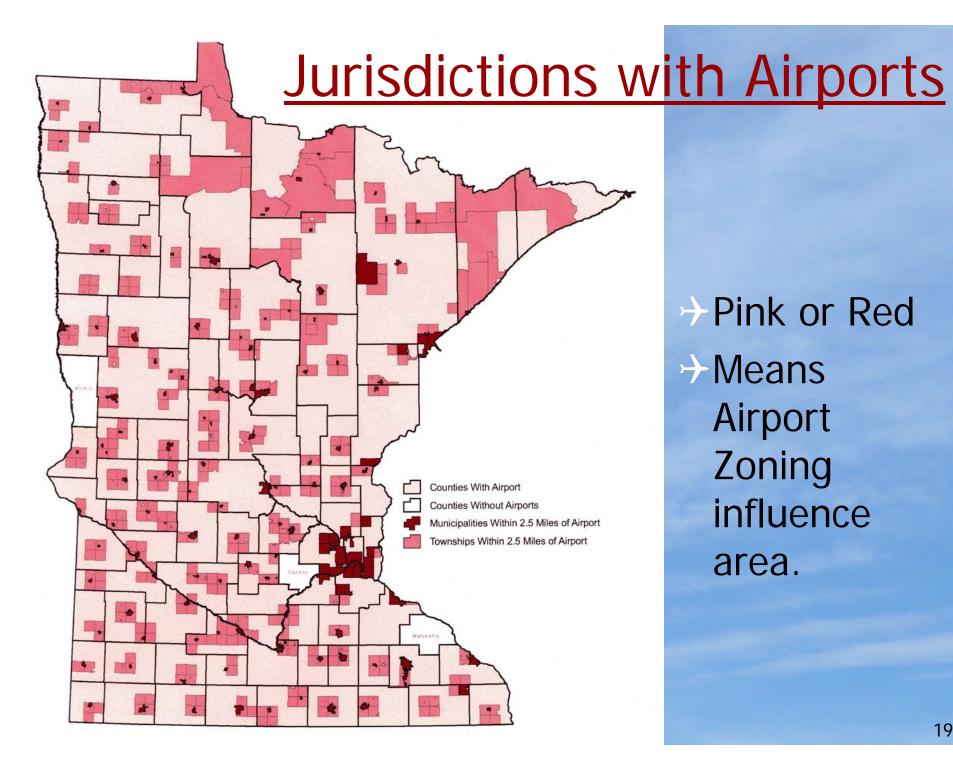
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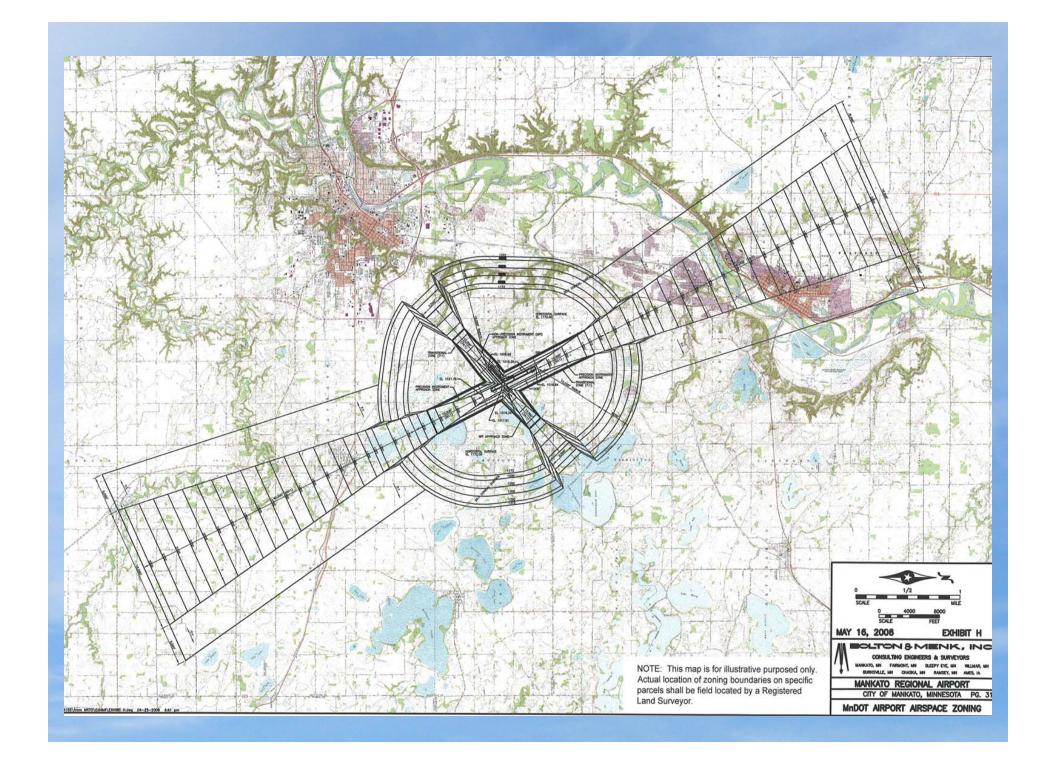


