

# Runway Protection Zone Risk Assessment Tool

**Wednesday, February 7, 2018**

**2:00pm to 3:30pm ET**

# Purpose

Discuss research from the [Airport Cooperative Research Program](#) (ACRP)'s [Research Report 168](#): Runway Protection Zones (RPZs) Risk Assessment Tool Users' Guide.

# Learning Objectives

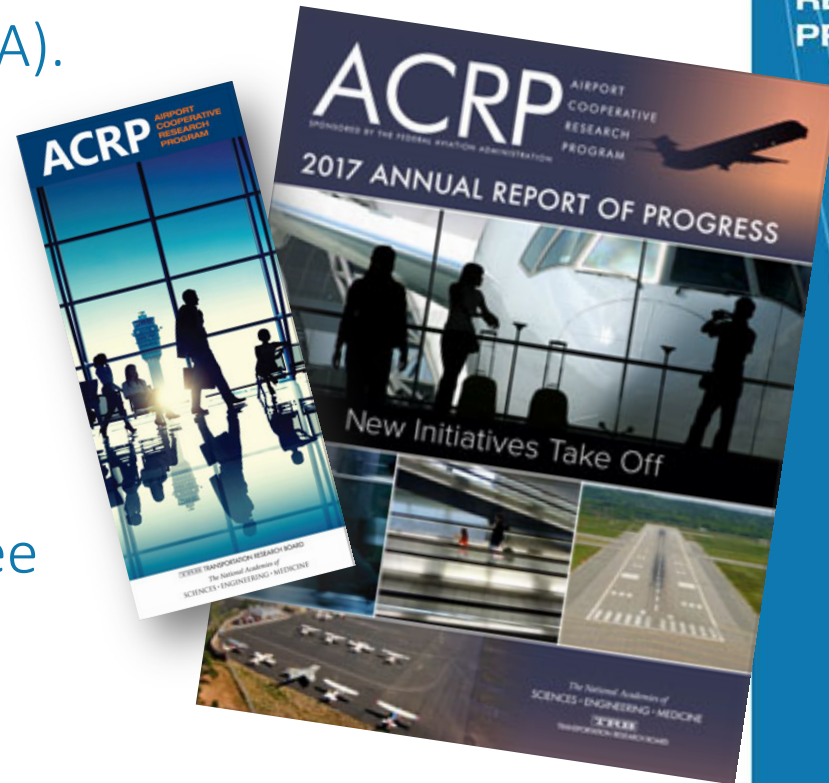
At the end of this webinar, you will be able to:

- Understand the developed risk assessment framework that serves as the basis for the tool
- Understand how to use the tool



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- Dr. Kamran Khan – St. Michael’s Hospital, Toronto

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A stylized white line-art illustration of a city skyline and an airport. It includes wind turbines, skyscrapers, a train, and an airplane on a runway. The background is a dark blue night sky with a moon and stars.

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# Additional ACRP Publications Available on this Topic

**Report 3:** Analysis of Aircraft Overruns and Undershoots for Runway Safety Areas

**Report 50:** Improved Models for Risk Assessment of Runway Safety Areas (expands on the research presented in Report 3 above)

**Report 107:** Development of a Runway Veer-Off Location Distribution Risk Assessment and Reporting Template and Lateral Runway Safety Area Risk Analysis (LRSARA) Tool (Tool is available on CD-ROM)

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# Today's Speakers

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**Presenting**

*Report 168: Runway Protection  
Zones Risk Assessment  
Tool Users' Guide*

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# ACRP Report 168: Runway Protection Zone (RPZ) Risk Assessment Tool

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# ACRP Report 168

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# ACRP Report 168: *RPZ Risk Assessment Tool Features*

- Airport specific movement and weather data
- Airport specific runway and land use data
- RPZ ranking
- Land use ranking
- Assists with prioritization and mitigation strategies in dealing with incompatible land uses
- A Users' Guide and a Technical Report were published in 2016

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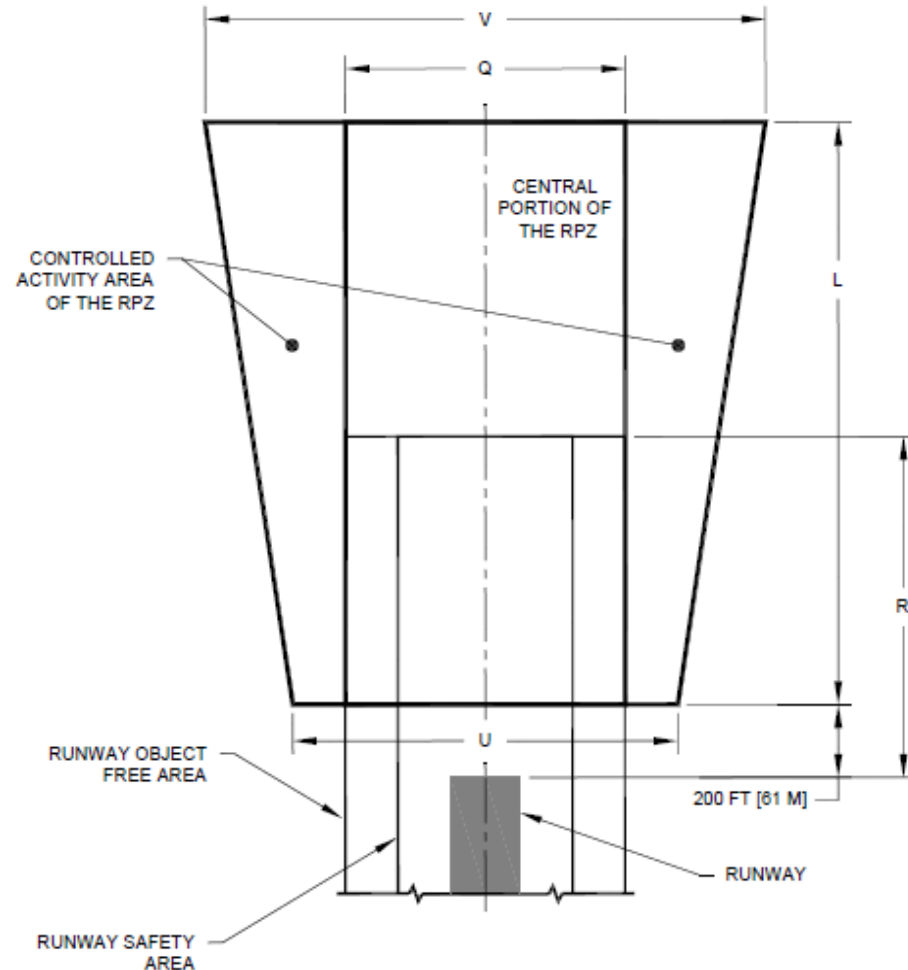
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# Runway Protection Zone: Background and FAA Policy



