

# Brunswick Executive Airport FAQs



## How does the Brunswick Executive Airport (BXM) impact my community?

BXM plays a significant role in benefiting the regional community.

### Economic Growth

**Job Creation:** BXM supports local jobs, including those at the airport itself (maintenance, operations, and management) and through businesses based at the airport or that rely on the airport for transportation or logistics.

**Attracting Businesses:** The airport facilitates business travel and attracts companies that benefit from proximity to an airport, enhancing local economic development.

**Tourism Boost:** By serving as a gateway for tourists and visitors, the airport contributes to increased spending in local restaurants, hotels, and attractions.

### Community Accessibility

**General Aviation Hub:** BXM provides a convenient base for private pilots and general aviation enthusiasts, making the community more accessible for residents and visitors.

**Emergency Services:** The airport supports medevac flights and other emergency services, ensuring the community has quick access to critical resources.

### Education and Workforce Development

#### Partnerships with Educational Institutions:

The airport often collaborates with nearby schools and colleges for aviation-related training and programs, fostering workforce development in the aviation industry. BXM currently hosts the headquarters of the University of Maine Aircraft and Powerplant Maintenance School.

**Youth Engagement:** Events like air shows, aviation camps, or STEM-related initiatives inspire young people in the community to explore careers in aviation and aerospace.

### Environmental Stewardship

**Sustainability Practices:** BXM has and will continue to integrate environmentally friendly practices, such as utilizing 100% renewable energy, managing noise pollution and maintaining its green spaces, benefiting the overall quality of life in Brunswick. Currently, MRRA, the FAA designated airport authority, is working to eliminate all hangar fire suppression systems containing PFAS and introduce environmentally friendly fire suppression systems in their place for any future aviation activities.

By serving as a critical piece of infrastructure, BXM enhances Brunswick's economic vitality, accessibility, and cultural fabric while creating opportunities for growth and development.



## What is the Airport doing to protect the community from PFAS?

MRRA has been working with the Navy, the EPA and the Maine DEP to manage the PFAS issues at BXM and Brunswick Landing for well over a decade, on multiple fronts. This has become increasingly more important since its designation as a hazardous substance in April of 2024.

MRRA inherited the PFAS containing Aqueous Foam Fire Fighting (AFFF) systems in the hangars from the Navy and has been actively seeking appropriate fire protection alternatives, even before the accidental release on August 19, 2024. As a result, MRRA engaged a national fire protection expert (Poole Fire Protection) to conduct risk assessments of all of the hangars and provide recommendations for alternatives to the AFFF systems. As a result of this effort, and now with concurrence of the Brunswick Fire Department and State Fire Marshall, MRRA is in the process of shutting-

down all the AFFF systems in the remaining hangars and removing the AFFF concentrates. Following the accidental release, MRRA has isolated the current fire-suppression systems to protect from accidental discharges until such time as the systems are removed and replaced. More information on the AFFF release at Brunswick can be found on the MRRA website (Link Below). In addition, MRRA continues to work with the DEP, EPA and the Navy on monitoring area drinking wells and waterbodies relative to any impacts associated with the accidental release.

[brunswicklanding.us/afff-hangar-4-faq/](http://brunswicklanding.us/afff-hangar-4-faq/)

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## What is the purpose of the Master Plan Update?

An Airport Master Plan Update is a strategic document that guides the long-term development of an airport to meet future aviation demand while ensuring safe, efficient, and sustainable operations. It identifies current and projected facility needs, evaluates development alternatives, and prioritizes projects over a 20-year planning horizon. The update aligns the airport's growth with FAA standards, environmental considerations, and community goals while providing justification for federal and state funding. Through stakeholder engagement, it creates a roadmap for phased improvements that balance operational efficiency, safety, and regional economic impact.



## What is the next step after the Master Plan?

Projects occurring after the Master Plan has been completed may require additional environmental approval and will go through the appropriate environmental approval channels. The FAA has three types of environmental reviews, including categorical exclusions which pertain typically to updating existing infrastructure, like buildings or rehabbing existing pavement; environmental assessments which typically cover projects that are not significant or can be mitigated to prevent significant environmental impact; and environmental impact statements for projects that have a significant impact or have an impact that cannot be mitigated.



## Where can I read the Master Plan?

As the Master Plan chapters are completed, they are available on the MRRA website.  
[brunswicklanding.us/air-travel-transport/airport-master-plan-updates-coming-soon/](http://brunswicklanding.us/air-travel-transport/airport-master-plan-updates-coming-soon/)



## Will there be Commercial Airline Service at Brunswick?

The Master Plan forecast does not project commercial Airline service at Brunswick and it is not the intention of MRRA to accommodate large aircraft in passenger service operations in the twenty-year planning period. Should a small, passenger-carrying commuter operation with less than nine passenger seats approach MRRA about operating out of Brunswick Executive, this would be considered, with appropriate public engagement and discussion.



## How can I participate in the future of Brunswick Executive Airport?

You can attend public meetings and read the Master Plan chapters and offer comments at [bxmairport@gmail.com](mailto:bxmairport@gmail.com).



## Who is funding the Master Plan Update?

The FAA is funding 90% of the project costs for the Master Plan. The remaining 10% is split between the Maine Department of Transportation Aviation Division and MRRA, with a 5% match each.



## Will there be an extension to the runway or to the Airport property?

There will be no extension of either runway at Brunswick, as projected in the twenty-year forecast. The Airport has no current plans to purchase additional property and will most likely release certain parcels of the current airport property that have no aeronautical value.



## What changes to the Airport are anticipated?

The primary runway and full parallel taxiway will need to be rehabilitated within the 5-year window. The airport is also in need of additional hangars to support general aviation aircraft storage. These are smaller hangars that will not require any form of fire suppression.

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