Joint Zoning Board By Invitation Only

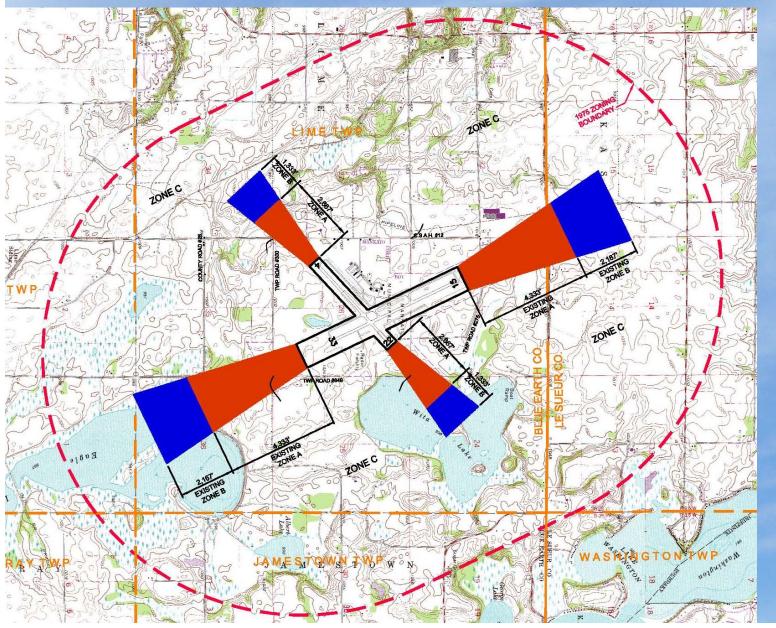




- → Pink or Red
- → Means Airport Zoning influence area.



Mankato Land Use Safety Zoning



Existing 1975 Zoning Ordinance

- → Zone A
- → Zone B
- → Zone C (inside dashed circle)



Joint Zoning Board Invitations

Exercise #1



Mankato Zoning Ordinance

Q Joint Airport Zoning Board

- Board last convened to adopt the 1975 Airport Zoning Ordinance
- 11 Communities invited to participate in the 2006 ordinance amendment process:
 - n City of Mankato
 - n Blue Earth County
 - n Lime Township
 - n Mankato Township
 - n Le Ray Township
 - n Jamestown Township

- n Le Sueur County
- n Kasota Township
- n Washington Township
- n City of St. Peter
- n Nicollet County





Helpful Information to Know

- Process for amendment/adoption the differences between airport and city or county enabling legislation
 - Official body considering the Airport Zoning Ordinance
 - Public hearing notice requirements
 - Process for amending/adopting
 - Timeline for completion
 - Zoning Ordinance Maps





Helpful Information to Know

Joint Airport Zoning Board

- <u>Purpose</u> to consider the adoption of, or amendment to, an Airport Zoning Ordinance
- Composition State Statute 360 requires certified notice be provided to invite all communities impacted by the airport safety zones to join in creating an Airport Zoning Ordinance
 - Any amendment requires you to re-invite all communities to participate
- Required Participation Each community is required to participate in the Joint Board or adopt their own regulations



- If communities don't participate, adopt or fail to enforce their own ordinance, the Joint Board may adopt and enforce the regulations
- NO elected officials in any capacity