# RPZ Standards

- Enhance the protection of people and property on the ground
- RPZ dimensions depend on aircraft approach category and runway visibility minimums
- Approach RPZs are larger than departure RPZs when the visibility minimums are less than 1 mile; otherwise they are equal in size
- Desirable to clear the entire RPZ of all above-ground objects





# FAA Guidance on RPZ Land Use

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- FAA interim policy guidance on land uses within RPZs, 2012
- Common incompatible land uses:
  - ✓ Transportation facilities
  - ✓ Buildings and structures
  - ✓ Recreational land uses
- RPZ analysis trigger examples:
  - ✓ An airfield project (e.g. runway extension, runway shift)
  - ✓ A change in the critical aircraft that increases the RPZ dimensions
  - ✓ A local development proposal in the RPZ (either new or reconfigured)
- RPZ Analysis:
  - ✓ Develop a full range of alternatives
  - ✓ Field staff consult with the FAA Airport Planning and Environmental Division (APP-400 )

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# RPZ Risk Assessment Modeling Framework



# Risk Modeling Framework

**Risk : Likelihood of fatality of people on the ground**

## Three -Part Risk Model

**Accident  
Likelihood**

operating conditions  
(airplane performance, type of  
operation, runway distance  
available and elevation,  
weather conditions)

**Location  
likelihood**

Position with respect  
to runway end  
centerline

**Consequences**

Type and size of  
Incompatible  
land use &  
crash characteristics

**Risk Assessment**

# Types of Events (Accidents & Incidents)

- Landing Overrun (LDOR)
- Takeoff Overrun (TOOR)
- Takeoff Overshoot (TOOS)
- Landing Undershoot (LDUS)

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Source: NLR (Netherlands Aerospace Center)



# First Part: Accident Likelihood Models

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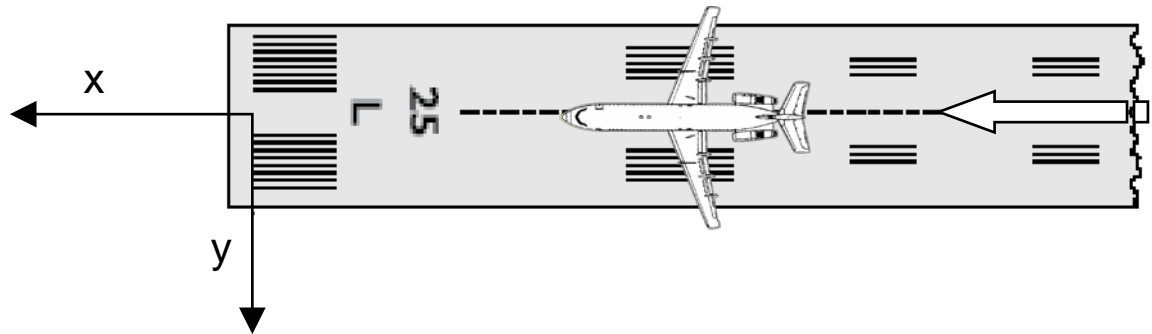
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- Models require airport operation data and weather characteristics over one representative year of airport
- Models estimate the likelihoods of events for every operation during the year given the following inputs:
  - ✓ Hub/non-hub airport
  - ✓ Runways declared distances
  - ✓ Operation type
  - ✓ Aircraft performance characteristics
  - ✓ Hourly weather condition



## Second Part: Location Models

- Quantify the likelihood of an event at a given location beyond a runway and within an RPZ

