



A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION
REPRESENTING PUBLIC-OWNED
AIRPORTS IN THE STATE OF IOWA

Iowa Public Airports Association 2012 State Legislative Agenda

1) Maintain funding levels for aviation programs at a minimum level of:

- \$1.5 M for Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure
- \$750,000 for General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure

These successful programs create jobs and fund the development of air transportation facilities at public-owned airports throughout Iowa that support all categories of air transportation.

2) Support wildlife mitigation efforts at airports

- Encourage the Iowa DNR to work with airports and the Iowa DOT to facilitate efforts to remove wildlife risks involving aircraft operations. Specifically, public airports should be allowed by Iowa DNR to engage in timely and appropriate depredation efforts on their facilities and not be required to follow all regulations required for hunting.

Deer and other animals continue to be hazards to aviation in our state. Pilots and airport managers report an alarming increase in the number of runway incursions by wild animals.

3) Protect airports from incompatible land use and tall structure height intrusion

- Adopt statewide ordinances and mechanisms to protect airports.

Incompatible land use and tall structure height intrusion threaten aviation safety, airport infrastructure, and future airport development. Neighboring states have adopted statewide ordinances and mechanisms to protect airports.

IPAA Policy Statements

Strong commercial air service is good for Iowa!

Iowa's economy depends on regular, dependable and affordable commercial air service. Maintaining convenient commercial air service at all of the state's eight commercial service airports is essential to the economic vitality of the state. IPAA encourages the State to continue support of air service retention efforts.

General aviation keeps Iowa moving!

Businesses, government, and personal travelers rely on a healthy general aviation airport system in Iowa. Airports act as the front door to communities they serve and are important in supporting economic development. The State, through the Iowa DOT's Office of Aviation, should continue partnering with communities, the FAA, system users, and other stakeholders to promote and maintain a well-planned and well-supported system of general aviation airports throughout Iowa.

Airports support Iowa's economic development!

Commercial service and general aviation airports play a significant role in attracting businesses to communities in Iowa. Furthermore, aviation supports a substantial component of Iowa's gross state product:

Economic activity at airports	\$1.5B
Benefits to business users	\$12.8B
Agricultural aviation	\$214M
Emergency helicopter services	\$22M
Aviation related industry	\$3.9B
Total	\$18 Billion

IPAA members are available to assist in statewide economic development efforts and encourage the State to view airports as economic development tools for retaining and attracting business to Iowa.