Helpful Information to Know

Public hearing requirements

- Minimum of 2 public hearings
- Direct notice at least 15 days prior
 - Property owners in Zones A & B
 - All local units of government affected by area to be zoned
- Published as a display ad in 2 papers at least 3 times between 15 & 5 days prior
- Timeline for completion
 - At least 6 months based on State Statute minimum requirements





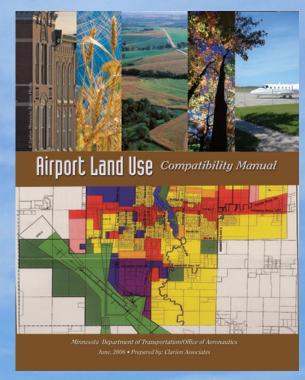


Airport Land Use Compatibility Manual



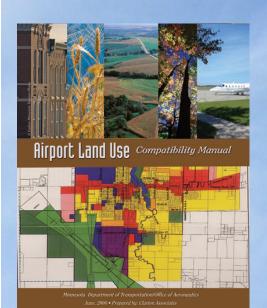
Background

- Contract with Clarion Associates (July 2004)
 - Legal AND Planning Expertise
 - National Recognition
- → Goal = Comprehensive
 Manual for Zoning Boards
 and Administrators
- Final document ready for publication Sept/Oct 2006



<u>www.mndot.gov</u> – click on the airplane

Airport Land Use Compatibility



Manual

- **1** Introduction
- 2. The System Today
- 3. Compatible Airport Land Uses
- 4. Preventive and Corrective Strategies for Airport Land Use Compatibility
- 5. Applicable Laws / Statutes and Legal Issues
- 6 Model Zoning Ordinance and Procedural Guide

Local Govt/ Airport Type/ Growth Pressure	Planning Strategies	Zoning/ Regulations	Capital Investment	Land Acquisition/ Eusomonts	Incontives	Education	Mise.
Small rural town/city; general aviation	airport area designates low- density residential and agriculture	Adopt model airport zoning ordinance; large- lot or agricultural zoning in airport vicinity.	No water or sewer lines extended in airport vicinity, especially in airport safety zones.	Consider limited acquisition of farmland or easements adjacent to airport.	None	Hold public meetings for plan; Mn/DOT staff available to explain airport land use issues. Work with farmers to avoid planting grains that attract wildlife.	
Mid-size town/city; general aviation airport with commercial flights; modest growth pressure	element; designates airport area for compatible industrial development. No high-density uses allowed. Residential and commercial growth areas	Adopt model zoning ordinance. Zoning map and ordinance amended to follow land use plan. No residential development allowed in airport vicinity. Landfill, water bodies prohibited. Restrictions on lighting for all uses.	park; targeted residential and commercial growth areas away from airport receive	City purchases land for industrial development around airport; resells with restrictive easements.	City agrees to help surrounding jurisdictions defend zoning challenges, in exchange for putting in place protective airport zoning.	Require all large residential developments near airport to disclose that fact in deeds.	Utilize join zoning board if airport surrounded by multiple jurisdiction



