



Sports

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Airport master plan under development

By Ashley Fuller
Cherokee Tribune Staff Writer

Cherokee leaders said they are creating a master plan for the area surrounding the county airport to avoid winging its future development.

The plan, which will be drafted in collaboration by the county's development authority, airport authority and board of commissioners, would outline a "vision" for the area south of Ball Ground.

Misti Martin, executive director

of the development authority, said such a vision is needed because of the amount of undeveloped property surrounding the county's airport.

The plan also encompasses the authority's neighboring industrial park, which like the airport, is in the midst of an expansion. Together the area is considered a "workplace



Misti Martin

Map and Agenda/ 5A

center" in the county's comprehensive plan for future growth.

The authority on Monday identified the area that will be the focus of the proposed airport master plan. The area is defined by a southern boundary along Highway 5 at Fate Conn Road, to the west by the Cherokee County Airport, to the east by East Cherokee Drive at the Pine Bluff Landfill and Atlanta Gas Light's LNG plant and to the north

along Highway 5 at Sharp Mountain Creek.

The master plan would address the area's commercial needs including restaurants, service stations, banks and child care centers. It also eventually will include standards for beautification, signage and development and could be crafted like an overlay zoning district.

Margaret Stallings, principal planner for the county government, said no timeline has been determined for setting the regulations and standards.

Input will be gathered from a wide range of groups, including three boards as well as business and other property owners in the area, she said.

Both the airport and Industrious park are the site of expansion projects. Don Stevens of Macedoni, chairman of the airport authority, said the airport will see part of a runway expansion paved ahead schedule.

He said the airport, which

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More hires likely for school district

By Kristal Dixon
Cherokee Tribune Staff Writer

Brent Williams is one of more than 200 educators joining the Cherokee County School District this school year, and like others polled at orientation Tuesday, the system's reputation attracted him.

"I'm really excited to be here," said Williams, who will serve as the assistant principal at Creekland Middle School when classes begin Monday. "It's definitely one of the best (districts) in the state."

Williams, who lives in Woodstock, said he also is happy to be giving up the nearly two-hour commute to Creekland Middle School in

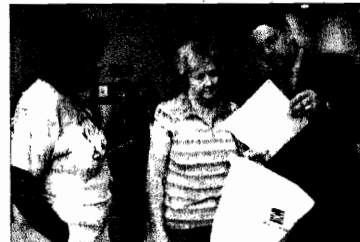
Lawrenceville, where he has worked for three years.

Williams, who holds a master's degree in education and specialist degree in administration, said he brings to the district a wide range of experience "in terms of leadership and dealing with various populations and groups."

Williams was among the more than 200 new teachers and administrators who participated in the district's annual orientation for new employees on Tuesday at Woodstock High School.

The orientation is designed to help the new staff become acquainted with district policies and the benefits

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Cherokee Tribune photos by Amber M. McCloskey
Doug Ricker of Wachovia at Work shows banking options available to Cherokee County School District teachers to Vicki Dill of Canton, right, who is moving from being a paraprofessional teacher to a third-grade teacher at Johnston Elementary and Dianne DeLauder of Acworth, who is moving from being a paraprofessional teacher at Boston Elementary, during the new teacher orientation at Woodstock High School on Tuesday. The district has hired more than 200 additional educators for the school year that starts Monday.



Cherokee Tribune photos by Amber M. McCloskey

Big Day Ahead



Above: Debby Pinion of Canton sets up her first-grade classroom at Woodstock Elementary School in preparation for the first day of school. Classes begin on Monday for Cherokee County School District students and teachers headed back work this week for pre-planning. Lel Woodstock Elementary School fourth grade teachers Erica Morrie, left, who teaches reading and language arts a

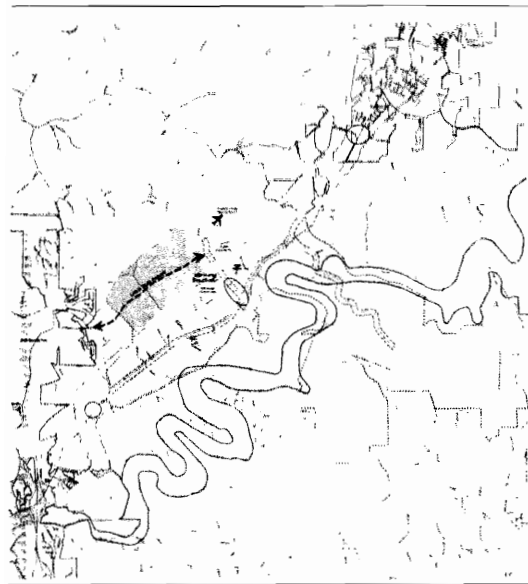


Illustration special to the Cherokee Tribune shows the area surrounding the county airport and neighboring industrial park for which leaders are creating a master plan. The plan will outline a vision for how the area should be developed in the future.