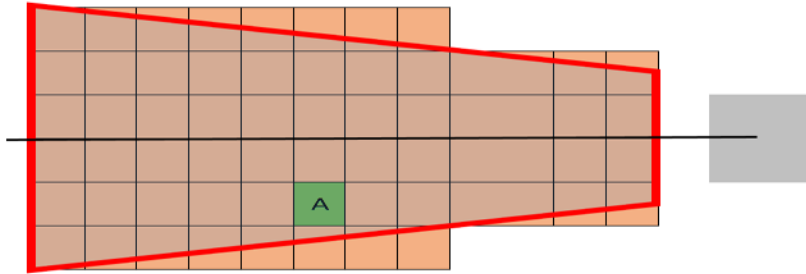


## Third Part: Consequence Models

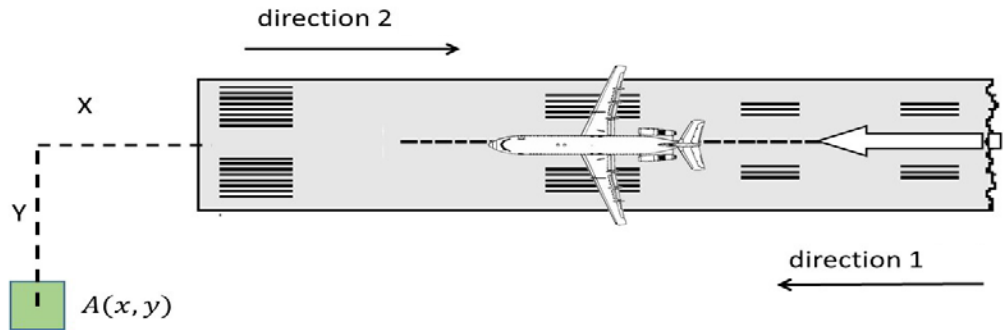
- Quantify the likelihood of fatality within a land use involved in an event
  - ✓ Population density of land use ( $PD$ )
  - ✓ Size of consequence area ( $A$ )
  - ✓ Mortality rate ( $M_r$ )

# RPZ Crash Likelihood

- Convert area inside RPZ to a mesh



- Calculate the crash likelihood for every cell inside the RPZ factoring in every accident type



- Add up the crash likelihoods of all cells to achieve RPZ crash likelihood

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# RPZ Risk Assessment Tool (RPZ\_RAT)



# Overview of RPZ\_RAT

The screenshot displays the Runway Analysis Tool (RPZ\_RAT) interface. The main window shows a satellite map of an airport with various overlays. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Home:** Contains buttons for "test", "Create New Type", "Show Aircraft", "Show Legend", "Find", and "About".
- Input Data:** A sidebar on the left containing:
  - test:** A dropdown menu.
  - Airport:** A sub-section with:
    - Characteristics:** "Airport Category" set to "Non-Hub", "Elevation (ft)" set to 100, "Annual Movement" set to 30000, and "Annual Movement Growth (%)" set to 0.2%.
    - Normal Operating Data:** A sub-section with "File: NODCleaned\_shortened\_test.csv".
    - Runways:** A list of runways with checkmarks: 36, 22, 18, and 4.
    - Weather:** A sub-section with "File: EVV Weather Record12-2014\_11-2015v5.csv".
    - Land Use:** A sub-section with "Analysis Setting" and "Cell Area" set to 10000 sq. ft., and a "Generate Grid" button.
- LegendWindow:** A window on the right side of the map showing:
  - Land Use:** A list of land use categories with corresponding color swatches: RECREATION (green), INDUSTRIAL (yellow), COMMERCIAL (blue), RESIDENTIAL (light green), POLYGONNOT\_SET (grey), ROADWAY (purple), HIKING/BIKING (light blue), RAILWAY (orange), INSTITUTIONAL (light blue), and PARKING (grey).
  - Crash Likelihood Contours:** A list of numerical values with corresponding color swatches: 1.85e-011, 5.72e-011, 1.42e-010, 4.55e-010, 9.74e-009, 2.85e-008, 6.01e-008, 1.37e-007, 3.88e-007, and 4.36e-005. Below this list are checkboxes for "Show / Hide Likelihood Contours" (unchecked) and "Show / Hide Grid Lines" (checked).
  - Runways:** A list of runway types with corresponding color swatches: ASDA (blue), LDA (yellow), Unselected (grey), and RPZ (orange).
  - Other Layers:** A list of other layers with corresponding checkboxes: "Places and Labels" (unchecked) and "Satellite Map" (checked).
- Error List:** A section at the bottom of the map area, currently empty.
- Map:** A central satellite map showing an airport with various overlays, including runways, crash likelihood contours, and land use. The "esri" logo is visible in the bottom left corner of the map area.
- Run Analysis:** A button located at the bottom left of the interface.



# RPZ\_RAT Input Files

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## ➤ Movement Input File

- ✓ Date and time of operation
- ✓ Runway designation
- ✓ Arrival or departure
- ✓ Operation type
- ✓ Aircraft code
- ✓ Domestic/International

## ➤ Weather Input File

- ✓ Date and time
- ✓ Visibility
- ✓ Ceiling
- ✓ Temperature
- ✓ Rain
- ✓ Fog
- ✓ Icing
- ✓ Etc.



