

AIRPORT BEACON REPORT

Smith Reynolds Airport
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The Airport Beacon Report is published twice a year to improve the communication between the airport and its tenants with the community around it.

Employment Opportunities

North State Aviation in Winston-Salem, NC is looking for experienced licensed **A&P Mechanics** and other positions. Please visit our website at <https://mrohldings.com/facilities/north-state-aviation/#join-the-team>

Love kids? Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools is now hiring. **Full-time, Part-time & Substitute School Bus Drivers.** Visit wsfcs.k12.nc.us/Page/1188 for more info.

Piedmont Propulsion in Winston-Salem, NC is looking for various positions. Please visit our website at piedmontpropulsion.com/careers/ for more details.

Forsyth County Government is hiring!
www.forsyth.cc/HumanResources

Take Offs & Landings at Smith Reynolds

1 month

December 2023 3,290
December 2024 2,519

12 month

December 2023 47,348
December 2024 42,408

Learn to Fly

Contact Piedmont Flight Training
Visit flypft.com or contact 336-776-6070 or info@FlyPFT.com

ATP
atpflightschool.com

Other County Resources in Your Area

Carver School Road Branch Library, 4915 Lansing Drive, offers a variety of programs and resources. For more information, visit forsyth.cc/library/Carver.

N.C. Cooperative Extension Forsyth County Center, 1450 Fairchild Road, offers resources and workshops related to farming, gardening and the 4-H youth program. Visit forsyth.cc/CES/ for details.

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Smith Reynolds Airport contributes \$885 million, 3,190 jobs to local economy

Smith Reynolds Airport has an \$885 million impact on the local economy and supports 3,190 jobs according to a new report from the N.C. Department of Transportation's Aviation Division.

The North Carolina: The State of Aviation report shows the economic impact of the state's 72 publicly-owned airports and their related aviation and aerospace assets.

The report was created as a guide for aviation investment and to help with recruiting aviation and aerospace businesses.

The report said Smith Reynolds, a county-owned and operated airport located on North Liberty Street, once again created the most economic impact among the state's 62 general aviation public airports, which don't offer commercial service. The report also found Smith Reynolds contributes \$251.3 million in personal income and \$24 million in state and local tax revenue. The airport is used for corporate aircraft, air charter services, general aviation and air cargo. Its tenants include Signature Aviation, Signature TECHNICAir, Piedmont Flight Training, Special Event Transportation, Avis Budget Group, Aero8, Piedmont Propulsion Systems, the Forsyth Tech Mazie S. Woodruff Aviation Technology Lab and North State

Aviation, which does aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO).

"It is exciting to see the report every two years to see how we measure up and contribute to the economic growth of the community," said Smith Reynolds Airport Director Mark Davidson. "Forsyth County and the NCDOT Division of Aviation have been investing heavily in the

infrastructure at the Airport, and it is paying off in creating jobs and economic growth."

The report found that the state's public airports contribute more than \$88 billion to the state's economy and \$4.8 billion in state and local tax revenues. They also support 427,000 jobs that provide \$34 billion in personal income.

"North Carolina's aviation industry is not only a cornerstone of our economy, but also a key driver of innovation," said Nick Short, interim director of the NCDOT Division of Aviation. "This report highlights the critical role our airports play in fostering economic growth, supporting new technologies, and positioning the state as a leader in the future of aviation."

To view the full report, visit <https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/aviation/Documents/state-of-aviation.pdf>.



2- Control Tower Renovation

We've received FAA funding to renovate our control tower

3- Local Pilots Help Western NC Relief

Learn how local pilots made a difference in Western NC

3- Brushy Fork Creek Bank

An update on the erosion repair project

Smith Reynolds Receives Control Tower Funding

Forsyth County was recently notified that the FAA intends to fund a control tower renovation project at Smith Reynolds Airport. The funding is from the FY 2025 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Contract Tower (FCT) Program.

The project was included as one of the 20 projects selected at 20 airports in 15 States for the \$20 million available in FY 2025. The amount awarded of \$2 million is larger than any other airport listed and will go a long way in renovating the tower, which was excluded from the County's \$12 million Terminal Renovation project that is currently underway and expected to be completed in March 2025.

Although the scope of the work in the tower has not been determined or designed, renovations to control towers typically include new roofs, windows, radio equipment, HVAC and other improvements. This is the fourth round of funding for the FCT Competitive Grant program and covers Fiscal Year 2025. The FAA has pointed out in the past that the goal of this funding is "to sustain, construct, repair, improve, modernize, replace or relocate airport-owned towers and install communications equipment." The FAA indicated that there is far more demand than available funds and, based upon the results, Smith Reynolds was selected over 62 other airports with sponsor-owned towers across the country.



Local Pilots Help With Western NC Relief



Since the devastating Helene disaster in Western NC on September 28, Smith Reynolds Airport became one of several focal points for receiving and distributing aid.

Signature Aviation accumulated more than 100,000 pounds of relief materials. Essential items including food, water, clothing, medicine and medical devices, tarps, cleaning supplies and pet food were collected. In the first few weeks after the hurricane struck, a number of local pilots flew supplies to mountain airports such as Asheville, Elk River, Rutherfordton, Ashe County, Avery County, and even Pickens, South Carolina. Pilots volunteered their

aircraft and fuel to deliver from 75 to 80 plane loads of relief materials. In addition, at least one larger aircraft shuttled supplies out to Asheville and returned for additional flights carrying rescued dogs and cats.

As roads opened up in the Asheville area, four tractor trailers and numerous vans, cars, and trucks continued the relief efforts with materials amassed at one of our new large hangars. Many volunteers helped to sort, weigh and load items received from all over North Carolina and even other states. Special thanks to Becca Colangelo and Signature Aviation for coordinating this massive relief effort.

Brushy Fork Creek Bank Erosion Repair Project Update

Forsyth County is proceeding with the Brushy Fork Creek project, which will address approximately 2,100 linear feet along the eastern edge of the Airport property. The latest news is that the County Attorney's Office is working on drafting the easements and the Resource Institute is performing some additional work to ensure we have the plat necessary for the required easements. While the easements are being drafted for execution by all the effected property owners, the Resource Institute and County mailed the 60% design plans to the 12 parcel owners along the creek. After the easements are executed, the next step will be to finalize the design and bid out for construction. The collaboration between local authorities, funding bodies, and the community promises a revitalized and stabilized Brushy Fork Creek, enhancing both the environmental quality and aesthetic value of the area. As the project moves forward, further updates will be provided to keep all stakeholders informed of progress and developments.