Legend

- Proposed Airport Overlay Boundary
- Landscape Corridor
- Flood Easement
- 100 Year Flood Plain
- City Boundaries
- Business Park Area
- Executive Housing
- Workplace Zone
- Gateway to Airport Area
- Commercial/Retail Node

On the agenda:

- The Development Authority of Cherokee County on Monday considered the following agenda items:
- Finalized documents for a bond resolution for Goodwill Industries. The \$5 million bond is for Goodwill to refinance the short-term loan it used to build a Goodwill store in Hickory Flat.
- Heard an update on an agreement to sell about 8 acres on Evento Drive in the airport industrial park to Riverstone Industrial Partners for \$37.500. The sale was completed last week.
- Approved a Cherokee County Airport Area master plan.
- During the Cherokee County Development Authority meeting conducted before the authority meeting, the board accepted an existing industry incentive program application from Technical Systems Integrators LLC for a \$3.2 million warehouse that has been built in Bell Ground.

Airport

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extending its runway from 3,414 feet to 5,000 feet, has accelerated paving with the goal of completing up to 4,100 feet by November. Paving was to start next year, he said. The 5,000-foot runway is expected to be open in 2010.

Stevens said the paving was accelerated because of the fact McCollum Field in Cobb County will be shut down for a month starting in November in preparation for its runway expansion project.

"If we can get them to land up here, maybe they will get used to it and stay here," he said about attract

ing people from McCollum. The \$34 million expansion at the airport also includes increasing apron and hangar space and building a terminal.

The new adjacent apron space that extends to the hangar buildings already has been completed.

When construction is finished, the expansion will increase apron and hangar space to up the number of planes that can be based there from 100 to 300.

The development authority's L-575 Airport Industrial Park is home to eight businesses with 100,000 square feet available for lease from MDH Partners and Billjack Bell of Wilson, Hull and Neal. Two buildings currently occupied by D-Lab and Multi-Tech Commercial Services also are for sale.

Earlier this month, the board of commissioners approved the purchase of 98 acres next to the airport for future expansion of the airport and neighboring industrial park.

The cost of the land is about \$3.6 million and will be purchased using sales tax funds. The board expects to close on the land by September.

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GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT/LOCATION
30-DAY PUBLIC ADVISORY

Subject: Application for Encroachment Upon 25-Foot Vegetative Stream Buffer
Project: STP-187-1(25) • County: Cherokee • City: Canton

Georgia Department of Transportation Project STP-187-1(25) proposes the widening of State Route (SR) 140 between Arnold Mill Rd and Mountain Rd, SE of Canton, GA. An unnamed perennial tributary to the Little River is located north and east of the S.R. 140/CR 312 intersection. The stream begins to the west of S.R. 140, and crosses the roadway at a point approximately 128 ft north of the intersection with CR 312. Currently the stream 4 ft is moderately impacted by existing roadside maintenance activities such as mowing along the west side of S.R. 140. Impacts to this stream would consist of extending the culvert under the roadway. The proposed project is part of a series of projects that would widen and reconstruct SR 140 between the rapidly growing cities of Canton and Arnold Mill. Because of this development, alternatives are few and the project area is constrained. The widening of the existing roadway would result in the buffer area of the stream being cleared. Significant alignment shifts to avoid compromised resources could introduce dangerous horizontal road curvature. Because of the rapid population growth in this area of Cherokee County, it is necessary for the Georgia Department of Transportation to establish better and, consequently safer traffic conditions.

Site plans for the proposed construction can be viewed at the Georgia Department of Transportation Area Office at 874 Peoples Valley Road N.W., Cartersville, 770-387-3680.

Written comments should be submitted to: Program Manager, Non-Point Source Program, Erosion and Sedimentation Control, 4220 International Parkway, Suite 101, Atlanta, Georgia 30354.

The public is invited to comment during the 30-day period on the proposed activity.

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