New Model Ordinance



Use Categories and	Safety Zones				
Specific Use Types	Zone Zone Zone Additional Regul		Additional Regulations		
Conditions or More Sp	itted Co mpatible pecific St	– Addit udy – Pr	ional Loc ior Cons	cal Review Required – May Be Allowed with ultation with Mn/DOT Strongly Encouraged	
Uses creating large areas of standing water	P	P	*		
Uses causing electrical, navigational, or radio interference between airport and aircraft	P	P	P	**3	
Uses (or structures) emitting fly ash, dust, vapor, gases or other emissions	P	P	P	S. S. size 0.2/2 Correl Professional Studies	
Uses fostering increase in bird population	P	P	•	See Section 9.2(c), General Performance Standard	
Use, device, structure making it difficult to distinguish airport lights (billboards, lights, signs)	P	P	P		
Use, device, structure causing glare or impairing pilot visibility	P	Р	Р		
Uses or structures that promote concentrations of flammable substances or materials	P	P	•		
Residential Uses	RESIDE	NTIAL A	ND ACC	OMMODATION USES	
Single Family, Two-Family, Duplex Dwellings	P	♦ -1	♦ -2	New residential uses are prohibited in Zone A; however; pre-existing single family residential uses may be allowed to remain according to Section 9.3(b), unless they are found to be a hazard so severe, either to persons on the ground or to the air traveling public, or both, that they must be prohibited under Minnesota Statutes, Section 360.066. 1: The use must be on a lot no less than 3 acres, the use shall result in a site population no greater than 15	
				persons per acre, and each site shall have no more than one (1) building plot subject to the size limits stated in Section 9.2(f)(3); consider location restrictions as well. 2: If allowed, consider density and location restrictions	
Multi-Family Dwellings	P	P	♦ -1		
Nursing Homes and Other Group Living for the Elderly	P	P	♦ -1	If allowed, use should be density limited; consider location restrictions as well.	
Permanent Mobile Home Parks and Courts	P	P	♦ -1		
Accommodation Uses					
Hotels & motels	P	P	♦ -1	If allowed, use should be density limited; consider location restrictions as well.	

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Use Categories and	1000000	fety Zor			
Specific Use Types	Zone	Zone B	Zone	Additional Regulations	
P = Prohibited by Minneso	ta Law				
C = Recommended as Perr		mpatible	Use		
				cal Review Required - May Be Allowed with	
Conditions or More S	pecific St	udy - Pr	ior Cons	ultation with Mn/DOT Strongly Encouraged	
Transient mobile home parks courts (RV Parks) or lodgings	P	P	♦ -1	If allowed, use should be density limited; consider location restrictions as well.	
	PUBLI	C, CIVIC	AND INS	STITUTIONAL USES	
Educational Uses					
Schools and Other Educational Services	P	P	• -1	1: If allowed, use should be density limited; consider	
Day Care Facilities	P	P	• -1	location restrictions as well.	
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Institutional and Assembly Correctional Institutions	P	P	• -2		
	-	-		1: If allowed, the use must be on a lot no less than 3	
Government Offices	P	♦-1	♦-2	acres, the use shall result in a site population no greater	
Hospitals	P	P	♦-2	than 15 persons per acre, and each site shall have no	
Libraries	P	P	♦-2	more than 1 building plot subject to the size limits	
Religious or Cultural Assembly Uses (Outdoor or Indoor)	P	P	♦ -2	stated in Section 9.2(f)(3); consider location restrictions as well.	
Other Miscellaneous Public, Civic, or Institutional Uses Not Specifically Listed	P	♦ -1	♦ -2	2: If allowed, use should be density limited; consider location restrictions as well.	
Other Public Uses				The second secon	
Cemeteries	◆ -1	С	С	Cemeteries are acceptable, but discouraged in Zor A. In all parts of Zone A, no buildings, structures, cother above-ground objects hazardous to airport operations are allowed.	
Parks and Nature Exhibitions	♦ -1	♦ 2	С	1: If allowed, additional review should be required. No public facilities, above-ground structures, or parking allowed; wildlife attractants should be minimized. No spectator facilities allowed. 2: If allowed, use must be on a lot no less than 3 acres, the use shall result in a site population no greater than 15 persons per acre, and each site shall have no more than 1 building plot subject to the size limits stated in Section 9.2(f)(3).	
	CONTRACTOR	COI	MMERCI	AL USES	
Business & Professional Of	fices	1			
Medical & Other Health Care Offices or Clinics	P	♦-1	♦ -2	1: Use must be on a lot no less than 3 acres, the use shall result in a site population no greater than 15 persons per acre, and each site shall have no more to 1 building plot subject to the size limits stated in Section 9.2(f)(3). 2: Density limited.	
All Other Business and Professional Offices	P	♦ -1	С	1: Use must be on a lot no less than 3 acres, the use shall result in a site population no greater than 15 persons per acre, and each site shall have no more than 1 building plot subject to the size limits stated in Section 9.2(f)(3).	

