



LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY AIRPORT BOARD

June 3, 2014

Mayor Jim Gray
LFUCG – Office of the Mayor
200 East Main Street
Lexington, KY 40507

Re: Blue Grass Airport - Runway 4-22 Safety Area
Environmental Mitigation – Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement
BGA Project 1404

In July 2003, the Airport was implementing a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) required Runway Safety Area Project in which portions of neighboring farms were acquired, one of those farms being on the National Historic Register. To mitigate the environmental impact, the airport entered into an agreement to perform an area historic farmstead study, meeting guidelines by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Attached, please see the agreement between the SHPO, the airport and the FAA to perform a study in the amount of \$150,000.

Leadership at both the airport and the SHPO changed in the late 2000s and the study was not completed. In early 2012, new staff at the SHPO contacted the airport's legal counsel about fulfilling the requirement. In the interim, portions of the agreed study area had been documented by SHPO under other studies, but the airport's commitment remains in effect. The SHPO proposed an alternative mitigation to update existing documentation and to develop a web-based digital tool to provide access to the findings.

To assist with the task, the SHPO contacted LFUCG Historic Preservation Director Bettie Kerr. It was agreed that LFUCG's expertise would be vital to successfully developing the tool and that LFUCG would own it and have the ability to expand its use to other documentation as it saw fit. The FAA, Airport, SHPO and LFUCG staff met and developed an agreeable scope. In order for LFUCG to receive the funds and manage the work, a supplemental agreement must be executed. An FAA grant is expected in July to fund this work.

In short, there is an opportunity for the Airport to fulfill its requirement to the SHPO and for LFUCG to gain a tool to move its historical archives to an electronic format.

We appreciate the opportunity to partner with LFUCG in this matter. Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Eric J. Frankl, A.A.E.
Executive Director

Enclosures: Memorandum of Agreement July 2003
Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement

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