

Hilliard Airpark



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AVIATION AND SPACEPORTS OFFICE

Airport: Hilliard Airpark (01J)

City: Hilliard, Florida

County: Nassau County

Owner: Town of Hilliard

Role: General Aviation Airport

Located in Nassau County, approximately 35 miles northwest of Jacksonville, Hilliard Airpark serves local and transient general aviation needs. With its single 3,600-foot long turf runway, the airpark can accommodate small multi-engine general aviation aircraft.

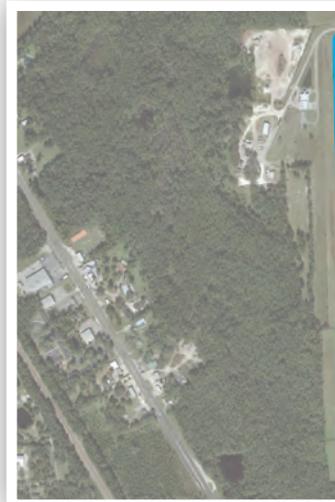


Existing Facilities

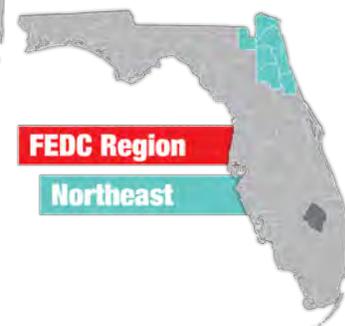
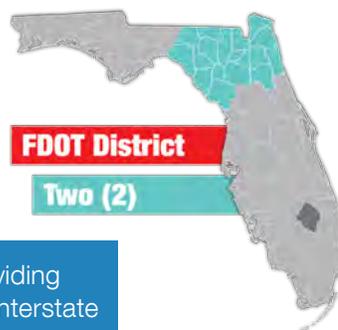
Hilliard Airpark features a single turf runway, runway 18/36, which measures 3,600 feet long by 125 feet wide. It is equipped with high intensity runway edge lights and precision approach path indicators. Other facilities at the airpark include a rotating beacon and wind indicator. The airpark also includes 17 un-nested T-hangars and approximately 160 tie-downs to accommodate aircraft. There is 100LL fuel available as well at the airpark to serve its users.

For more information, please visit 01J's website at:

<http://www.townofhilliard.com/airpark-information.html>



Airport Classification



Local airports serve communities by providing access to primarily intrastate and some interstate markets. There are 1,278 Local Asset airports nationwide and 29 within Florida, including Hilliard Airpark. More information can be found in the Federal Aviation Administration's ASSET Studies at https://www.faa.gov/airports/planning_capacity/ga_study/.





Florida by the Numbers

Approximately half of all visitors arrive by air

- Florida's airports are often the first and last impression of our state

20 commercial service airports

- 4 large hubs; more than any other state
- Florida ranked second in the nation (2016) for airline passenger volume
- Serves approximately 10% of national passengers

109 general aviation airports

- 9 national ASSET airports
- 6% of general aviation aircraft fleet
- Leading number of pilot certificates in 4 categories

Largest U.S. gateway for Latin American air cargo

Home to the **SUN 'n FUN International Fly-in Expo**, one of the **largest general aviation expos in the world**

Community Service

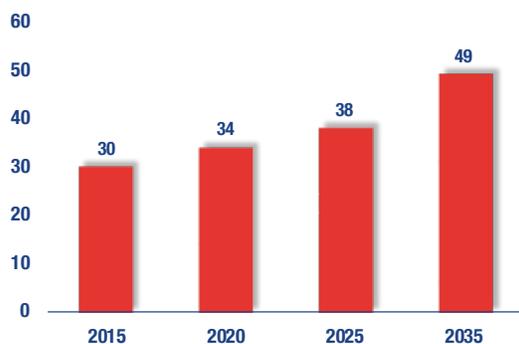


Hilliard Airpark serves the GA needs of the local region. The main activity that occurs at the airport is recreational flying. The airpark provides a convenient location for local and transient aviation enthusiasts to enjoy flying. For the 12-month period ending on February 23, 2017, approximately 62 percent of all operations were attributable to local GA while 38 percent were due to transient GA. The airpark's location makes it ideal to be utilized for visitors flying in to camp, hunt, or fish. Flight training also occurs at the airpark and instructors often utilize it for soft landings. The airpark does not have any flight training schools at present, but it does support the flight training activities of other schools. There is also limited business activity that occurs at the airpark, with approximately four percent of its annual operations being business-related. There are currently no business-related aircraft based at the airpark.

