



# Update on Comprehensive Management Plan for East Hampton Airport

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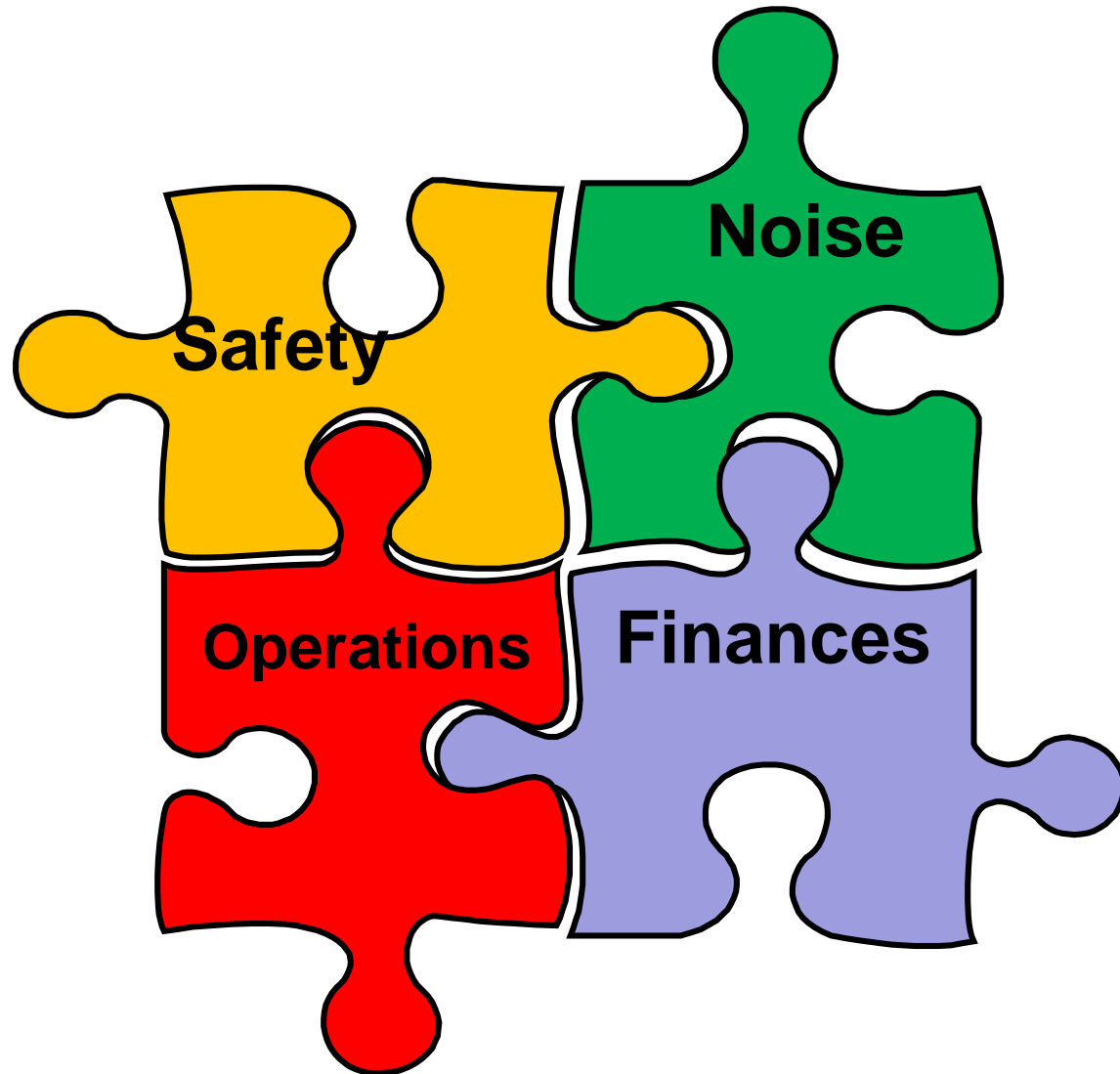
# Today's Presentation

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- Review Town's commitment to comprehensive management of airport
- Summarize accomplishments since December 2011
- Outline next steps

# Comprehensive management approach

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# Airport team

TEAM MEMBER	RESPONSIBILITY
Councilmember Stanzione	Policy oversight
Airport and Town staff and attorney	Airport management, oversight
DY Consultants and noise subconsultant (HMMH)	Engineering, design, noise planning, analysis, and implementation assistance
Kaplan Kirsch & Rockwell	Federal law and FAA liaison
Gilmartin & Bregman	Article 78 litigation

# 2010-2011: Building a solid management foundation

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- ✓ Master plan approved
- ✓ ALP submitted to FAA and conditionally approved
- ✓ Reestablished cooperative relationship with FAA
- ✓ Led regional effort to address helicopter routes from NYC
- ✓ Approved funding for seasonal control tower
- ✓ Hired engineer to develop plan for tower
- ✓ Negotiated with FAA over airspace
- ✓ Presented outline of comprehensive plan

# December 2011 – February 2012

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- ❑ Submitted grant application for design of perimeter fence
- ❑ Prepared site design for air traffic control tower
- ❑ Negotiated terms for operation of tower with Robinson Aviation
- ❑ Continued coordination with Congressional delegation on airport safety, tower, and helicopter routes (both north and south shore routes)

# December 2011 – February 2012

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- ☑ Met senior FAA officials to seek improved coordination on airport safety, finance and tower
- ☑ Worked with FAA on designation of off-shore helicopter routes for summer 2012
- ☑ DY engaged HMMH to assist and consult on initial noise study efforts
- ☑ Defended miscellaneous Article 78 challenges in state court

# December 2011 – February 2012

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- ☑ Outlined improved data collection program
  - ☑ Vector (improved collection of operational data and landing fees)
  - ☑ PlaneNoise (improved complaint tracking and reporting)
  - ☑ AirScene (improved flight track, altitude, and flight identification data access and storage)
- ☑ Prepared for summer 2012 season
- ☑ Addressed airport staffing needs



# Forthcoming – Spring 2012

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- ❑ DY (and its noise specialist, HMMH) will review noise program options and prepare work plan and foundation for Part 161 study
- ❑ Seasonal air traffic control tower will be installed
- ❑ Class D airspace will be designated for air traffic tower
- ❑ FAA will implement new helicopter routes
- ❑ Evaluation of flight and operations data will begin
- ❑ FAA grant awarded and design of perimeter fence will be completed

# Forthcoming – Spring 2012

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- ☑ Robinson contract will be executed
- ☑ Application will be completed for FAA funding for fence construction
- ☑ SEQRA documentation and public hearing on fence construction will be held
- ☑ Final CIP will be prepared and public hearing will be held
- ☑ Streamlining revisions to Town Code will be considered
- ☑ Contracts will be presented for Town Board consideration

# Update – comprehensive financial management

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- Examining better collection mechanism for landing fees
- Improving financial administration
- Seeking ways to maximize parking lot revenue
- Addressing airport staffing needs – permanent and seasonal

# FAA cooperation (cont'd)

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- FAA's senior officials have committed to
  - Work with Town Board to ensure compliance with best practices for safety and management
  - Fund capital projects as appropriate following local and FAA reviews
  - Stay personally engaged!

# Next Town Board actions

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- Consider contracts for financial management and noise recordkeeping
  - Vector, AirScene, Plane Noise
- Consider SEQRA documentation for construction of deer fence; approve grant application
- Approve Capital Improvement Program for airport