



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
SAVANNAH DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
1104 NORTH WESTOVER BOULEVARD, UNIT 9  
ALBANY, GEORGIA 31707

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Regulatory Division  
SAS-2016-00161

### JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE Savannah District/State of Georgia

The Savannah District has received an application for a Department of the Army Permit, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), as follows:

Application Number: SAS-2016-00161

Applicant: Mr. Jerry Pionessa  
City of Thomasville  
411 West Jackson Street  
Thomasville, GA, 31792

Agent: Ms. Amy Reed  
Environmental Resource Solutions  
8711 Perimeter Park Boulevard, Suite 1  
Jacksonville, Florida 32216

Location of Proposed Work: The site is located at the existing Thomasville Regional Airport, in Thomas County, Georgia (Latitude 30.9070, Longitude -83.8759).

Description of Work Subject to the Jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: The City of Thomasville proposes to extend the southwest end of Runway 4-22 approximately 504 feet. The proposed activity would require the filling of 6.75 acres of wetland. Additionally, the proposed activity would require the filling of 745 linear feet of intermittent stream channel. To mitigate for the proposed impacts the applicant would purchase 30.62 wetland mitigation credits from Cecil Bay Mitigation Bank and 5791.3 stream mitigation credits from the Georgia-Alabama Land Trust.

### BACKGROUND

This Joint Public Notice announces a request for authorizations from both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Georgia. The applicant's proposed work may also require local governmental approval.

## STATE OF GEORGIA

Water Quality Certification: The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, intends to certify this project at the end of 30 days in accordance with the provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, which is required for a Federal Permit to conduct activity in, on, or adjacent to the waters of the State of Georgia. Copies of the application and supporting documents relative to a specific application will be available for review and copying at the office of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, Watershed Protection Branch, 2 MLK Jr. Drive, Suite 418, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, during regular office hours. A copier machine is available for public use at a charge of 10 cents per page. Any person who desires to comment, object, or request a public hearing relative to State Water Quality Certification must do so within 30 days of the State's receipt of application in writing and state the reasons or basis of objections or request for a hearing. The application can be reviewed in the Savannah District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Division, 1104 North Westover Boulevard, Unit 9, Albany, Georgia 31707.

State-owned Property and Resources: The applicant may also require assent from the State of Georgia, which may be in the form of a license, easement, lease, permit or other appropriate instrument.

## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The Savannah District must consider the purpose and the impacts of the applicant's proposed work, prior to a decision on issuance of a Department of the Army Permit.

Cultural Resources Assessment: The applicant provided three cultural resource surveys for the proposed impact area. The Corps will review these reports and forward them, along with our comments to the Georgia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) for their review.

Endangered Species: By letter dated January 22, 2014, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stated, "Based upon available information, federally listed species are not likely to occur on the project site. However, if new information or changes in the project involve federally listed species, further consultation with the service will be required."

Public Interest Review: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and

wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Consideration of Public Comments: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Native American Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Application of Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines: The proposed activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States. The Savannah District's evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Public Hearing: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application for a Department of the Army permit. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for requesting a public hearing. The decision whether to hold a public hearing is at the discretion of the District Engineer, or his designated appointee, based on the need for additional substantial information necessary in evaluating the proposed project.

Comment Period: Anyone wishing to comment on this application for a Department of the Army Permit should submit comments in writing to the Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, Attention: Mr. Terry C. Kobs, 1104 North Westover Boulevard, Unit 9, Albany, Georgia 31707, no later than 30 days from the date of this notice. Please refer to the applicant's name and the application number in your comments.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Terry C. Kobs, Project Manager, Coastal Branch at 229-430-8567.