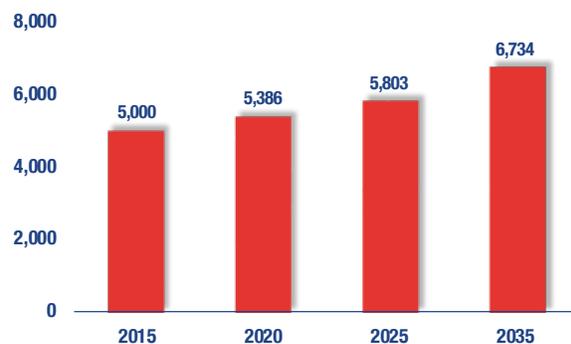
Current and Forecast Demand

Hilliard Airpark plays an important role in serving the GA needs of the community. As of 2014, there were 30 based aircraft and a total of 5,000 annual operations at the airpark. Of the based aircraft, the majority are single-engine airplanes with the remaining being an ultralight. Most of the aircraft are stored in T-hangars with the rest stored on turf tie-downs. The airpark presently reports a waiting list for hangars that shows 20 aircraft. The largest plane that uses the airpark on a regular basis is the Beech King Air and the current Airpark Reference Code is A-II. Historic and forecast FDOT aviation activity information on file for Hilliard Airpark is as follows:

Based Aircraft



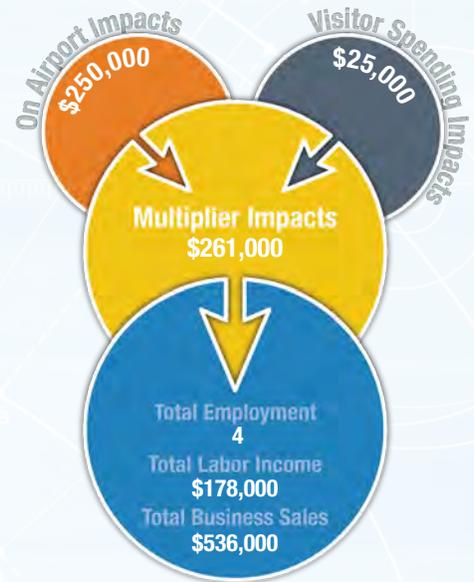
General Aviation Operations



Economic Impact

Hilliard Airpark is in the Town of Hilliard, approximately 30 miles north of Jacksonville. The airpark has one turf runway, measuring 3,600 feet. The airpark serves single and multi-engine general aviation aircraft.

The airpark primarily supports recreational flying and local pilots and general aviation enthusiasts are the primary users of the airpark. The airpark is also home to the local pilot association, which has over 20 members. The airpark supports flight training, aviation maintenance and repair, and military exercises. Transient pilots within the region occasionally stop at the airpark for fuel. The airpark also hosts an annual Fourth of July celebration, which includes fireworks and vendors.



Other Airport Characteristics

The main activities that occur at Hilliard Airpark include recreational flying and flight training. The airpark is also home to a local pilot association that includes over 20 members. Every year the airpark hosts a Fourth of July celebration for the community that includes fireworks and local vendors.

Current and Future System Service Requirements/Recommendations

The airpark will be installing an irrigation well system to support its fire fighting capabilities and to irrigate its turf runway. The airpark installed perimeter fencing with controlled access points. The airpark often hosts citywide events, and has experienced an influx of flight training activities. Primary use is related to recreational/sport purposes, flight training, with limited business activity. The airpark has plans for a helipad, increased fuel storage capacity, improved runway lighting, automated weather observation system and a nondirectional beacon. Continued use and growth in flight training and recreational/sport activities is expected. However, improved hangar space, maintenance facilities, NAVAIDs, airfield lighting, and FBO services are possible. The analysis indicates low indices for acreage, financial conditions, low socioeconomic growth, and runway length. The lack of instrument or visual approach aids will serve as significant obstacles for the future of the airpark. For this reason, continued use for recreational/sport and flight training activities is appropriate, along with expanded business/recreational use over the planning period with the addition of key facility improvements.

General Aviation Airport Role



Flight Training



Recreational/Sport



Business/Recreational