Model Zoning Ordinance and Procedural Guide (Chapter 6)

Best Practices

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→ Minimum Standards

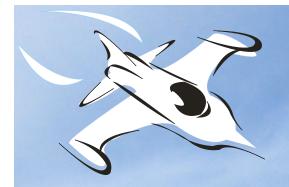
- → Electronic Copy of DRAFT
- Technical Advisory Group
 - Included array of stakeholders



Practical Problem Solving

Exercise #2





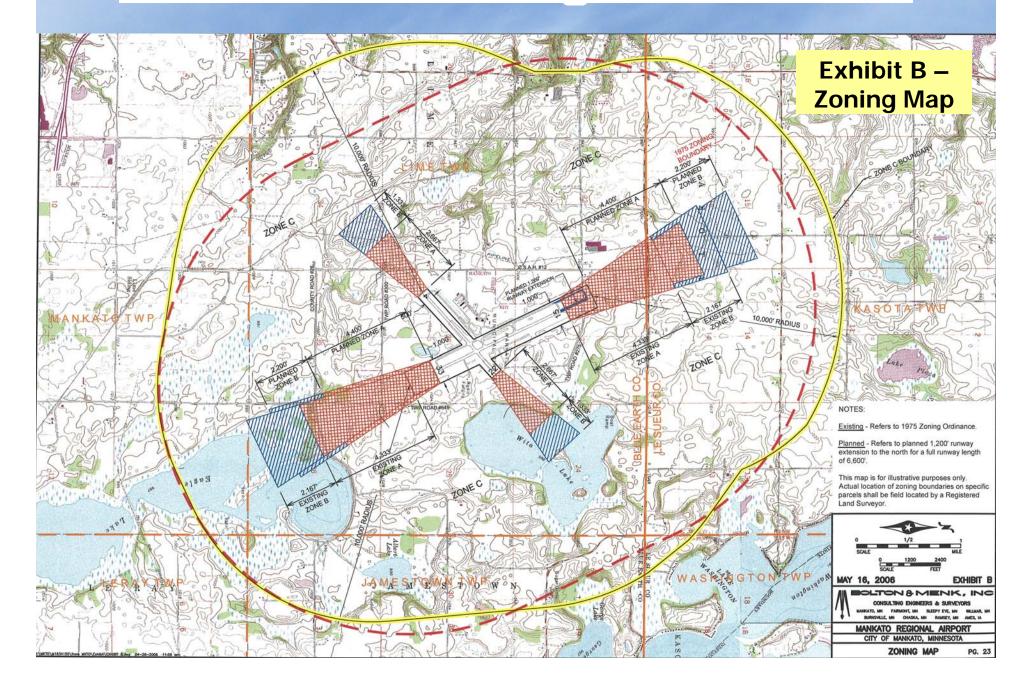
Case Study MKT Mankato Regional Airport







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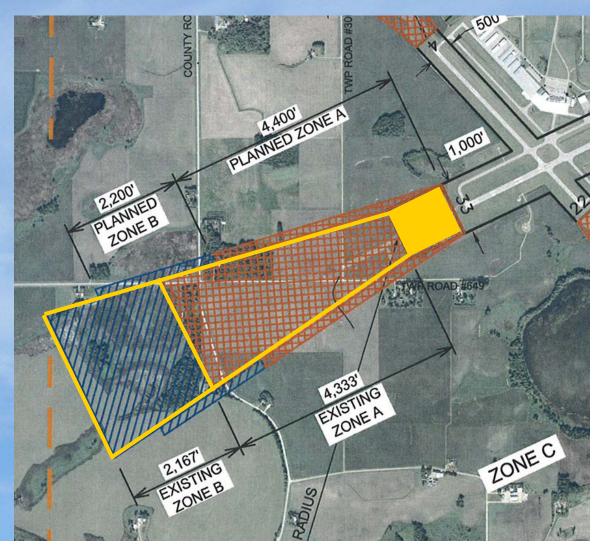


Mankato Regional Airport

- Zone A & B Planning Considerations
 - Mankato Regional
 Airport's 1975 land
 use zoning
 considered a longer
 runway to the south
 - Since that wasn't constructed the zoning didn't provide the necessary protection for the current runway



