



Members of the 115th Fighter Wing responding to the flooding that hit our area in 2018

"F-35 passes big test"

We are supporters of the effort to select the 115th Fighter Wing at Dane County's Truax Field as the location for the US Air Force F-35 fighter jet.

So, we're pleased the draft environmental impact statement released last week showed minimal environmental impact from housing the new planes at Truax.

Most significantly the statement shows no significant impacts on air quality or land use.

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STAY ENGAGED WITH THE F-35A MISSION SELECTION FOR TRUAX

Community support is crucial to our friends and neighbors who are Airmen in the 115th Fighter Wing.

We encourage all members of the public to stay engaged in the process by visiting www.angf35eis.com and attending the open house and public meeting on September 12 at the Alliant Energy Center.

September 12, 2019
Open House - 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Formal Presentation - 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI 53713

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The new F-35A aircraft and mission will assure continuation of the important economic and community benefits the Fighter Wing has on Madison, Dane County, and the state of Wisconsin.

115th Fighter Wing has consistently been one of the highest-rated units in the country in its mission. The Airmen and women of the Truax-based Air National Guard unit have earned the opportunity to replace their aging aircraft with the advanced F-35A fighter.

As a former fighter pilot stationed at Truax, and as the State Senator who represents the airport and neighborhoods around the base, I know the value to the community of hosting the F-35A mission.”

STATE SENATOR MARK MILLER



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F-35A MISSION WILL CONTINUE TRUAX'S 71-YEAR LEGACY

For the last 71 years, there has been an uninterrupted Air Force mission at Truax Field. The F-35A mission will be the ninth different aircraft to be based at Truax.

The F-16s currently assigned to the 115th Fighter Wing are the F-16 Block 30 aircraft, the oldest operational F-16s in the Air Force.

Bringing the F-35As to Truax will maintain the important role the base has to the economy of our community and the safety of our nation.



COMMUNITY BENEFIT

On December 21, 2017, the United States Air Force selected Truax Field and the 115th Fighter Wing as the No. 1 preferred alternative for an F-35A mission over 17 other Air National Guard bases in the country.

Receiving the F-35A mission means the many contributions the 115th Fighter Wing makes to our city and region will remain for decades to come, including:

- Supporting 1,650 in-state jobs, with over 1,200 of those employed directly by the base, and creating annual economic activity of around \$100 million.
- Providing more than \$1 million in annual tuition payments to local colleges, helping Airmen return to the private-sector workforce.
- Providing fire protection and EMT services at Dane County Regional Airport as well as responding to emergencies in the community.



COMMUNITY IMPACT

The USAF has posted the draft of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Air National Guard F-35A Operational Beddown on its website. This EIS identifies the maximum potential for changes in impact.

This is the next step in a lengthy community engagement process for selecting the 115th Fighter Wing as the location for an F-35A mission.

As these potential impacts are identified, work will begin between the Fighter Wing; our federal, state, and local government partners; and the community in mitigating those impacts.

- **Noise Mitigation:** Plans will be developed by the Dane County Regional Airport in conjunction with federal agencies to identify noise abatement procedures and noise attenuation steps for structures close to the airport. We support the community in finding solutions for those who may be affected by slight increases in noise levels.
- **Scheduling:** The 115th Fighter Wing will continue to conduct the bulk of its operations during daylight hours to avoid impacts for neighbors.
- **Environment:** The draft EIS found that the F-35A basing would not have significant impacts to surface water, groundwater, or air quality.

The 115th Fighter Wing has a 71-year history of being an active outstanding community partner, and we look forward to continuing this partnership into the future with the new mission.