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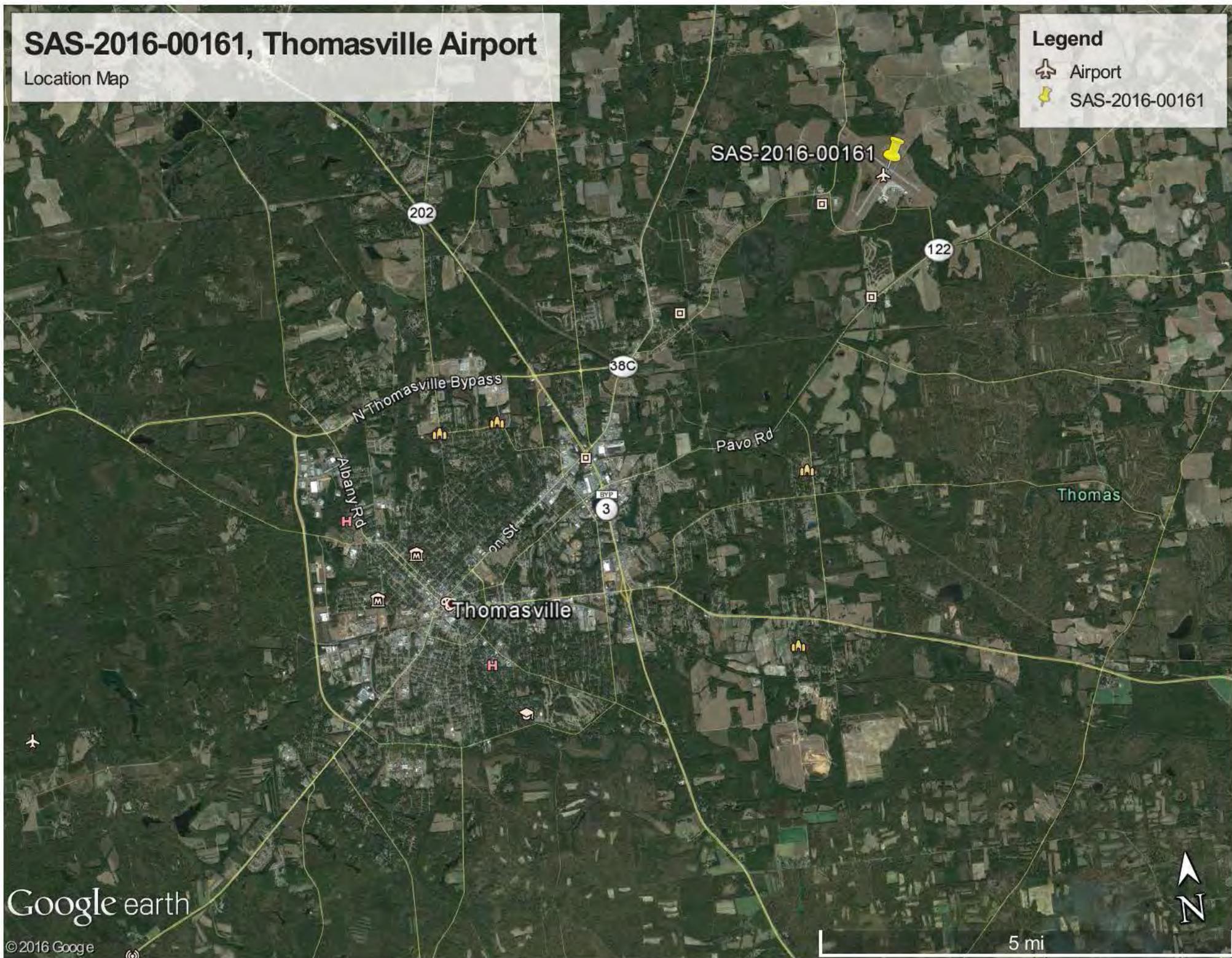
1. Location Map
2. Thomasville Airport Runway Extension Impact Map