# Sample Movement Input File

HOD_ID	DATE&TIME	RUNWAY_DESIGNATION	BOUND	FLIGHT_NO	FAA_Code	FLIGHT_Category	FLIGHT_Type
1	2013-08-01 0:00:33	15R	A	AAL1554	B738	COM	D
2	2013-08-01 0:04:28	15R	A	SWA2354	B737	COM	D
3	2013-08-01 0:07:11	15R	A	ATN510	B752	CAR	D
4	2013-08-01 0:09:09	15R	A	SWA2699	B737	COM	D
5	2013-08-01 0:11:53	15R	A	UAL1575	B739	COM	D
6	2013-08-01 0:14:49	15R	A	AAL406	B738	COM	D
7	2013-08-01 0:17:06	15R	A	TRS1092	B737	COM	D
8	2013-08-01 0:19:48	15R	A	SWA611	B737	COM	D
9	2013-08-01 0:35:29	15R	A	SWA1641	B737	COM	D
10	2013-08-01 1:11:05	15R	A	SWA3509	B737	COM	D
11	2013-08-01 1:50:24	15R	A	UAL1608	B738	COM	D
12	2013-08-01 1:58:35	15R	A	N310ME	LJ35	GA	D
13	2013-08-01 2:01:10	15L	A	LBQ792	PC12	CAR	D
14	2013-08-01 2:12:32	15R	D	ATN510	B752	CAR	I
15	2013-08-01 2:21:35	15L	D	LBQ792	PC12	CAR	D
16	2013-08-01 2:27:46	15L	D	N310ME	LJ35	GA	D
17	2013-08-01 3:43:09	15L	A	RAX81	BE10	AIR	D
18	2013-08-01 4:02:03	15L	D	RAX81	BE10	AIR	D
19	2013-08-01 4:26:07	15L	A	MTN8308	C208	AIR	D
20	2013-08-01 5:08:15	15L	A	MTN8305	C208	AIR	D
21	2013-08-01 5:23:41	15R	A	UPS1216	B752	CAR	D
22	2013-08-01 5:25:01	15R	D	AWE1851	A319	COM	D
23	2013-08-01 5:36:50	15R	A	UPS1214	B763	CAR	D
24	2013-08-01 5:55:05	10	A	FDX1730	A306	CAR	D
25	2013-08-01 5:56:01	15R	D	UAL1411	B739	COM	D
26	2013-08-01 6:00:52	15R	D	EGF2986	E145	COM	D
27	2013-08-01 6:07:00	10	A	FDX1482	A306	CAR	D
28	2013-08-01 6:10:52	15R	D	UAL1059	B738	COM	D
29	2013-08-01 6:12:44	15R	D	JIA4601	CRJ2	AIR	D
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# Embedded Aircraft Types Database

