

# **APPENDIX L FARMLANDS**

This appendix contains documentation of the coordination with the Natural Resource Conservation Service regarding prime or unique farmlands that may be affected by the Proposed Action in this Environmental Impact Statement.

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Detroit Airports District Office  
Metro Airport Center  
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Romulus, MI 48174

August 10, 2007

Ms. Mary Ann Core, District Conservationist  
Natural Resource Conservation Center  
Columbus Service Center  
1328 Dublin Road  
Columbus, OH 43215-1054

Dear Ms. Core:

Port Columbus International Airport  
Franklin County – Columbus, Ohio  
Farmland Conservation Impact Rating Form

The Federal Aviation Administration is conducting an Environmental Impact Statement on proposed improvements to Port Columbus International Airport. In support of this project, enclosed for your review is the Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form AD-1006 (with Parts I and III completed) and supporting exhibits.

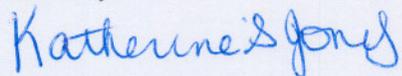
Proposed improvements include the replacement/relocation of the airport's south runway and the development of a new passenger terminal to supplement the existing passenger terminal. The Proposed Action area contains approximately 126 acres of undeveloped land located to the southwest of the existing Runway 10R/28L. The USGS quad map identifies a portion of this area as a former Air Force Plant 85. The area is not currently being used for agricultural purposes.

The replacement Runway 10R/28L with its associated parallel taxiways and the relocated Stelzer Road will require conversion of undeveloped land. The western portion of the Proposed Action area will contain the future Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) for the replacement runway. Although agriculture is an FAA approved land use within an RPZ, no farming activity is currently occurring within the RPZs at Port Columbus International Airport. The terminal alternative is located within an area that has been previously disturbed by prior development.

Please review the enclosed information and complete the parts that are the responsibility of the Natural Resource Conservation Service and send the Form AD-1006 back to Ms. Katherine S. Jones at the above address. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact the consultant performing this work on our behalf, Susan Zellers, Aerofinity, Inc. szellers@aerofinity.com or 317.955.8395 ext. 302.

Sincerely,



Katherine S. Jones  
Community Planner

Cc: Rob Adams, L&B  
Susan Zellers, Aerofinity  
Dave Wall, CRAA  
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# FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

<b>PART I</b> <i>(To be completed by Federal Agency)</i>	Date Of Land Evaluation Request
Name Of Project	Federal Agency Involved
Proposed Land Use	County And State

<b>PART II</b> <i>(To be completed by NRCS)</i>		Date Request Received By NRCS	
Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? <i>(If no, the FPPA does not apply -- do not complete additional parts of this form).</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Average Farm Size
Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: %	Amount Of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: %	
Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	Name Of Local Site Assessment System	Date Land Evaluation Returned By NRCS	

<b>PART III</b> <i>(To be completed by Federal Agency)</i>	Alternative Site Rating			
	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
	A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly			
	B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly			
C. Total Acres In Site				

<b>PART IV</b> <i>(To be completed by NRCS)</i> Land Evaluation Information				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland				
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted				
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value				

