

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 nsamro.com for more details or email us at HR@nsamro.com.

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.

EPES Transport is hiring truck drivers and other positions for regional opportunities. Visit epestransport.com for details.

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

Take Offs & Landings at Smith Reynolds

1 month

April 2023 4,008
April 2024 4,244

12 month

April 2023 42,465
April 2024 47,225

Learn to Fly

Contact Piedmont Flight Training

Visit flypft.com or contact 336-776-6070 or info@FlyPFT.com

Lookup Flight Academy
lookupflightacademy.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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Celebrating Dudley Watt's Legacy and Welcoming Shontell Robinson

As we look back on the past five years of growth and community engagement, we recognize the profound impact Dudley Watts has had on our Airport and surrounding neighborhoods. Dudley is retiring as County Manager after 17 years of dedicated service. His commitment to fostering a positive relationship between the Airport and our community has been instrumental in making our County's asset a point of pride for all residents.

Under Dudley's leadership, the Airport has not only grown in capability, but has also become a good neighbor to our surrounding communities. His initiatives to enhance communication and collaboration have resulted in numerous improvements, ensuring that the Airport's development respects and integrates seamlessly with the needs of local neighborhoods. We extend our deepest gratitude to Dudley for his tireless efforts and unwavering dedication. His legacy will

undoubtedly continue to inspire our future endeavors.

As we bid a fond farewell to Dudley, we are equally excited to welcome Shontell Robinson as our new County Manager. Shontell brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective that will be invaluable as we continue to build on the strong foundation laid by Dudley. In her new role,

Shontell will be working closely with Airport Director Mark Davidson to maintain and enhance the positive relationship between the Airport and our community. Her commitment to transparency, engagement, and collaboration will ensure that our Airport remains a valued asset

that serves the needs of all County residents while fostering economic growth and development.

Please join us in thanking Dudley Watt for his years of service and welcoming Shontell Robinson as she steps into her new role. We look forward to a bright future as we continue to soar to new heights together!

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Capital Projects Transforming Our Airport

The Airport is buzzing with activity as several key capital projects move forward, signaling a new era of growth and improvement. These developments reflect our commitment to enhancing infrastructure and services to meet the needs of our community and visitors.

Taxiway Alpha Rehabilitation

After a long wait, the much-needed rehabilitation of Taxiway Alpha is underway. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has recognized the critical nature of this project, allocating \$7.4 million for its completion. Sharpe Brothers have been awarded the construction contract, while AVCON designed the project and is providing expert services to ensure the project meets the highest standards. This rehabilitation is crucial for maintaining safe and efficient operations and is expected to significantly enhance the airport's overall functionality. The project should be completed in August 2024.

Terminal Renovations

The main terminal is undergoing a significant facelift, with IL Long Construction leading the charge after winning the competitive bid. With a \$12 million investment, this project aims to modernize the facility, offering users a more comfortable and efficient experience. Scheduled for completion in the winter of 2025, the upgraded terminal will house Signature Flight Support as the anchor tenant, transforming the terminal into a welcoming gateway for the community and its visitors.

Vehicle Wash Station Construction

In addition to these major projects, the County is constructing a new vehicle wash station which will be behind the hangar facility at 3820 North Liberty Street. This facility will support the County's fleet of vehicles and enhance operations for rental car companies. This initiative not only aims to improve maintenance efficiency but also underscores our commitment to providing top-notch service to our partners and customers. We expect the construction to be completed in the Spring 2025.

These capital projects represent a significant investment in the future of our Airport, enhancing its infrastructure and services to better serve our community. We look forward to the positive impact these developments will bring and appreciate your patience and support as we work to complete these exciting improvements.



Airport Board Reviews Strategic Progress and Plans Future at Innovation Quarter Retreat

In a dedicated effort to enhance our Airport's role and effectiveness, the Airport Board recently convened in June for a strategic retreat at the Innovation Quarter. This gathering was designed to assess our current work, implement our existing strategic plan, and evaluate our progress as a significant economic driver in the region. During the retreat, the Board undertook a comprehensive review of the Airport's operations and strategic initiatives and reviewed the operating and capital budget.

The discussions were particularly focused on our contributions to local economic development, including job creation and support for regional businesses.

The retreat provided a platform to delve into the practical aspects of our strategic plan. We discussed the achievements to date and identified areas requiring enhanced focus to meet our goals effectively. A major part of the retreat was dedicated to understanding and enhancing our role as an economic driver.

The Board reviewed how the Airport's operations contribute to the

local economy and explored new ways to amplify this impact. Throughout the retreat, emphasis was placed on improving user experience, optimizing operational efficiencies, and

fostering strategic partnerships. Discussions included planning for significant infrastructure upgrades, potential expansions, and integrating advanced technologies to future-proof the airport. Recognizing the importance of our relationship with the community, the Board brainstormed methods

to enhance outreach to local neighborhoods. This included developing initiatives that align with community needs and ensuring the airport remains a valued local asset.

The retreat concluded with a list of items for the staff to take action. The Board remains committed to fostering strong community ties and driving regional economic growth. This retreat marks a pivotal step in reinforcing our Airport's strategic direction and operational excellence.



Brushy Fork Creek Bank Erosion Repair Project Update

On May 23, 2024, residents gathered for an important meeting at the Carl H. Russell Community Center to discuss plans for the much-anticipated Brushy Fork Creek Erosion Repair Project. This meeting featured a presentation by Alan Walker and Daphne Cartner from the Resource Institute, who shared comprehensive details about the initiative and fielded questions from the engaged audience.

Excitement filled the room as the community learned about the substantial financial backing secured for the project. Forsyth County has committed \$300,000, matching the \$300,000 awarded by the North Carolina Land and Water Fund. Additionally, the City of Winston-Salem has pledged another \$300,000. This combined total of \$900,000 will significantly enhance the scope of the restoration efforts.

With these generous contributions, the project now aims to address approximately 2,100 linear feet along the eastern edge of the Airport property. This extension will allow for a more comprehensive approach to stabilizing the banks of Brushy Fork Creek and mitigating erosion. The Resource Institute is at the forefront of the technical and administrative aspects of the project. Their services include designing a stabilization plan for the creek bank and removing debris from the stream channels. They will also develop bid documents and help obtain permits. Finally, they will provide construction administration and assist with project closeout to ensure all aspects are completed satisfactorily. Residents along the creek are encouraged to participate by signing the necessary easements, allowing for work to commence smoothly and without delay.

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.

