

# What Can You Do?

## Awareness

Make sure other people are aware of the airport's plans. Tell your neighbors and friends! There has been some modest coverage of the airport's plans in the Star Democrat, but the paper hasn't covered all the issues. If you have some spare time, you could help by delivering flyers in you local area, print up bumper stickers, educate yourself on the issues, and mobilize your community!

## Talbot County Council

It is not too late to write to the Talbot County Council and object to the planning applications. Different people will have their own reasons for objecting, but we know that objections have been raised on the grounds of:

- The significant increase in jet aircraft traffic required to fund the changes will represent a major change of use of the airport.
- The airport has only financial reasons for wanting to build on our quality properties (which may well happen if the Airport officials have there way).
- The increase in jet aircraft traffic, which the airport uses to try to justify the applications, will be to the detriment of the environment, increasing both noise and pollution.

The planning officer and airport manager, even though a County employee, has a financial stake in the airport moving ahead with it's plans. They will give you a hundred reasons why the airport has such "great plans" for the future, so be warned.

The County Council members also seem to be pushing these expansion plans and will cite the new jobs, the amount of taxes the airport pays etc. etc. that the expansion will provide. It all comes down to increasing revenue for the county, at the expense of residents. So be warned.

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Letters can and should also be sent to the individual members of the planning committee, who will be deciding in due course whether the plans should be permitted or not.

<http://mikulski.senate.gov/contactme/mailform.html>  
Senator Mikulski has been pro airport expansion. This is inconsistent behavior for someone who has statements on her website claiming how hard she works to preserve the uniqueness of the Eastern Shore.