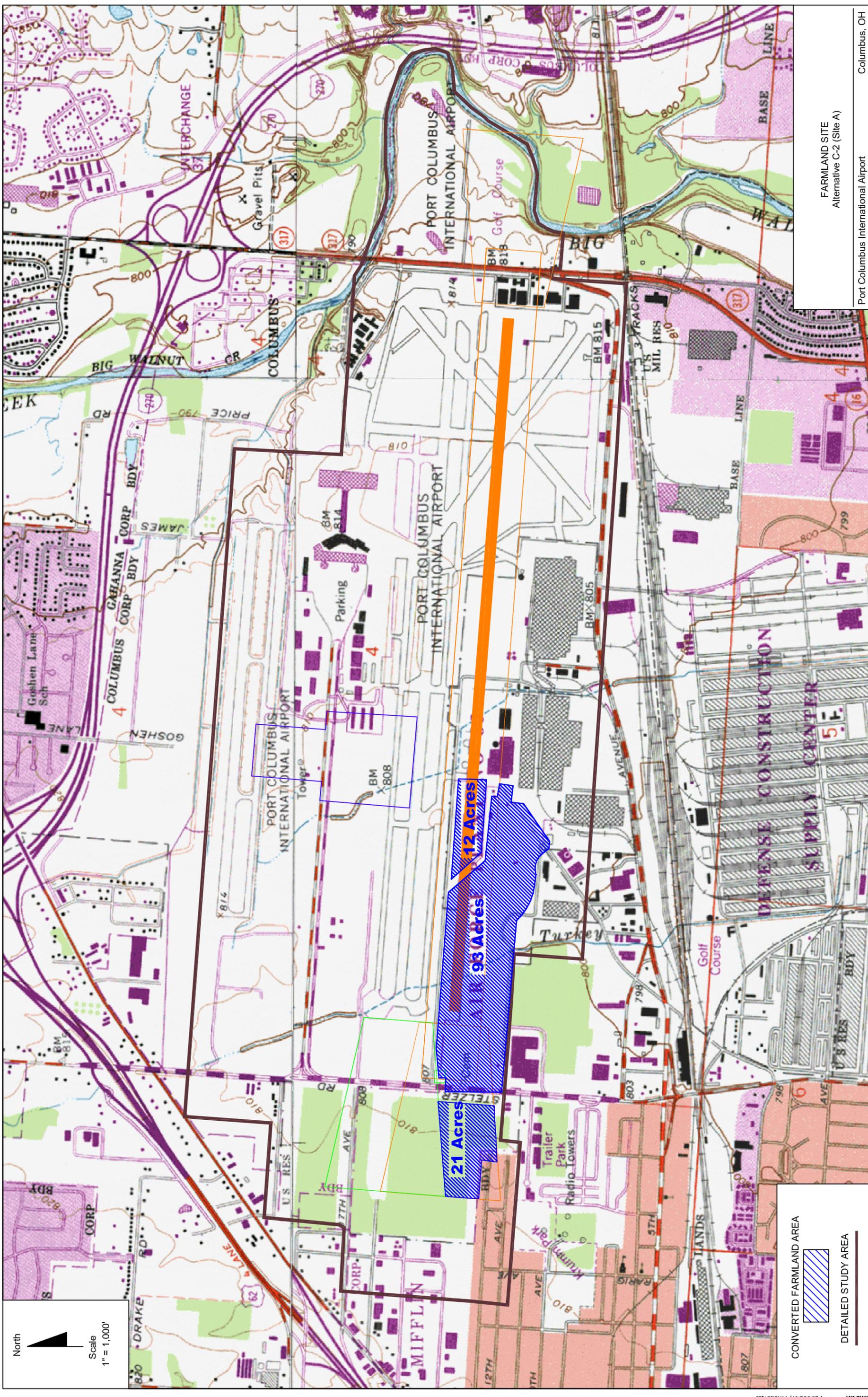
<b>PART V</b> <i>(To be completed by NRCS)</i> Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted <i>(Scale of 0 to 100 Points)</i>				
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<b>PART VI</b> <i>(To be completed by Federal Agency)</i> Site Assessment Criteria <i>(These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))</i>	Maximum Points				
1. Area In Nonurban Use					
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use					
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed					
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government					
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area					
6. Distance To Urban Support Services					
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average					
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland					
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services					
10. On-Farm Investments					
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services					
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use					
<b>TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>	<b>160</b>				

<b>PART VII</b> <i>(To be completed by Federal Agency)</i>					
Relative Value Of Farmland <i>(From Part V)</i>	100				
Total Site Assessment <i>(From Part VI above or a local site assessment)</i>	160				
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b> <i>(Total of above 2 lines)</i>	<b>260</b>				

Site Selected:	Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Reason For Selection:

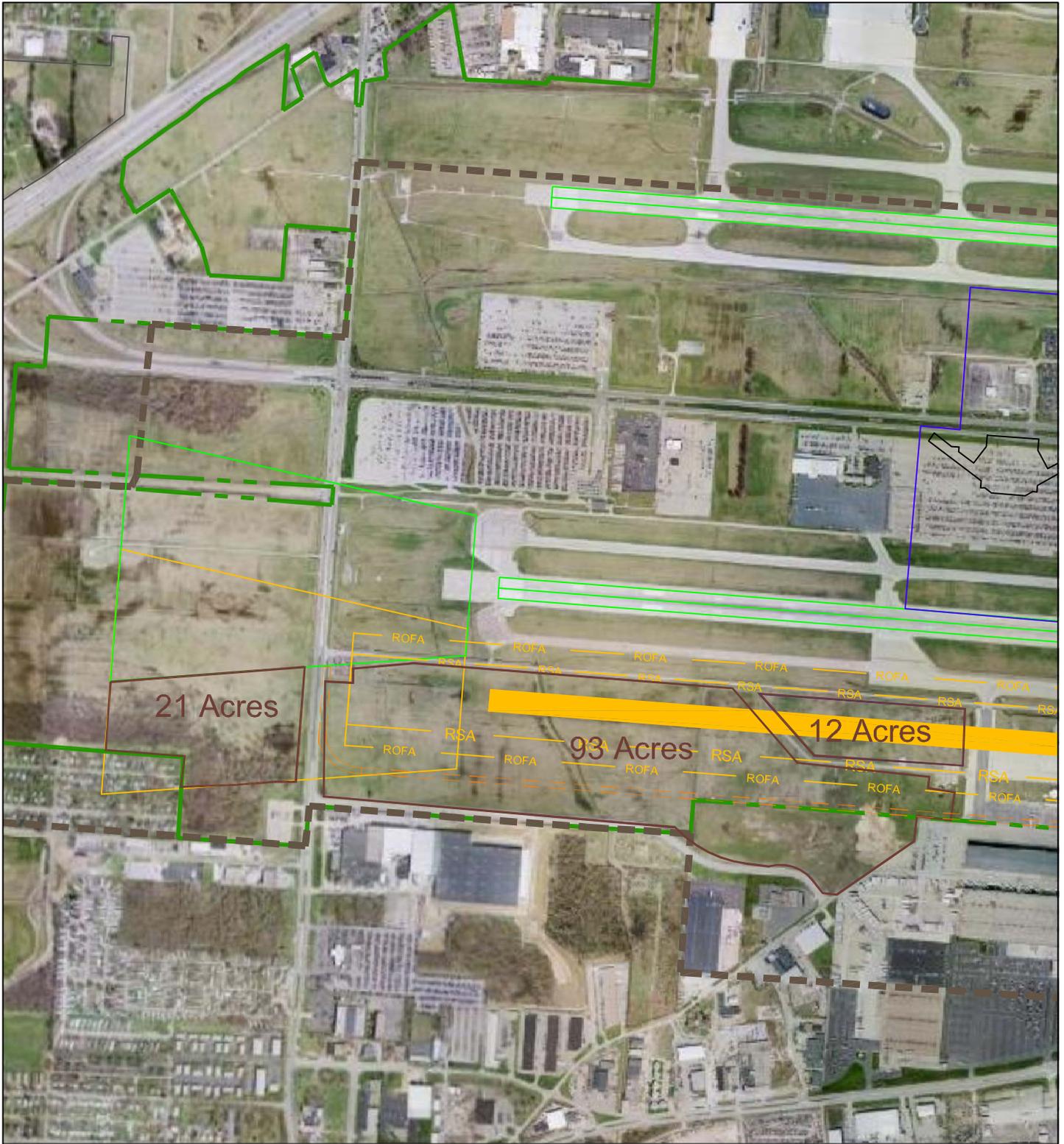


North  
 Scale  
 1" = 1,000'

CONVERTED FARMLAND AREA  
 DETAILED STUDY AREA

FARMLAND SITE  
 Alternative C-2 (Site A)

