



## The Westchester County Airport Master Plan

DY Consulting's Airport Master Plan, if adopted, would greatly expand the airport, seriously harm our communities and property values, and threaten the environment.

### What can you do?

- Urge your county legislator to reject the Airport Master Plan and privatization of the Westchester County Airport
- Join our mailing list, donate, or volunteer at our website: [crairport.org](http://crairport.org)
- Vote on November 7th. The entire county government is up for reelection.

### The Airport Master Plan calls for dramatic expansion:

- Predicts a **68% increase** in airline flights on large jets by 2032 by ignoring county law.<sup>1</sup>
- Calls for a **50% increase** in overnight parking for airliners to facilitate more early morning departures
- Recommends adding **two jetbridges** to the terminal
- Calls for **\$153 million** in public funds - **\$115 million** from the county - to build & renovate hangars for corporate jets
- Calls for **\$49.5 million** in public funds to build two new parking garages next to the airline terminal, tripling capacity

### Despite taking 5 years and \$1.4 million of taxpayer money, DY Consulting failed to perform meaningful analysis. The Plan:

- Claims that there are no constraints on airport development despite county law limiting airline flights and the airport's location in a residential area next to the Kensico Reservoir, which supplies the drinking water for over 9 million people in NYC and Westchester.
- Plagiarized large sections of its environmental study from sources including CNN.com, Stormwater Magazine, and the County website.
- Claims with no evidence or analysis that its **\$462 million** plan to expand the airport "would not increase [greenhouse gas] emissions"<sup>2</sup> and "is not likely to exceed water quality standards...or contaminate public drinking water supply."<sup>3</sup>

### The Airport Master Plan will put our environment and our county's finances at risk

- The Plan calls for **\$92 million** for construction of hangars, taxiways, parking lots, and maintenance facilities in the Kensico Reservoir watershed with no consideration of the potential environmental impacts.

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<sup>1</sup> 68% increase calculated by comparing the master plan's 2032 prediction to actual numbers from 2016

<sup>2</sup> Chapter 5, page B-3

<sup>3</sup> Chapter 5, page B-10

- Contamination of the Kensico Reservoir may lead to wide-ranging harmful health effects for NYC and Westchester residents and financial ruin. Today, the water is not filtered before it is delivered to taps. If the reservoir were contaminated, the required filtration plant would cost **over \$10 billion.**<sup>4</sup>

**More flights will increase air pollution and directly harm our families' health**

- Air pollution like ultrafine particles from aircraft is associated death from cardiovascular disease, increased asthma, hypertension, neurological disease, and more.<sup>5</sup>
- Children are at greatest risk
- No environmental or public health impact study is included in the airport master plan

**The Plan, with privatization, is a template for a corporate giveaway at taxpayer expense**

- Despite the Plan's prediction that no new corporate jets will be based at the airport, it calls for \$153 million in public money to build and renovate hangars for corporate jets
- Public funding for corporate jet hangars is unnecessary as businesses are already building these hangars at their own expense
- The airport already pays for itself today. The Plan's real goal seems to be increasing airport profits by expanding airline & corporate jet operations at taxpayer expense in preparation for sale under the County's proposed airport privatization.

**The Plan is a threat to be taken seriously. Substantially all of the construction in the County's previous airport master plan was completed. Act now to make sure the airport continues to be a good neighbor and keep Westchester County a great place to live.**



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<sup>4</sup> Philip Bein & Charles Silver, Ph.D. Comments of the Office of Watershed Inspector General, New York Environmental Protection Bureau, re: draft scoping document for the proposed Vue project in North Castle. January 25, 2017.

<sup>5</sup> B. Ostro et al. "Associations of Mortality with Long-Term Exposures to Fine and Ultrafine Particles, Species and Sources: Results from the California Teachers Study Cohort". Environmental Health Perspectives. 2015: 123:549-556.