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Aircraft Database

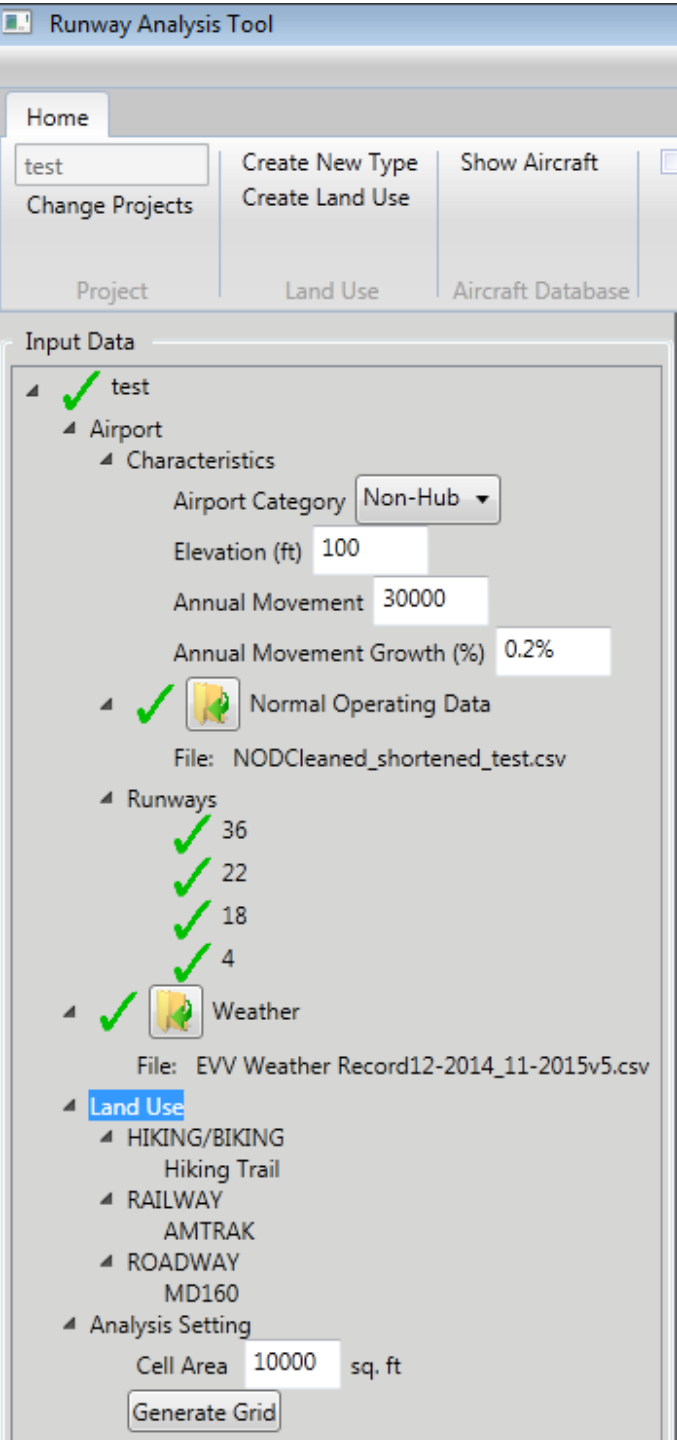
ID	ICAO CODE	MANUFACTURER	MTOW(lbs)	MTOW(kg)	Equipment Class	Engine TYPE	TAKEOFF_DIST	LANDING DIST	WINGSPAN	LENGTH	HEIGHT	CUSTOM
1	A124	Antonov	1968671	892975	E	Jet	9186	2952	73	69	0	False
2	A300	Airbus	378533	171700	E	Jet	7349	5026	44	54	16	False
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5	A308	Airbus	363762	165000	E	Jet	9350	5364	0	0	0	False
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9	A318	Airbus	130073	59000	D	Jet	4593	4265	34	31	12	False
10	A319	Airbus	141096	64000	D	Jet	5741	4429	34	33	11	False
11	A320	Airbus	162040	73500	D	Jet	7185	4724	34	37	11	False
12	A321	Airbus	182983	83000	D	Jet	7250	5249	34	44	11	False
13	A330	Airbus	507063	230000	E	Jet	7545	5905	60	58	17	False
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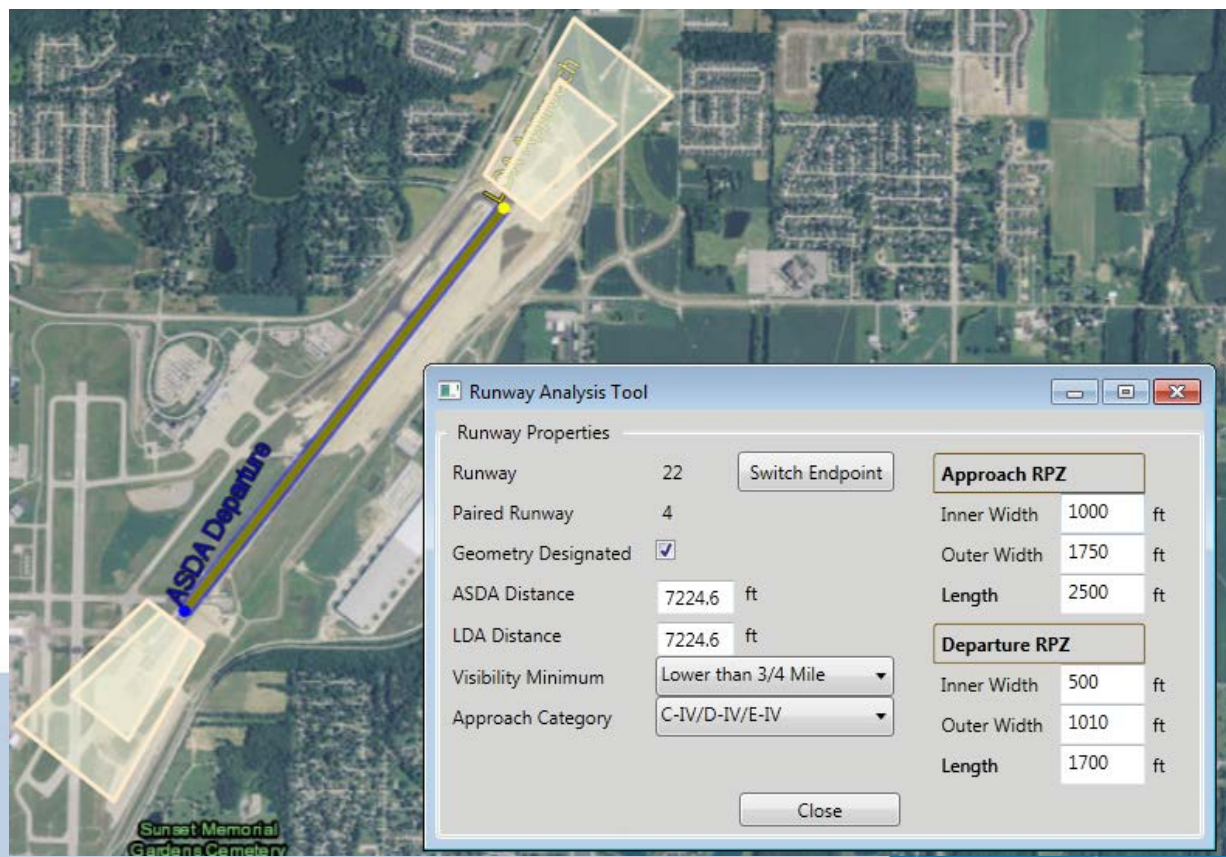
Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery





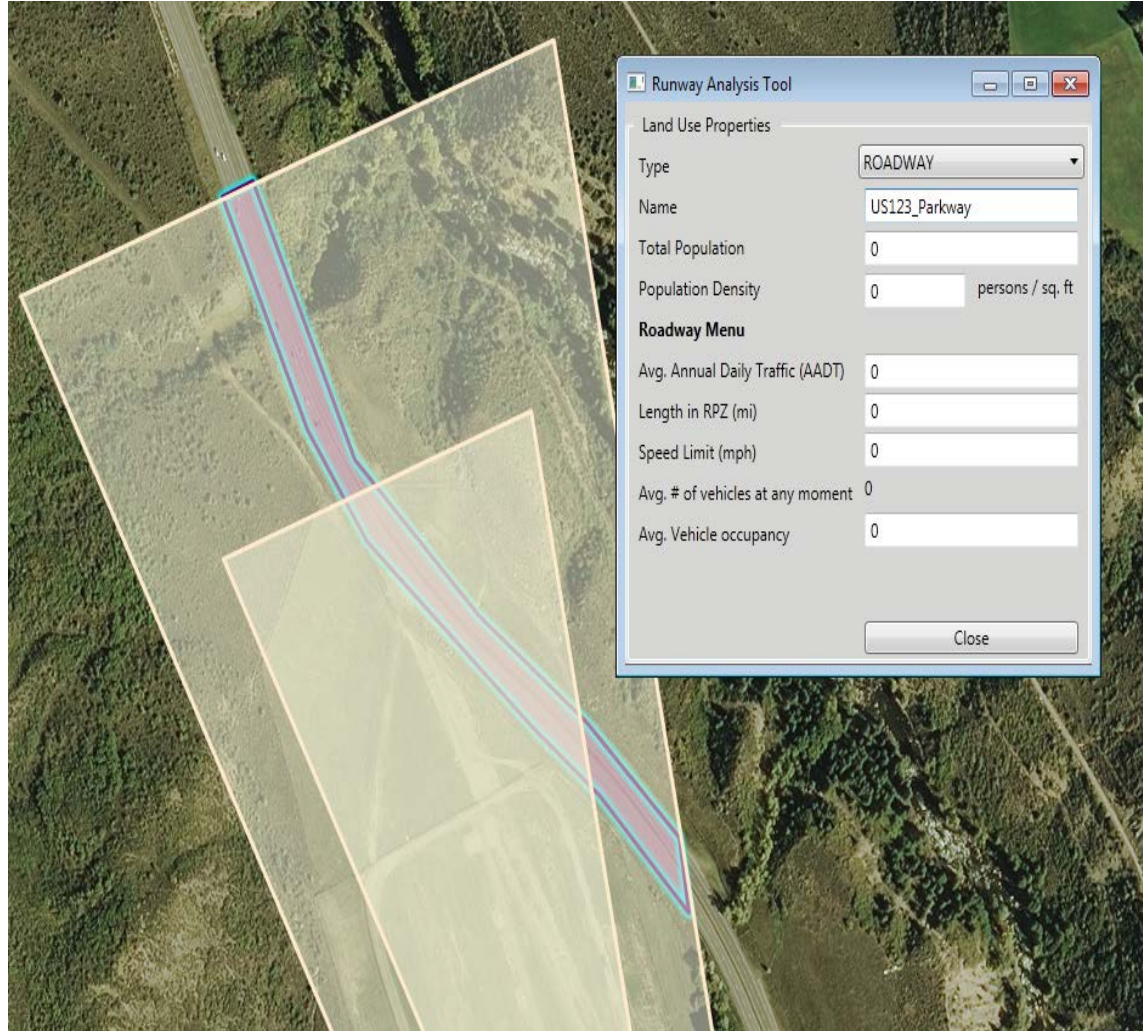
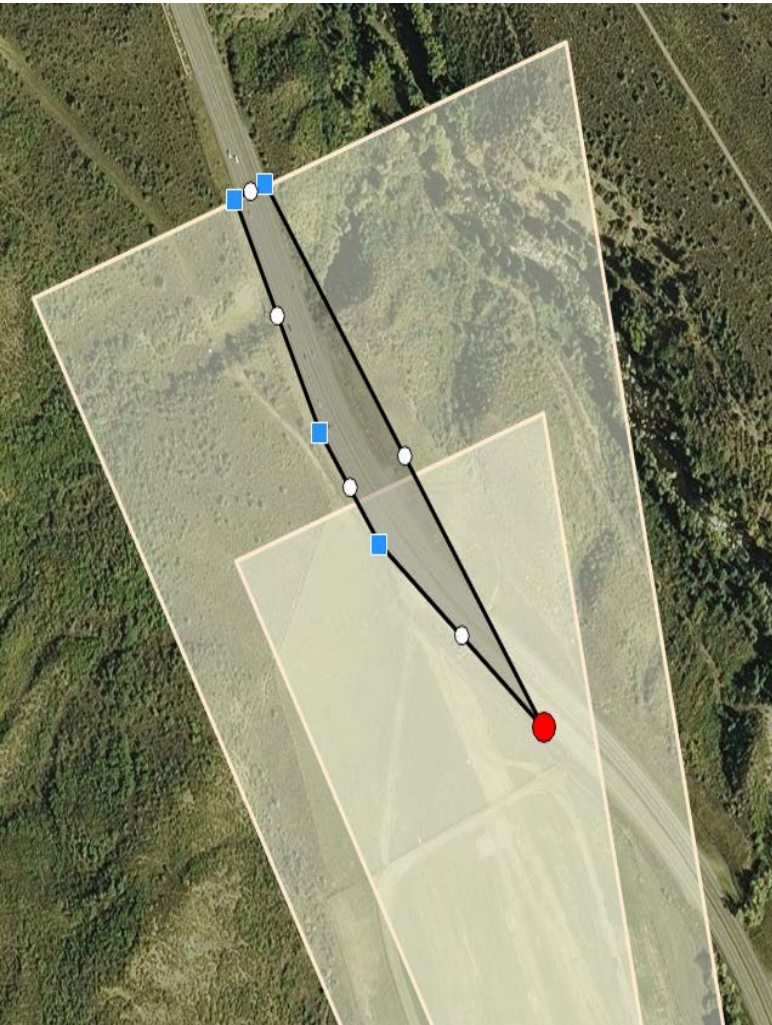
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## Inputting a Runway





