



**COMMUNITY PROJECT ACCOUNT**  
(Small, De Minimus Public Projects)

**APPLICATION**

1) Name of Project: Aviation Park at Greenville Downtown Airport

Check Project Type:

Nonrecurring community requests for infrastructure:

- Flooding
- Roads
- Lights
- Sewer and drainage
- Public buildings and grounds
- Infrastructure related studies

Contributions to local governments in Greenville County for community projects

2) Amount of Funds Requested: \$ 10,000

3) Project Sponsor

Organization: Greenville Airport Commission

Mailing Address: 100 Tower Drive

Greenville, SC 29607-2631

4) Contact Person:

Name Joe Frasher Title Airport Director

Telephone 242-4777 Alt. Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email joe@greenvilledowntownairport.com Fax No. 242-4870

Council Representative(s) Norris

5) Project Timeline ~ Beginning: in process Ending: \_\_\_\_\_  
MONTH/DAY/YEAR MONTH/DAY/YEAR

6) Date Funds are Needed: May 25, 2013

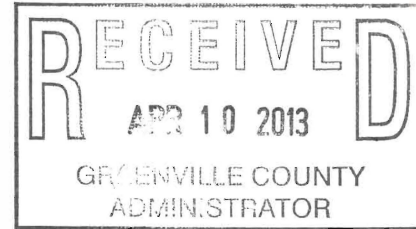


# Greenville Airport Commission

## Greenville Downtown Airport

April 9, 2013

Mr. Joseph Kernell  
County Administrator  
County of Greenville  
301 University Ridge, Suite 2400  
Greenville, SC 29601



Dear Mr. Kernell:

The Greenville Airport Commission recently received a \$10,000 grant from the City of Greenville to help add playground equipment for school aged children (5 to 12 years old) to the new community aviation themed park at the Greenville Downtown Airport. Our City Council liaison, David Sudduth, has spoken at length about this project with County Council members Jim Burns and Liz Seman. From their conversation, it was recommended that we reach out to you to inquire if the county would be willing to match the City's \$10,000 grant to help complete this regional project.

The park was conceived to fill a need since over 10,000 school children a year used to tour GSP before 9/11. They can no longer do that due to security changes. Our airport receives many inquiries from large groups that would like to come out to the airport for tours. Unfortunately, we have not always been able to accommodate large groups due to the size of our facilities. The Greenville County School System usually requires 80-100 children to justify bus usage for a field trip. Once the park is completed, we will be able to host groups of most any size. **The park will be free to use and open to the public.**

Our region has attracted numerous aviation companies and Boeing is expanding in our state. Many of these high tech companies are having a difficult time finding skilled workers. We believe that exposure to aviation may inspire kids to become pilots or enter career fields such as engineering, air traffic control, aircraft maintenance, or CNC Machinist. **All of these are high paying local jobs that will need to be filled.** Many local individuals and companies have donated to the park project and we have held several fundraisers. Attached is a "Road Map Plan Budget" that shows the grants and other money that we have received so far and how we plan to raise the additional funds needed to complete the park.

With the funds that have been raised so far, the educational amphitheater, irrigation system, grass, fencing, paved exercise "Perimeter Taxiway" and walking "Runways"

have been completed. In June, aviation themed playground equipment will be added for children 2 – 5 years old, along with a multi-age use swing set and an airplane shaped climbing structure.

A 15-foot cross section of a Boeing 737 fuselage is in the process of being transformed into a handicapped accessible park entrance. Teacher and student volunteers from the Greenville Tech aircraft maintenance school are doing this work free of charge. Enclosed are photos that show the park in its current state of completion, the fuselage, the park's overall design rendering and the playground equipment that will be added. The park is located at 21 Airport Road Extension, Greenville, SC 29607.

We are now applying for grants, planning more fundraisers and seeking financial help to add aviation themed playground equipment for school aged children 5 to 12 years old and a picnic pavilion. We have fundraisers planned for May 4<sup>th</sup> (Party Down for the Playground) and for May 25<sup>th</sup> (Take Flight 5K).

We hope that we can count on Greenville County to help complete the park. Please let us know if you have questions or need additional information. We appreciate all you do for Greenville County as our region continues to impress with planned growth and forward thinking leaders.

Thank you for your consideration.

