

Third Runway at Sea-Tac International Airport

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has completed their evaluation of an application submitted by the Port of Seattle (Port) to place fill in wetlands and waters of the United States for the construction of a third runway and associated Master Plan Update projects at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport at SeaTac, King County, Washington.

On December 13, 2002, the Corps issued a permit to the Port to discharge fill for the construction of an 8,500 foot third runway, two Runway Safety Areas (RSA), the South Aviation Support Area (SASA), the mitigation both on-site and at Auburn, the relocation of South 154th/156th Way, the discharge of fill material in Borrow Area 1 and the upgrade of an existing gravel haul road (located northeast of Borrow Area 4). The construction involves permanently impacting wetlands on and off-site totaling 19.62 acres and temporarily impacting wetlands totaling 5.51 acres on-site and 23.27 acres at Auburn. Up to 980 linear feet of Miller Creek will be filled and relocated. Drainage channels in the Miller Creek basin (1,290 linear feet) and in the Des Moines Creek basin (100 linear feet) will also be impacted.

The Corps is requiring on-site mitigation including 11.95 acres of restoration, 22.32 acres of enhancement, 54.93 acres of buffer (primarily riparian) enhancement, and 2.35 acres of wetland preservation. The off-site mitigation at Auburn includes 29.98 acres of creation, 19.50 acres of enhancement, and 15.90 acres of buffer enhancement. Please refer to the information listed below for detailed information.

PROJECT INFORMATION

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 - [Record of Decision - Modification to Issued Permit](#) Date Issued December 13, 2003
 - [Link to Section 401 Water Quality Certification](#)
Amended September 21, 2001
 - [Public Notice](#) Revised, December 27, 2000
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