# Inputting A Land Use



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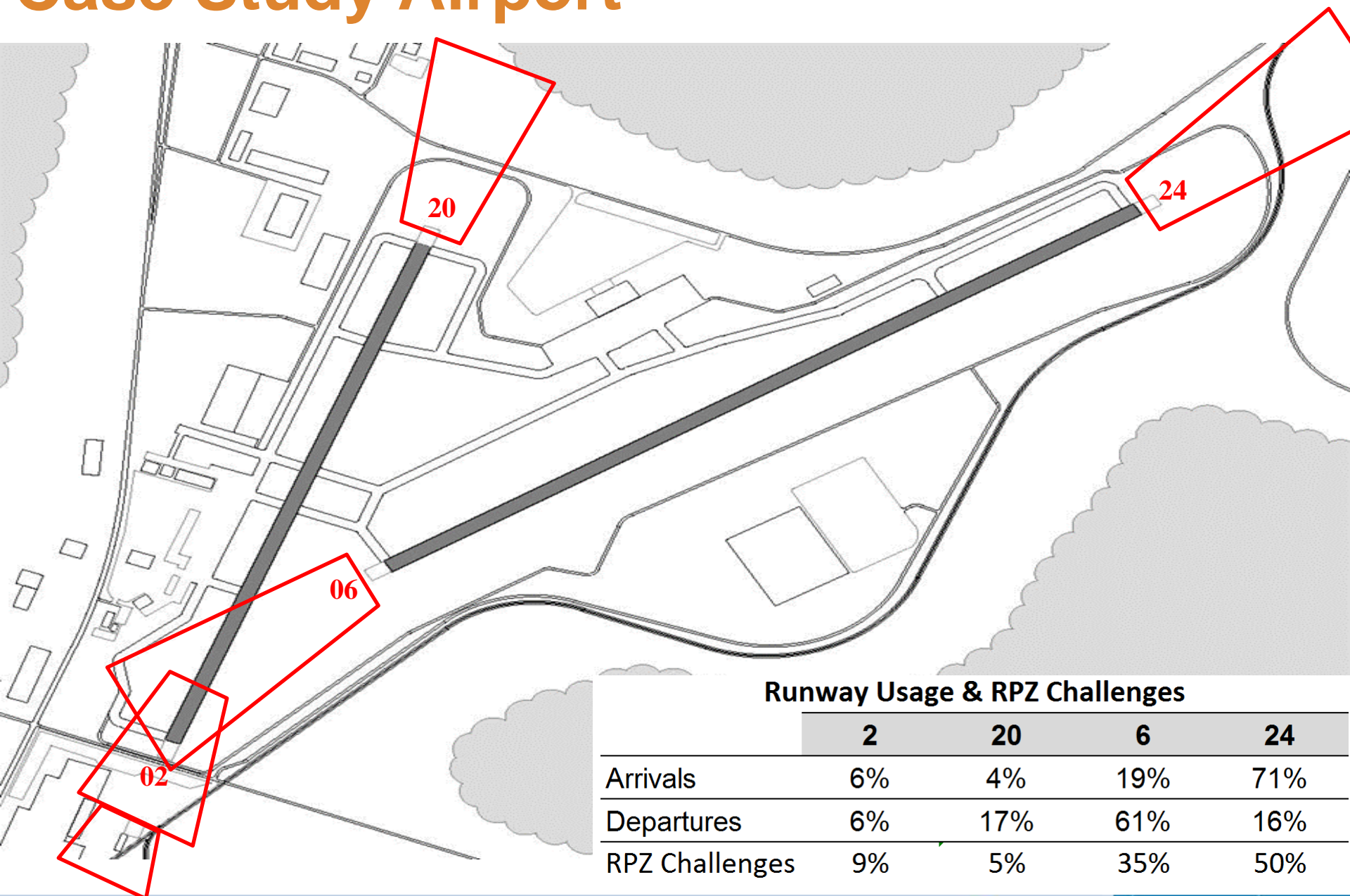
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# RPZ Risk Assessment Case Study Airport