# SAS-2016-00161, Thomasville Airport

Location Map

## Legend

-  Airport
-  SAS-2016-00161



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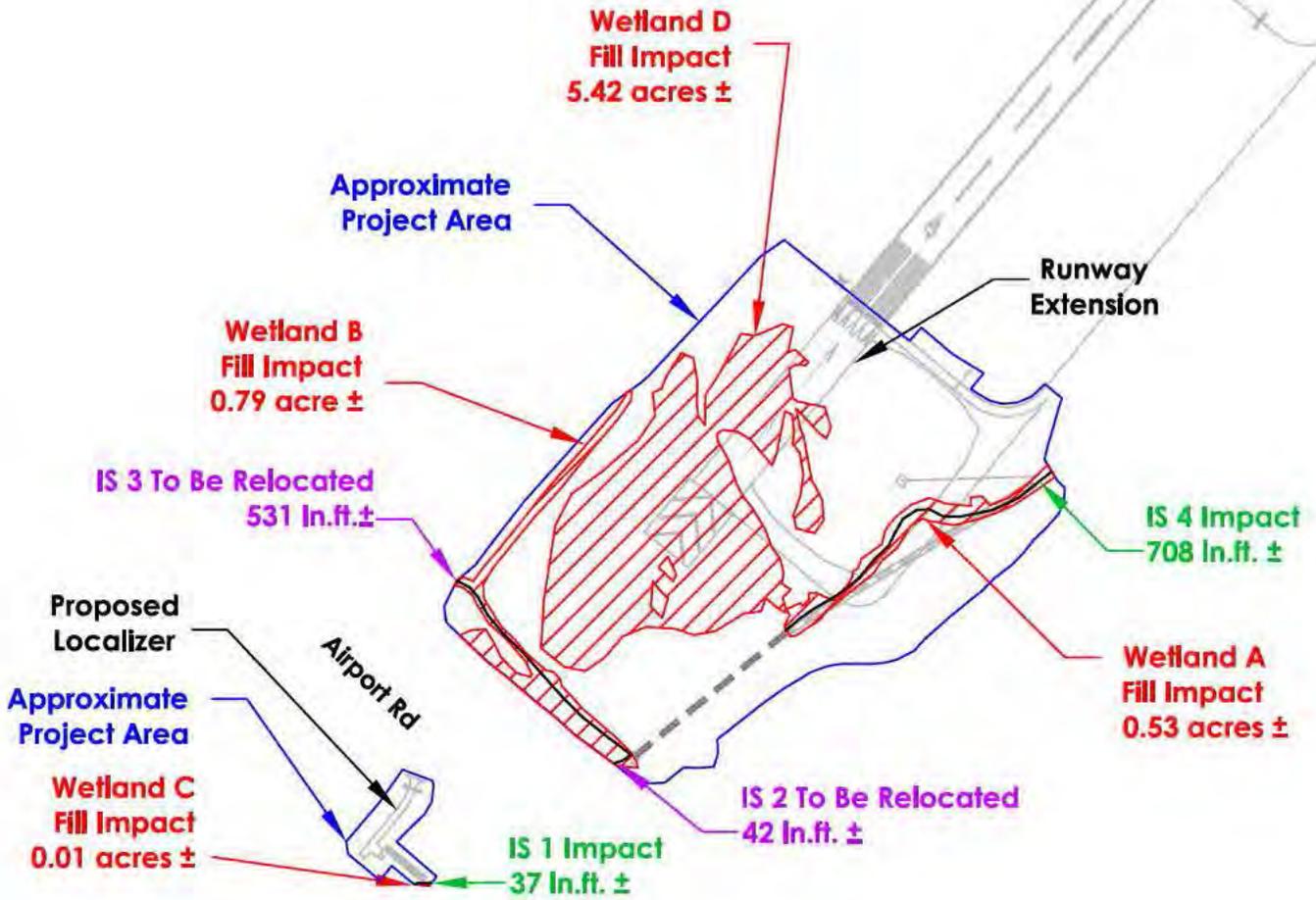
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LEGEND	
	Wetland Fill Impacts - 6.75 acres ±
	Intermittent Stream Impacts - 745 In. ft. ±

# Thomasville Municipal Airport



Scale: 1"=400'


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