Port Columbus International Airport  
 Columbus, OH



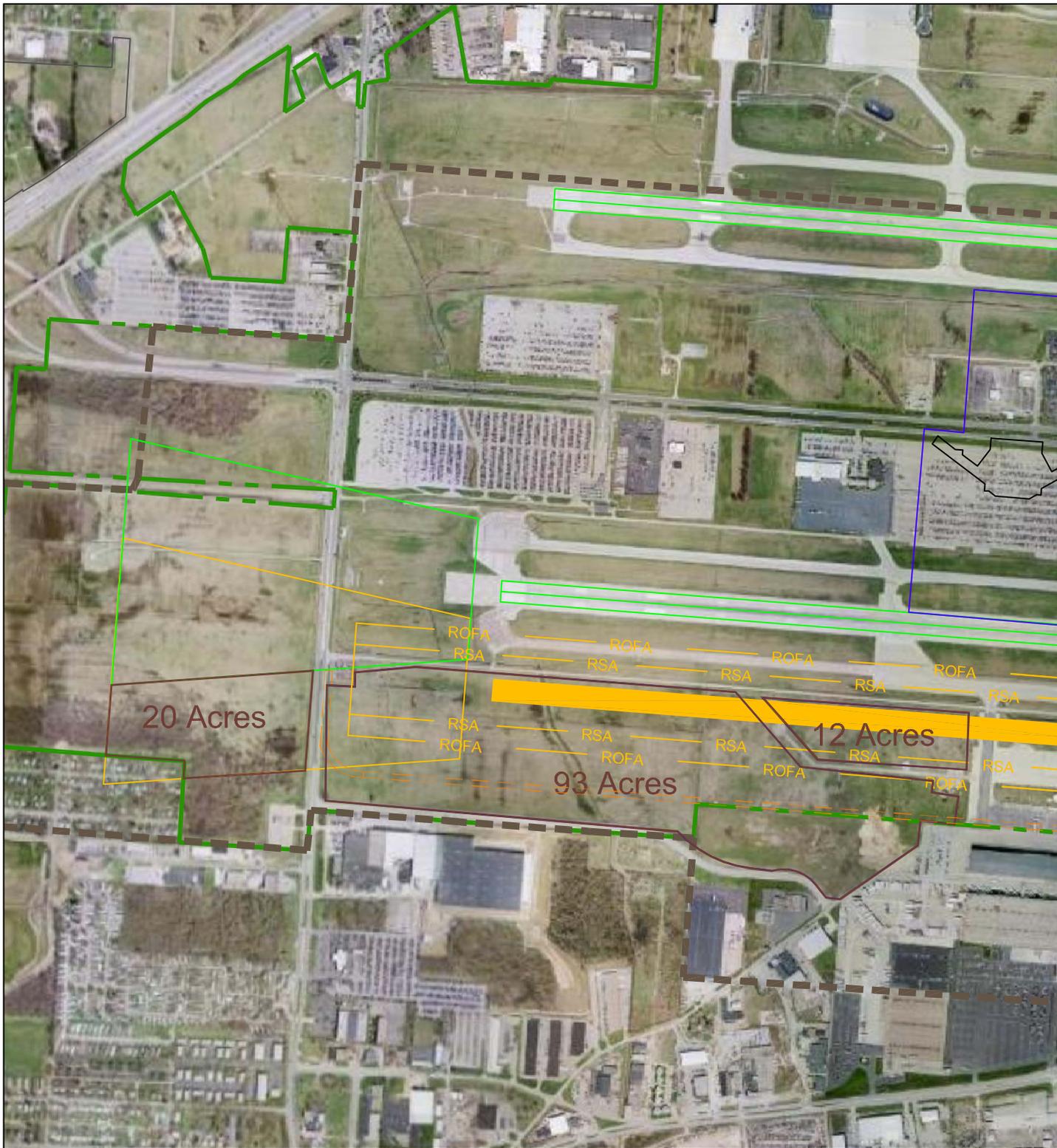
Source: Aerial Base Map Google Earth, 2007

North  
  
 Scale  
 1" = 1,000'

 Airport Property Line  
 Study Area

**FARMLAND IMPACT ASSESSMENT AREA**  
 Alternative C-2 (Site A)





Source: Aerial Base Map Google Earth, 2007

North  
  
 Scale  
 1" = 1,000'

 Airport Property Line  
 Study Area

**FARMLAND IMPACT ASSESSMENT AREA**  
 Alternative C-3 (Site B)



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September 28, 2007

Katherine S. Jones  
Community Planner  
Federal Aviation Administration  
Detroit Airports District Office  
11677 South Wayne Road, Ste. 107  
Romulus, MI 48174

Dear Ms Jones:

I have reviewed your request for Port Columbus International Airport and completed the Farmland Conversion Impact Rating, Form AD-1006.

Please note that there are no Prime, Unique or Locally Important Farmland soils within the project area because the area is considered, by definition, to be urbanized.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Core  
District Conservationist

Enclosure: Form AD-1006

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FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

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<b>PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		Date Of Land Evaluation Request 7/9/07		FAA, DETROIT ADO	
Name Of Project Port Columbus International Airport EIS		Federal Agency Involved Federal Aviation Administration			
Proposed Land Use Aviation Related		County And State Franklin County, Ohio			
<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>		Date Request Received By NRCS 8-16-07			
Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? <i>(If no, the FPPA does not apply -- do not complete additional parts of this form).</i>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated	Average Farm Size
Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: %	Amount Of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: %			
Name Of Land Evaluation System Used	Name Of Local Site Assessment System	Date Land Evaluation Returned By NRCS 9-28-07			

	Alternative Site Rating			
	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	126.0	125.0		
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly	0.0	0.0		
C. Total Acres In Site	126.0	125.0	0.0	0.0

<b>PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information</b>				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland				
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted				
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value				

<b>PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion</b>	0	0	0	0
Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)				

<b>PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>	Maximum Points				
Site Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))					
1. Area In Nonurban Use					
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10. On-Farm Investments					
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12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use					
<b>TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS</b>	160	0	0	0	0

<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	0	0	0	0
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>	260	0	0	0	0

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