

Groton-New London Airport Runway Safety Area Improvements Groton, Connecticut



Description

As part of a project team, FHI collected data and conducted impact analyses for coastal resources, floodplains, historic/archaeological resources, and Section 4(f) resources for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) relating to runway safety area improvements at the Groton-New London Airport. The evaluation of coastal resources was critical to the project, as the airport is located entirely within the state designated coastal zone. A coastal consistency determination for each project alternative was conducted and incorporated into the EIS. The airport's proximity to several important public recreational resources, including the Poquonnock River and Bluff Point State Park, a 750-acre coastal reserve, warranted thorough consideration of the project's potential impact on these potential Section 4(f) resources. FHI was also responsible for the management, coordination, and review of Stage 1 and Stage 2 archaeological surveys conducted by a subconsultant. FHI authored the Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences sections of the EIS. For the project's public involvement efforts, FHI provided technical support at public informational meetings and public hearings.

Client

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