

**10396. RESOLUTION 11-27 - RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF THE NEW CASTLE AIRPORT AND EXECUTION OF AVIGATION EASEMENTS**

WHEREAS, The Delaware River and Bay Authority (the “Authority”) is the operator of the New Castle Airport (the “Airport”); and

WHEREAS, the Authority, as the operator of the Airport, is responsible for the operational safety of the airport; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aviation Administration (the “FAA”) funded an obstruction study (the “Study”) at the Airport that identified areas of impact to the airspace surfaces in the approaches to the airfield runways; and

WHEREAS, based upon the findings of the Study, the FAA has agreed to fund 95% of the cost associated with the acquisition of avigation easements on approximately ninety three (93) parcels surrounding the Airport in order to protect these airspace surfaces; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is Nine Hundred Eighty Six Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$986,880).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director, with the advice and consent of counsel, is hereby authorized to finalize the terms and conditions of the purchase of avigation easements at the New Castle Airport.

A motion to approve Resolution 11-27 was made by Commissioner Green, seconded by Commissioner Downes, and approved by a roll call vote of 8-0.

## **Resolution 11-27 Executive Summary**

**Resolution:**

Authorizing the Executive Director to execute the purchase of approximately 93 aviation easements at the New Castle Airport (the "Airport").

**Committee:**

Economic Development

**Committee Date:**

June 7, 2011

**Board Date:**

June 21, 2011

**Purpose of Resolution:**

To permit the Executive Director to execute aviation easements relating to the approach surfaces at the Airport.

**Background for Resolution:**

In 2006, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) funded an obstruction study (the "Study") at the Airport. This Study identified obstructions to the Part 77 surfaces at the Airport. In 2008, the FAA funded the removal of existing obstructions on properties with existing easements in place. The FAA is now funding the acquisitions of easements on properties within the approaches to the Airport in order to protect the airspace over those properties.

This resolution will allow the Executive Director, with the advice and consent of counsel to execute approximately ninety-three (93) aviation easements at the Airport as part of the FAA funded initiative.