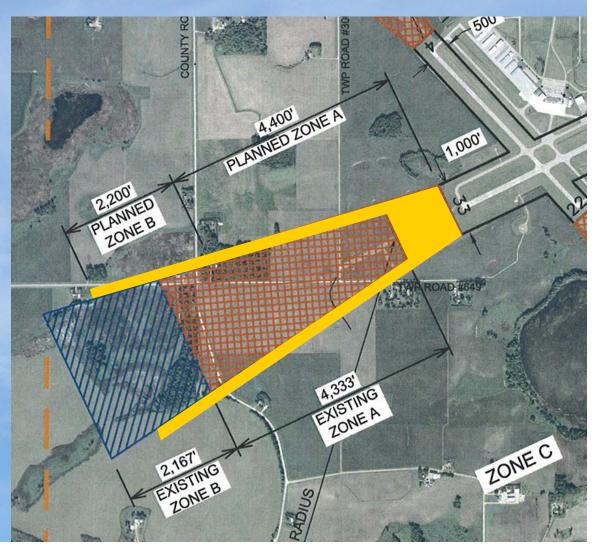




- Zone A & B Planning Considerations
 - Per Mn/DOT's request, land use zoning was amended to begin on the south approach 200' from the end of the runway
 - Result is wider zones on each side of the approach





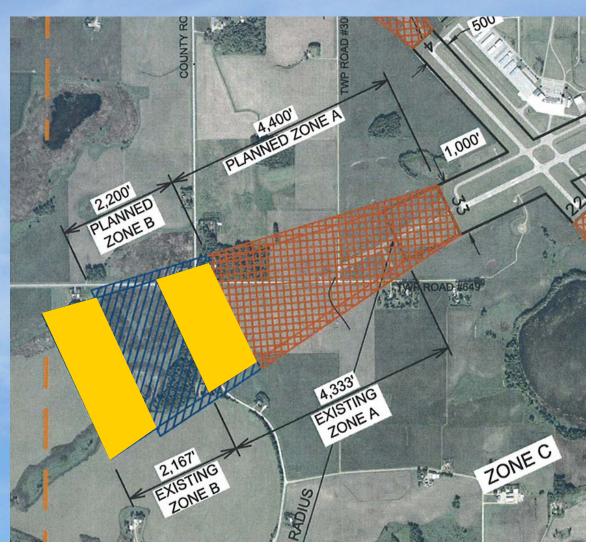


Zone A & B Planning Considerations

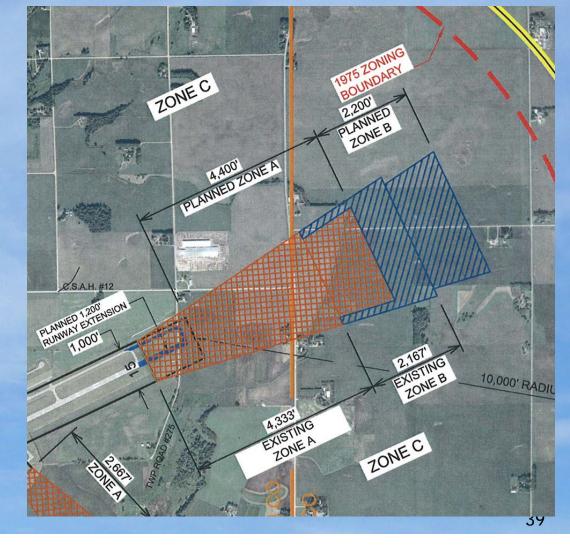
- Joint Board decided to maintain existing zoning protection
- Protects airport from future land use encroachments and maintains opportunity for a potential future expansion to the south







- Zone A & B Planning Considerations
 - Provide zoning for both the existing runway & planned runway extension







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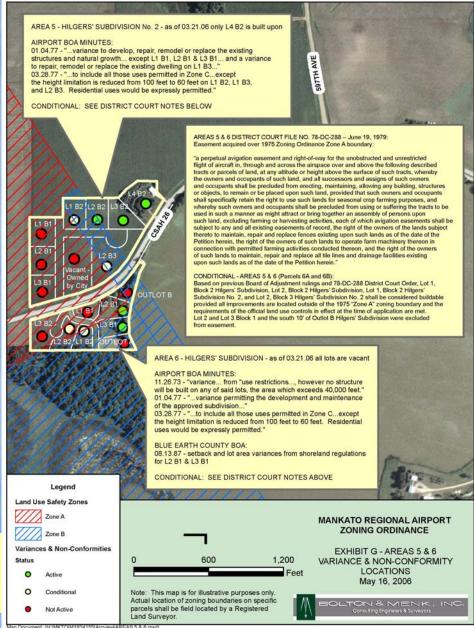
- Airport Maps
 - Several different types of exhibits are included in the Airport Zoning Ordinance
 - Zoning Safety Zone A, B & C limits
 - Variance & Non-Conformities (legal & illegal)
 - Airspace







