

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
OF A  
DRAFT SHORT FORM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
AND  
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR  
PROPOSED AIRPORT IMPROVEMENTS  
AT THE  
JERRY TYLER MEMORIAL AIRPORT  
NILES, MICHIGAN**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are notified of the availability of a Draft Short Form Environmental Assessment (Short Form EA) evaluating the potential effects of proposed improvements at the Jerry Tyler Memorial Airport (Airport) in compliance with applicable laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and FAA policies including Order 1050.1F. A hardcopy of the Draft Short Form EA is available for review during normal business hours at the Niles City Hall or an electronic version is available anytime online until **May 6, 2024**. Documents can be found at the following locations:

- A hardcopy is available at the Niles City Hall, located at 333 N. Second Street, Niles, MI 49120
- An electronic version is available online at: <https://www.nilesmi.org/>

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are further advised of a public hearing being held by the Airport. The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider the social, economic, and environmental effects of proposed improvements and whether the improvements are in the public interest and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The public hearing is scheduled for:

**Thursday, May 2, 2024 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the City Council Chamber adjacent to the Fire Department Building, located at 1345 E. Main St., Niles, MI 49120**

The public hearing will focus on the Draft Short Form EA for the following proposed improvements:

- Obtain aviation easements to remove the trees that are obstructions to the approach surface of Runway 33
- Clearing obstructions (mostly trees) which penetrate the Runway 33 FAR Part 77 Surface

The public hearing will be an open house format with no formal presentation given. Members from the project team will be available to answer questions on an individual basis. Interested participants may attend the meeting anytime between the listed hours. A court reporter and comment forms will be available for those persons who would like to make a statement regarding the project, and have it included in the official transcript of the public hearing. Before including personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during the meeting should notify Joe Ray, Airport Director at least three days prior to the meeting.

The public is also encouraged to submit written comments or concerns by mail or email. Comments must be received by **May 6, 2024**, to be included in the official project record. Send comments to:

Joe Ray, Airport Director  
333 N Second Street  
Niles, MI 49120  
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[dpwdirector@nilesmi.org](mailto:dpwdirector@nilesmi.org)