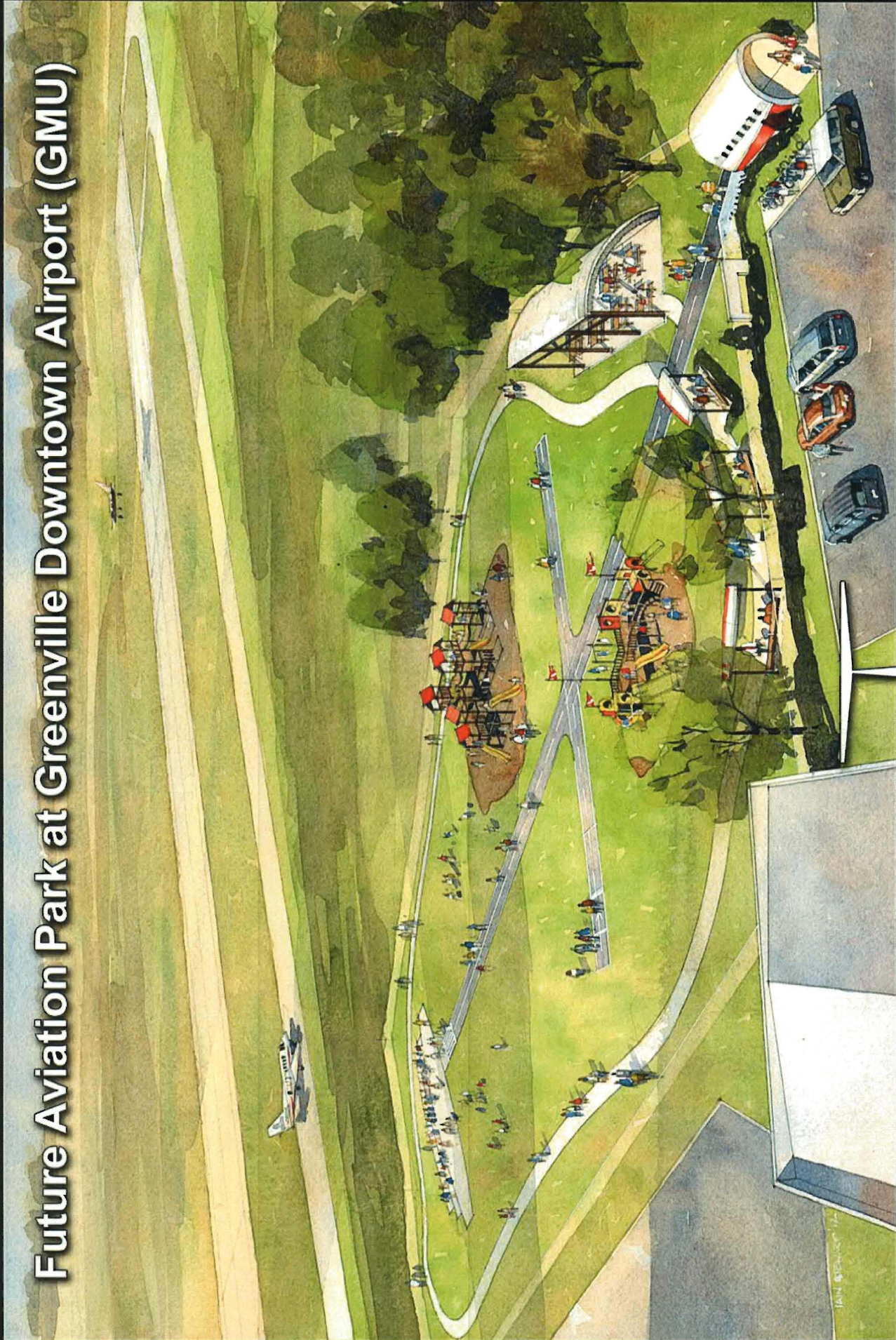
Sincerely yours,

**GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION**

  
Joseph R. Frasher, A.A.E.  
Airport Director

<b>Organization Name:</b>	Greenville Airport Commission
<b>Project Title:</b>	Community Aviation Park at GMU
	Dollars
<b>SOURCES OF REVENUE</b>	
The Graham Foundation	\$ 30,000
Daniel-Mickel Foundation	\$ 25,000
City of Greenville	\$ 10,000
John I. Smith Charities	\$ 10,000
Greenville Airport Commission (GAC)	\$ 50,000
Greenville Jet Center	\$ 50,000
2012 Party Down For The Playground Fundraiser	\$ 35,000
Brick Sales/Community Donations	\$ 30,000
Annual Park Maintenance - GAC	\$ 12,000
<b>Possible Sources of Additional Needed Project Funds</b>	
Estimated to be raised from Take Flight 5K on May 25th, 2013	\$ 20,000
Estimated to be raised from Party Down For The Playground on May 4th, 2013	\$ 35,000
Estimated to be raised from Gold Wing Fundraiser breakfast in 2013	\$ 2,000
Grants funds still needed	\$ 80,000
Future community donations and additional fundraisers	\$ 38,500
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 427,500</b>
<b>PROGRAM EXPENSES</b>	
Annual Park Maintenance to be paid by Greenville Airport Commission	\$ 12,000
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,000</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENSES</b>	
Landscape Architect	\$ 40,000
Surveying	\$ 2,500
Permits	\$ 500
Grading	\$ 25,000
Paving was donated	\$ -
Fencing	\$ 15,000
Amphitheater	\$ 13,000
Grassing and Irrigation System	\$ 27,000
Upcoming Pavement treatment & painting to look like real runways and taxiway is being c	\$ -
Picnic Pavilion with Tables	\$ 58,000
Shade Structure & Benches	\$ 10,000
2-5 yr-old Themed Playground Equipment, biplane climber & swing set	\$ 91,000
5-12 yr-old Themed Playground Equipment	\$ 120,000
Fuselage Transportation/Conversion	\$ 8,000
Park Signage	\$ 2,000
Misc Equipment/Garbage Cans/etc...	\$ 3,500
<b>Total Capital Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 415,500</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 427,500</b>
<b>Net Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Name:</b> Joe Frasher	
<b>Telephone:</b> 864-242-4777	

