

TRENTON THREATENED SKIES PSA

SCRIPT WITH SOURCES:

This is where you live. These are the farms where your produce is grown, the parks where you take your morning jog, the school where your children learn. This is our neighborhood. We love it, but we're concerned. The unchecked expansion of the Trenton Airport poses serious danger to the community and the well-being of its residents. Here are our 4 major points of concern.

#1: Air pollution. The most dangerous part of the Trenton Airport expansion is invisible. Planes flying over our neighborhood leave trails of exhaust.¹ These microscopic particles are so small², they can easily permeate your organs and cause significant harm. Your brain³, lungs⁴, and other vital organs⁵ can be harmed in horrific ways: studies show airplane emissions are linked to increased hospitalizations for asthma and heart attacks⁶. Poor air quality has been scientifically proven to increase the risk of pregnancy complications⁷ & newborn ICU admissions⁸. These particles travel up to 10 miles outside the flight path.⁹ Even if you can't see the planes, you're at risk.

#2: Water pollution. As plane exhaust reaches the ground, dangerous pollutants land on our soil and run into our water. These contaminants can be absorbed by plants,¹⁰ risking our food safety, or can run downstream risking the water supply. More planes mean greater risk to the health of residents and wildlife.

#3: Noise pollution, which will increase drastically with more planes, has been shown to affect learning, cognition¹¹, memory, and mental health.¹² It also has been related to increased heart attacks¹³. And finally, #4: In addition to these dangers to our health, the expansion of the airport would cause home values to plummet.¹⁴ Houses near an airport lose 30% of their value.¹⁵ The higher your home value, the greater your loss.

Overall, air, water, and noise pollution will affect our health, our robust food supply, and the wildlife that inhabits Mercer County parks. If that's not enough, home values will be negatively impacted. The Trenton airport expansion will drastically reduce our quality of life.

If you are concerned like us, please visit www.trentonthreatenedskies.com or make a donation to our non-profit to help us fight the expansion of the Trenton Airport. Thank you!

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