

DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
for
OBSTRUCTION REMOVALS
at
ST. CLAIR COUNTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
PORT HURON, MICHIGAN

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This Environmental Assessment becomes a Federal document when evaluated and signed by the responsible FAA official or their representative.

Responsible MDOT Official

Date

Preface

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 requires that federal agencies or their representatives identify and consider the social, economic, and environmental impacts of proposed actions as part of their decision-making process. NEPA also requires that federal agencies provide information to the public and regulatory agencies and consider their input when reaching decisions. This Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to satisfy these obligations, as well as all applicable state requirements.

Specifically, the Airport cannot meet FAA safety standards outlined in FAA Order 5190.6B, *Airport Compliance Manual*, FAA Advisory Circular (AC) 150/5300-13B, *Airport Design*, and FAR Part 77, *Safe, Efficient Use, and Preservation of the Navigable Airspace*, due to trees that have grown over time to now become penetrations to the approach surfaces of Runway 4/22. These FAA standards establish runway design guidance for surfaces intended to protect the runway environment from objects that may interfere with aircraft operations.

This EA has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of NEPA (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*), Title V of the Public Law 97-248 of the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982, FAA Order 5050.4B, *NEPA Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*, and FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*. The intent of the EA is to serve as a decision-making tool to be used by the public and local, state, and federal officials in evaluating the proposed obstruction removals at St. Clair County International Airport.