Exhibit G – Areas 5 & 6
Variance & NonConformity Locations



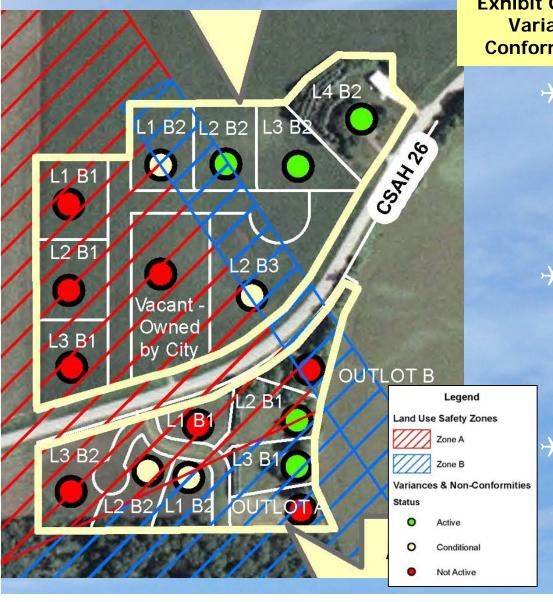
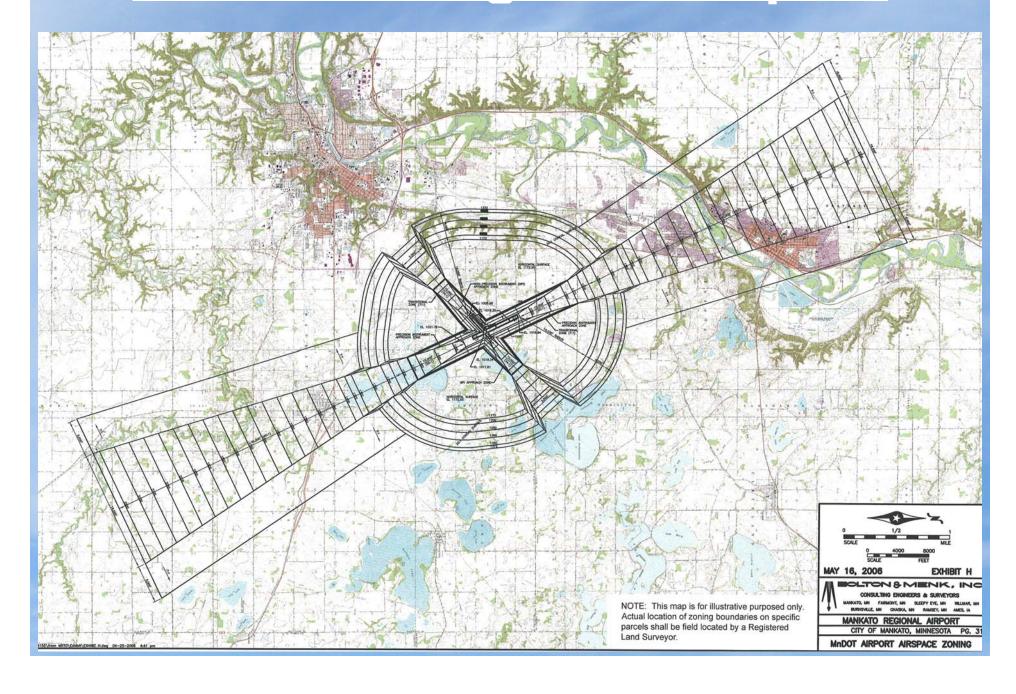