# Future Aviation Park at Greenville Downtown Airport (GMU)



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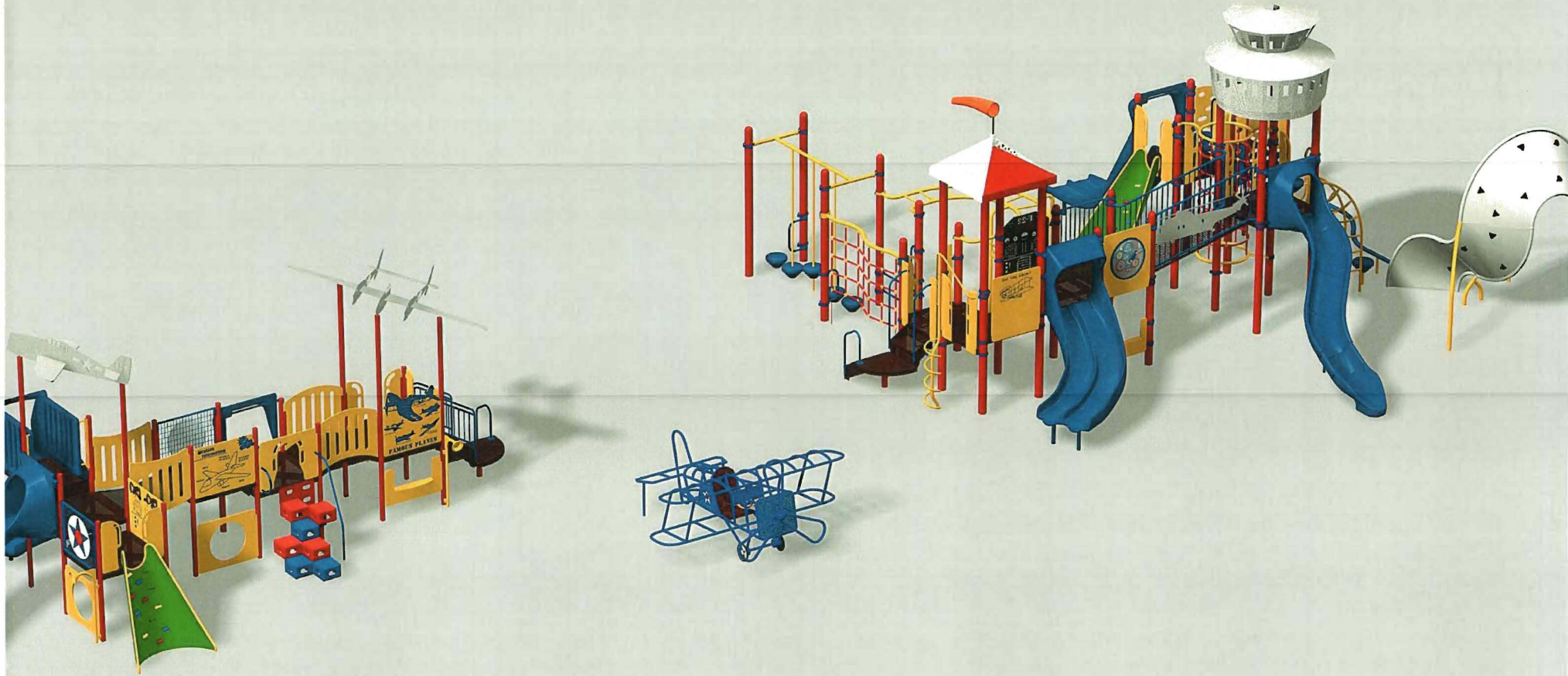
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