

**SOS****Save Our Shoreline**

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## Protect Our Quality of Life

Tweed Airport started in 1930 as a small airport in a residential neighborhood situated on wetlands between two creeks running into Long Island Sound. Little has changed since. In the fall of 2021, the Tweed–New Haven (HVN) Airport management unveiled an updated Master Plan for the airport, proposing a massive increase in both facilities and operations with the goal of creating the “Airport of Southern Connecticut” in competition with Bradley International Airport. If achieved, the airport will serve up to one million passengers annually (up from 50,000 in 2019). This expansion will forever destroy life on the shoreline—its vibrant communities, already fragile ecosystems, air and water quality, and the health of its residents from Milford to Madison, directly affecting approximately 360,000 people.

**Please join our efforts to halt this Expansion.**

### Expansion details

- Extend runway to 1.26 miles (similar to LaGuardia)
- Accommodate large jets and freight flights 24/7
- Build 6-gate, 74,000 sf. terminal
- Add 1500 parking spaces
- Remove Tweed-HVN from public scrutiny and local control by transferring it to a Goldman Sachs subsidiary, AvPorts

### Next Steps

- Federal approval is required for the Expansion under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Airport Authority must complete and make public an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Expansion

### Environmental impacts

- Massive increase in Greenhouse Gas emission from planes and street traffic
- Severe Flooding to the entire community with intensifying rainstorms and sea-level rise
- Disruption/death of local and migratory wildlife
- Compromised water quality due to increased discharges from airplanes, equipment, and street traffic
- Increased noise and pollution on nearby state-designated environmental justice communities in East Haven, New Haven, and Branford
- Airport maintenance includes destroying mature trees, using toxic chemicals like Round-up and de-icing spray—detrimental to humans and animals, marshes, wetlands, and LI Sound

### Health impacts

- Noise complaints heard from as far away as Hamden and Guilford. Research has proven that noise and vibrations cause stress, anxiety, increased risk of hypertension, heart attacks and stroke, and poor performance in school
- Air pollution, which includes ozone, nitrous and sulfur dioxides, PM 2.5s (small particulate matter) and soot, aggravates asthma and other respiratory diseases—felt most severely by the most vulnerable— children and the elderly
- Lead, soot, PM 2.5s released in the air by jet fuels cause cancer, heart attacks, and stroke. For children there is NO safe level of lead, which causes permanent brain damage
- Superfine particles, or PM 2.5s, are only now being studied as definite products of airplanes and are still not monitored or regulated
- Living within 12 miles of an airport increases premature death
- One 737 jet flying 100 miles, consumes about 400 gallons of fuel and produces four tons of CO2 emissions—the equivalent of a year’s worth for an average passenger vehicle

### Costs to shoreline residents

- Devaluated property values due to noise from planes and traffic congestion snarling roads between I-95 exits 51 to 56, especially impacting Hemingway Ave, Rt. 1, and Shore Drive (Rt. 142)
- Increased property taxes to pay for impacted infrastructure and road maintenance due to heavy use and flooding

## Get Involved – What You Can Do!

### Write letters

- Demand a thorough Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from the Federal Aviation Administration, contact:  
Gail Lattrell, Director, New England Region:  
[gail.lattrell@faa.gov](mailto:gail.lattrell@faa.gov)
- Copy your letters to **Tweed-New Haven (HVN) Environmental Assessment Dossier**, send to:  
[hvn-ea@mjinc.com](mailto:hvn-ea@mjinc.com)
- **Elected Officials** – for names and addresses see  
<https://airportsyourhealth.com/contact-directory>
- **Encourage State & Federal Investment** in 21st-century transportation solutions! Support mass transit to Bradley International and New York Airports with:  
Clean energy bus shuttles  
High Speed trains /monorails  
Electric planes: E-Aviation is burgeoning in Europe
- **To the Editors** of the New Haven Register, The Sound, Hartford Courant, CTPost.com, CTMirror.org, the Patch, etc., online forums

### Report noise and safety violations

- FAA: <https://noise.faa.gov/noise/pages/noise.html>
- Tweed: <https://veoci.com/v/p/30011/workflow/y84yhxrwpkss>

### Track flights

- Download the app **Flightradar24**

### Sign petitions

- Save our Shoreline (SOS) petition—attached & recruit others
- Save Our Sleep online petition:  
<https://change.org/10kHawks-SaveOurSleep>

### Get the facts, learn more

- Airports Your Health  
<https://airportsyourhealth.com>
- 10,000 Hawks.org  
<https://10000hawks.org/create-your-website-with-blocks/get-the-facts>
- Save the Sound  
<https://www.savethesound.org/2022/04/19/press-release-save-the-sound-urges-faa-to-prepare-environmental-impact-statement-on-proposed-tweed-new-haven-airport-expansion/>

### Stay in touch!

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