

HELP SAVE the Kimble County Airport (KJCT) & CALLAN GRAHAM FIELD

The City of Junction has applied with TCEQ to amend their Landfill Permit 26A from a Class 4 to a Class 1 Landfill. Currently, as a Class 4, they can only accept construction debris or non-putrescible waste. ALL Household garbage must be hauled away.

****If TCEQ approves permit amendment 26A, the City Landfill will ACCEPT AND KEEP ONSITE up to 20 TONS OF HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE A DAY-literally right across the street from Runway 17!****

About \$1,000,000 in grant money from the FAA and TxDot Aviation, including a grant for approximately \$200,000 on behalf of the City of Junction, was just used to improve conditions at KJCT. T- Hangars were constructed, the runway was extended, and the runway and taxiways were all repaved as part of the refurbishment project. More grant money is available right now in the form of matching funds.

TCEQ's recommendation is that Class 1 Landfills be located 6 MILES from an airport because of the hazardous wildlife attractants found in and around them. The FAA recommends 10,000 feet separation, at a minimum, if Jet-A Fuel is sold, as it is at KJCT. The separation distance is currently approximately 2750 feet, North-Northeast of Runway 17.

Every pilot is very familiar with the dangers associated with bird-strikes and it is a FACT that Class 1 Landfills attract hazardous wildlife.

Col. Thomas Murphy, Commander of the 47th Training Wing USAF, has posted a Public Comment regarding TCEQ App 26A. Col. Murphy's letter is available on TCEQ's website in the Commissioner's Integrated Database. T-6's from both San Antonio and Del Rio train at our airport, shooting low approaches. He cited Department of Defense Instruction DoDI 4165.57, which classifies solid waste disposal operations as being incompatible with airport runway/departure zones.

Environmentally, there are two drainage areas visible on Google Earth that flow to the Main Llano River from the landfill. The Main Llano River is one mile away.

On a historical note, Mr. Callan Graham, from Kimble County, was a WWII pilot and was later elected into the Texas House of Representatives in 1948. In his Taylorcraft, he was the first person to land in the open field which was later named in his honor. This field became a dirt strip and later became the Kimble County Airport. It is of great historic importance to our community and to Texas. KJCT is important to General Aviation in the Texas Hill Country and it is important to the citizens of Kimble County.

Nothing about creating a Class 1 Landfill across the street from Runway 17 and one mile from the beautiful Main Llano River makes sense.

TCEQ is accepting public comments at this time. **PLEASE help the airport and post a comment** at the link below. It is FREE. Anything will help. **The Permit Number is 26A.** There are instructions to send something via regular mail at this link.

<http://www10.tceq.texas.gov/epic/ecmnts/>

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Good evening, everyone. The Kimble County Airport could be forever affected, and not for the better, by the City of Junction's attempt to locate a Class 1 Landfill across the street from it. The proposed landfill is also about a mile from the beautiful Main Llano River.

There was a great deal of activity at the airport this last weekend for the opening day of hunting season and there are two things that bring a good deal of commerce into our city and county ... hunting and river recreation.

I have yet to speak to a single person, outside of the city council, that thinks this plan is a good idea. Not one.

Very few local citizens know that this is happening, but it is. Please help us spread the word.

There is to be a meeting with TCEQ in December to discuss the issues. More information on the meeting will be forthcoming.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need more info or have any questions.

Thank you,
Melissa Burton, Friend of KJCT