

PRESS RELEASE

Announcement:

***Newly formed* Coalition to Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom or Anywhere**

A Coalition of diverse state and local organizations has formed in response to Massport's massive expansion plans which would triple the private luxury jet hangar capacity at Hanscom Field airport. New research shows that if the proposed development were to go forward, it would cancel out 70% of the greenhouse gas reductions from all the 4,000 megawatts of solar PV installed in Massachusetts thus far.

Climate action and climate justice organizations, as well as those dedicated to environmental protection, and democratic processes, have joined in opposition to Massport's and Runway Realty Ventures, LLC's climate-destructive development proposal.

Twenty two organizations are now members of the Coalition, a doubling since its first meeting on May 6th, with numbers growing every week. (See list below) Organizations have joined from Acton and Metrowest area towns (Framingham, Natick, Wayland, etc), as well as from the four towns in which Hanscom Field is located: Bedford, Concord, Lexington and Lincoln.

The Coalition's name reflects its members' objective: Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom or Anywhere.

Because Hanscom is the busiest private jet airport in New England, and because the proposed private luxury jet hangar expansion is the largest in Hanscom's history (possibly in the nation), what happens at Hanscom will impact trends at other regional airports.

For this reason, Coalition organizers view Hanscom as a test case to demonstrate that private jet expansion anywhere is antithetical to our town and state Climate Goals which require ALL sectors to drastically reduce CO2e by 2050 with an ultimate goal of Net Zero.

Massport's publicly stated goals for achieving Net Zero apply solely to the ground infrastructure its airports and do not include CO2e emissions produced from aircraft -- which are orders of magnitude greater than those emitted from buildings. For example: Hanscom Field private jet flight trips already generate approximately 750,000 tons of CO2e emissions per year, but Massport's climate plans for Hanscom and Logan together take responsibility for reducing only the 100,000 tons of ground-related CO2e emissions. The projected growth of private luxury jet operations (anticipated 5-10% increase per year) creates an ever-increasing greenhouse gas burden that overwhelms any small gain made on facilities.

Coalition organizers invite people to sign an online petition to the Governor (link below), and join 2965 people who are urging the Governor *"to send a message to Massport, and every other airport owner, that such private luxury jet expansions are an environmental injustice incompatible with the drastic and unprecedented steps we are now called upon to take to reduce CO2 emissions"* --

<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/stop-Hanscom-jet-expansion> (NOTE: You can close out of the donation box when it pops up. Donations go to iPetitions, not the Coalition.)

Below: List of Coalition member organizations & Facts about Hanscom Field

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Coalition to Stop Private Jet Expansion at Hanscom or Anywhere:

Mass Power Forward

UU Mass Action

350 Mass MetroWest

Concord Climate Action Network

Lexington Climate Action Network

Environmental Justice Committee of

First Parish of Bedford

Program on Inequality, Institute of

Policy Studies

Acton Mothers Out Front

Bedford Mothers Out Front

Concord Mothers Out Front

Lincoln Mothers Out Front

Concord Indivisible

Restore the North Woods

Walden Woods Project

The Thoreau Society

Bedford League of Women Voters

Concord-Carlisle League of Women Voters

Lexington League of Women Voters

Our Revolution Metrowest

Our Revolution MA Climate Crisis Working Group

Save Our Heritage

Third Act – Bedford

Creation Care Justice Network,

St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Lincoln

Facts about Hanscom Field:

- Hanscom Field vs Hanscom Air Force Base:

Though they share the same name and a history, and they abut each other, Hanscom Field and Hanscom Air Force Base (HAFB) are separate and distinct. Hanscom Field is a General Aviation (GA) airport owned by Massport. Hanscom Air Force Base has no aviation activity or runway. AF active flying ended in September, 1973. Occasional military flights use Massport's runway at the civil airport.

- Hanscom is the largest general aviation (GA) airport in New England, and a reliever for Logan Airport.
- Hanscom is the busiest private jet airport in New England.
- Hanscom was the 20th busiest private jet airport in the nation in 2021.
- Massport owns Logan and Worcester Airports, in addition to Hanscom Field,
- Massport pays no property taxes to its four Hanscom-host towns: Bedford, Concord, Lexington and Lincoln
- There are no taxes on private business and luxury jets, or their parts or upgrades.

One-stop website about the proposed development,
private jets & CO2e, and more:

StopPrivateJetExpansion.org -- *under construction; going live soon.*

For more information or to get involved, contact: info@stopprivatejetexpansion.org

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