



Date of Council Meeting: April 25, 2016

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

Information Memo

Subject: 2015 Leesburg Executive Airport Commission Annual Report

Staff Contact: Scott Coffman, Airport Manager

Council Action Requested: None.

Staff Recommendation: None.

Commission Recommendation: Not Applicable.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Work Plan Impact: Not Applicable.

Executive Summary: Section 2.195 of the *Town Code – Chapter 2, Article V - Boards and Commission Ordinance* indicates that the Leesburg Executive Airport Commission is required to produce an annual report to the Town Council summarizing activities and accomplishments of the commission. The attached annual report includes key accomplishments in 2015, priorities of the Commission, federal status, community support, economic impact, and statistical data on the airport uses.

Background: The Leesburg Executive Airport Commission oversees rules and regulations at the Leesburg Executive Airport. The commission makes recommendations to Town Council and the Airport Manager to ensure effective and efficient administration of the airport. The Leesburg Executive Airport Commission may consist of town residents, town property owners, town business owners, or anyone employed in the town. An additional member shall be appointed to serve a two-year term and shall serve as the liaison to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.

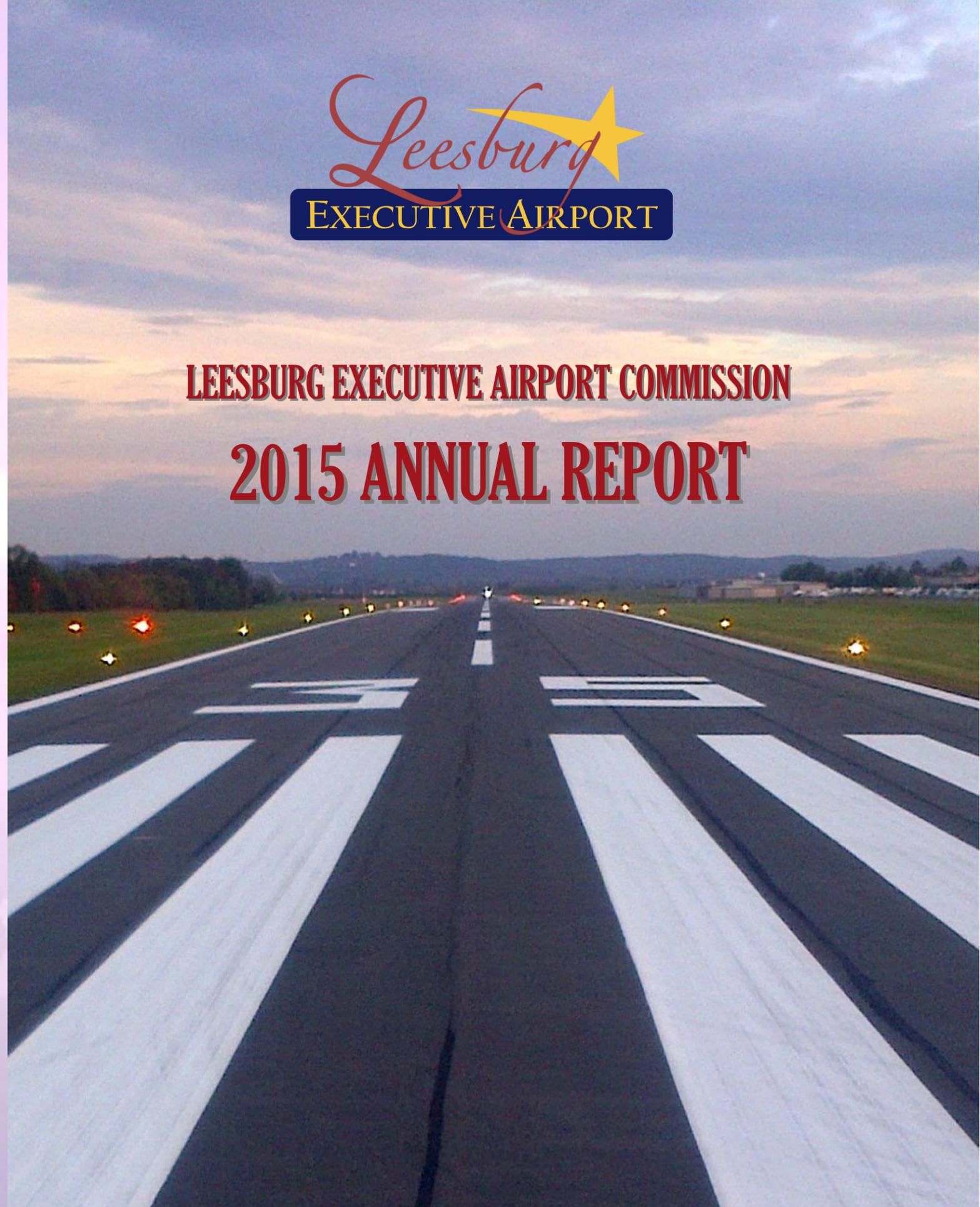
Attachments:

1. 2015 Leesburg Executive Airport Commission Annual Report



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LEESBURG EXECUTIVE AIRPORT COMMISSION
2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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Airports are about commerce, not just airplanes...



Letter from the Commission Chair & Airport Manager

On behalf of the Airport Commission and Airport staff, we are pleased to provide you with the 2015 Annual Report for the Leesburg Executive Airport. Located just 35 miles from Washington DC, and right off the Dulles Greenway, the airport serves as a convenient gateway for business and travel opportunities in the region while furnishing an important tool for economic development in the Town of Leesburg and Loudoun County.

We are proud to operate the airport under the theme that "Airports are not just about airplanes... they are about commerce". Our mission is to provide modern aviation facilities and safe operations in a fiscally responsible manner while providing a variety of services such as corporate travel, charter operations, flight training, recreation flying and emergency medical air support.

We hope that you will find this report to be informative, and we encourage you to visit the airport either during our annual air show in the fall or at any other time of the year.

Sincerely,


Dennis Boykin IV
Chairman, Airport Commission


Scott Coffman
Airport Manager

Vision and Mission of the Leesburg Executive Airport

- To provide a "Gateway" for business in the Town of Leesburg and Loudoun County while furnishing an essential tool for economic development.
- To provide safe operations, unmatched service and modern aviation facilities in the most fiscally prudent manners.
- To be a regional leader operating as a General Aviation Reliever airport.

Airport Commission

Priorities:

- Ensuring High Quality Aviation Services are available to meet the demands of our customers.
- Improving customer conveniences and enhancing airport safety and efficiency.
- Improving Airport Infrastructure— through construction of corporate and T hangars and providing Air Traffic Control services through the Remote Tower.
- Supporting Commercial Operations— Providing US Customs inspection facility, meeting flight schools requirements and Master Plan Update for west side corporate aviation facilities.
- Coordinated Marketing efforts and planning for growth.

Key Accomplishments in 2015

- Established a partnership with the Virginia SATS Lab and Saab to install first Remote Control Tower in the US.
- Completed the Airport Perimeter Fence project enhancing safety and attracting corporate flight operators.
- Hosted the annual Leesburg Air Show in September attracting over 8,000 attendees.
- Extended operating agreement with ProJet Aviation FBO.
- Received State and FAA funding to update Airport Master Plan.

Federal Status

Leesburg is a designated General Aviation Reliever airport for Washington Dulles. As such, Leesburg benefits from significant federal and state funding support for airport improvements and upgrades.

Community Support

The Leesburg Air Show, non-profit events and medevac flight support is are examples of the type of community support provided by the Leesburg Executive Airport.

ProJet Aviation hosts its annual Aviation Education and Career Expo providing youth with scholarships and guidance toward starting a career in aviation.


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Economic Impact

2011 Virginia Airport System Economic Impact Study found Leesburg has:

- 2nd highest number of jobs of all GA airports in Virginia—634 jobs
- 2nd highest estimated payroll impact of \$32 million
- 3rd highest economic impact for local community of \$78 million

By the Numbers

- 250 Based Aircraft
- 107 Hangars • 120 Tie downs
- 115,000 take-off and landings per year
- 5,500' all-weather runway
- 18,300 ft² Executive Terminal Building
- 1 Fixed Base Operator ProJet Aviation
- 2 Air Charter Operators
- 3 FAA-Certified Flight Schools
- 1 Aircraft Sales Office
- 1 Aircraft Repair Station & Avionics Service
- 1 Flight Simulator Developer
- 24-hour Air-Evac Helicopter base


Leesburg

The Airport Commission is committed to supporting the business development goals of the Town of Leesburg and Loudoun County.