Exhibit G – Areas 5 & 6 Variance & Non-Conformity Locations

- Active Buildable based on:
 - Outside of Zone A
 - Variance approved
 - Not included in avigation easement per District Court Order
- Conditional To be determined
 - Buildable IF improvements can be located outside of Zone A and comply with all official land use controls in effect at the time of application
- Not Active Not buildable
 - Variance denied
 - District Court Order precluded

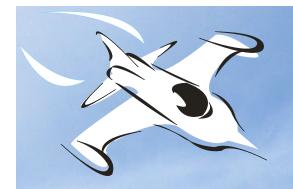


Helpful Information to Know

- Opportunities to improve enforcement of Airport Zoning Ordinance
 - Include the extent of the land use safety zones
 A & B in your local Comprehensive Plan
 - Adopt the Airport Zoning Ordinance by reference
 - Example: Adopt geographic extent of Zone C as an overlay zoning district, similar to shoreland regulations
 - Maintain longevity of Joint Zoning Board & Board of Adjustment
 - Example: Annual appointments by local units of government at their reorganization meeting







Commissioner's Order



Procedural Steps

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7. Mn/DOT Commissioner's Order

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What We Really Want

- To work with you from the beginning on the amended Zoning Ordinance
- Suggestions for your new Ordinance.
 - → Include an Ordinance Number
 - -> Amend current Ordinance Don't start "NEW"
 - → Nonconforming uses Keep original Ordinance date
 - Add definitions draft new model has more
 - Auto Parking clarify "without light standards"
 - Use destroyed = 80% (Aero) or 50% (Municipal)?
 - Action by Default = 120 days (Aero) or 60 days?
 - → 60 days from Municipal Zoning Statutes 15.99

What We Really Want

- Zoning Maps with Parcel lines if reasonable
 - GIS info available at the county level
- Commissioner's Order complete
 - → before 2nd Public Hearing
- Policy Changes
 - → Requirements
 - → Advisory
 - > FYI



Current Discussion of Airport Zoning and Land Use Study (16 Points)



Where Do We Go From Here?

- Meet with Specialty Work Groups
 - Association of Minnesota Counties
 - League of Minnesota Cities
 - Minnesota Association of Townships
 - Minnesota Council of Airports (MCOA)
 - Metropolitan Council, MAC, FAA, City of Minneapolis
 - MN APA
- Present to Legislative Aviation Subcommittees

16 Points

- 1. <u>Airports as "Essential Public Facilities</u>:" Final language development for legislative change consideration.
- 2. <u>Comprehensive Plan Inclusion</u>: Discuss requiring the airport zoning ordinance to be included as a part of comprehensive plans, zoning maps, etc. Development of final language. Current statutory language says "...may be incorporated in..."
- 3. Airport Authority: Discuss creating new language to enable regional airport funding.
- 4 Joint Airport Zoning Board and Board of Adjustment Membership: Discuss allowing some elected official participation, with recusal language, if city or county appeal Joint Zoning Board decision.
- 5. Zone C Disclosure Statement: Discuss language development.

16 Points

- 6. Existing or Planned Runways: Discuss changing "or" to "and," to maintain zoning protections until future airport changes are constructed.
- Auto Parking in Zone A: Discuss clarification of permissible uses.
- 8. Mn/DOT Variance Review: Discuss Mn/DOT analysis of airport hazard, prior to Board of Adjustment decision.
- Municipal Ordinance Alignment: Discuss changing airport zoning language to be consistent with municipal law, 50% or 80% and 120 day or 60 day
- 10. Airport Boundary/Zone C Determination: Discuss easier way to and administer Zone C.
- 11. Non-Supporting Adjacent Communities: Discuss neighboring communities that don't adopt or enforce airport zoning, including indemnification by airport owner.

16 Points

- 12. <u>Compatible/Incompatible Land Use Language:</u>
 Discuss revising existing language.
- 13. <u>Established Residential Neighborhoods:</u> Discuss clarifying language.
- 14. Zoning Ordinance Challenges: Discuss State financial support when airport zoning ordinances are challenged in District Court.
- 15. <u>Amortization of Non-Conforming Uses:</u> Discuss concept to remove non-conforming uses over time.
- 16. Social and Economic Cost: Discuss definition and criteria for this concept to implement exceptions to airport zoning standards.

Questions?



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