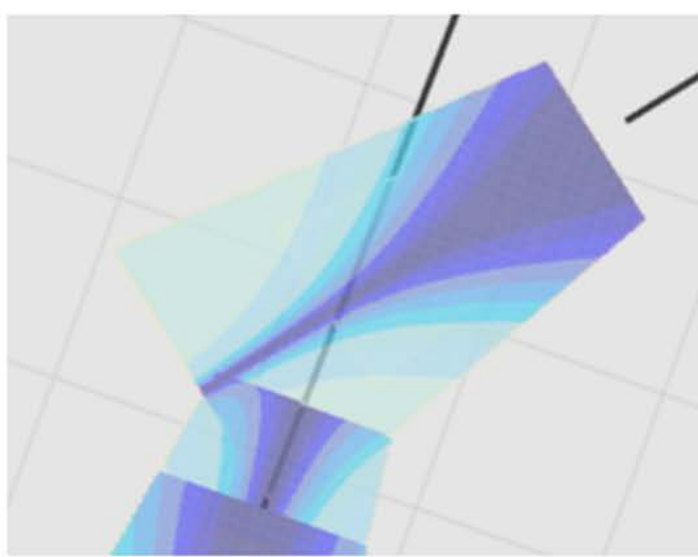
# Case Study Airport



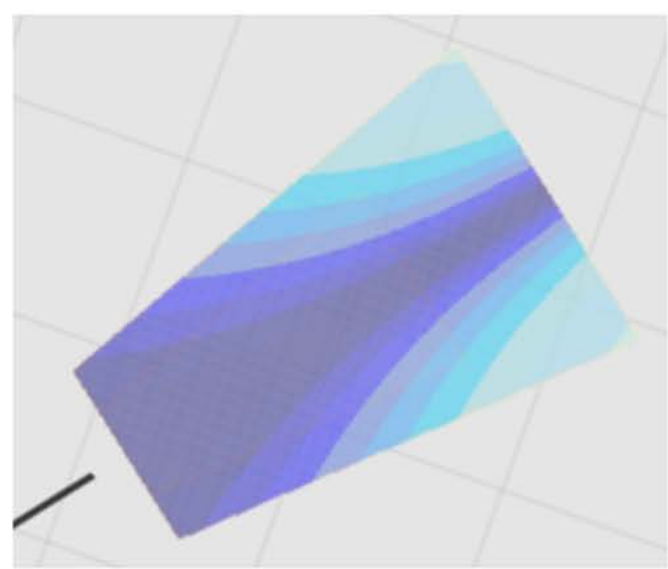
**Runway Usage & RPZ Challenges**

	<b>2</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>
Arrivals	6%	4%	19%	71%
Departures	6%	17%	61%	16%
RPZ Challenges	9%	5%	35%	50%

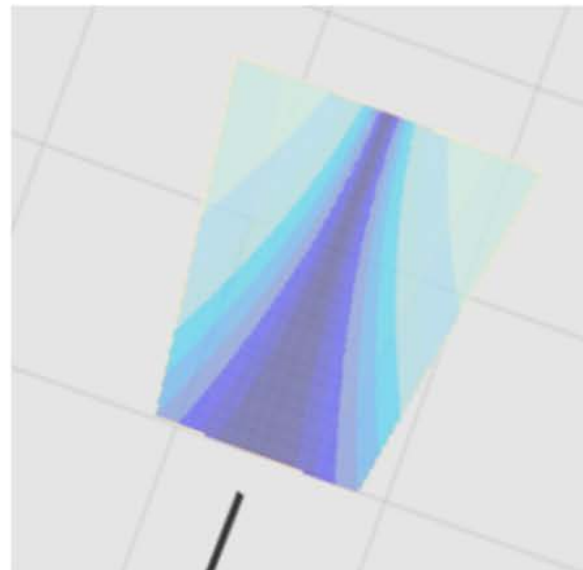
# Crash Likelihood Contours



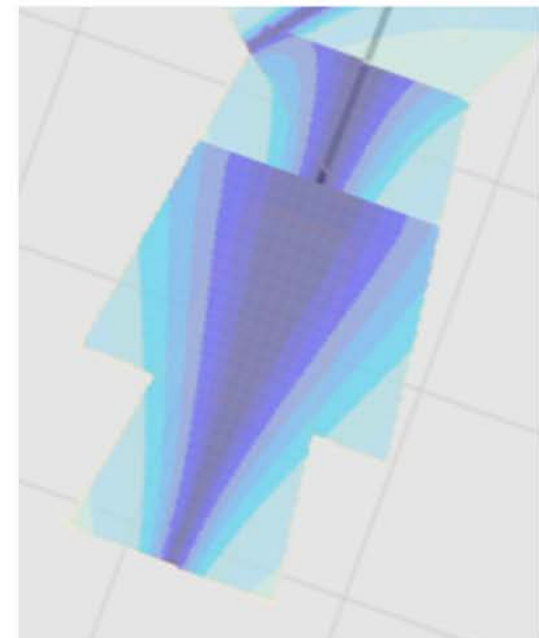
Runway 6 RPZ



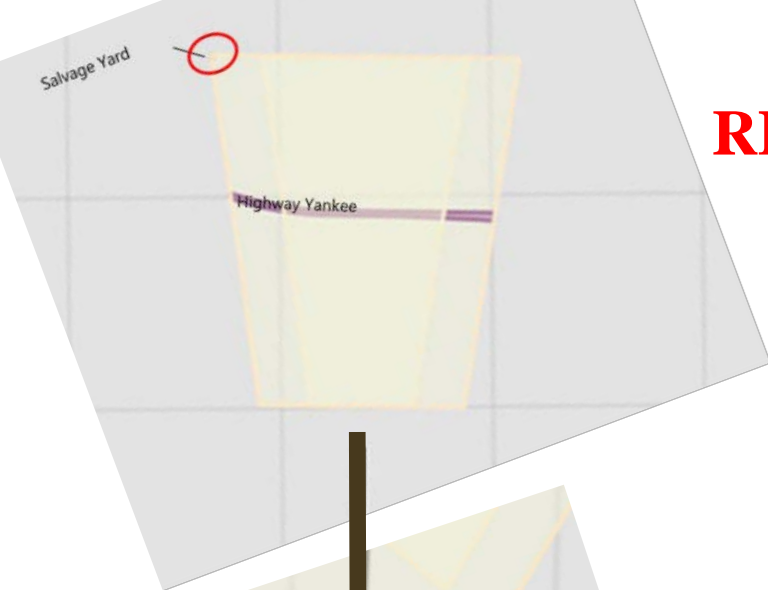
Runway 24 RPZ



Runway 20 RPZ

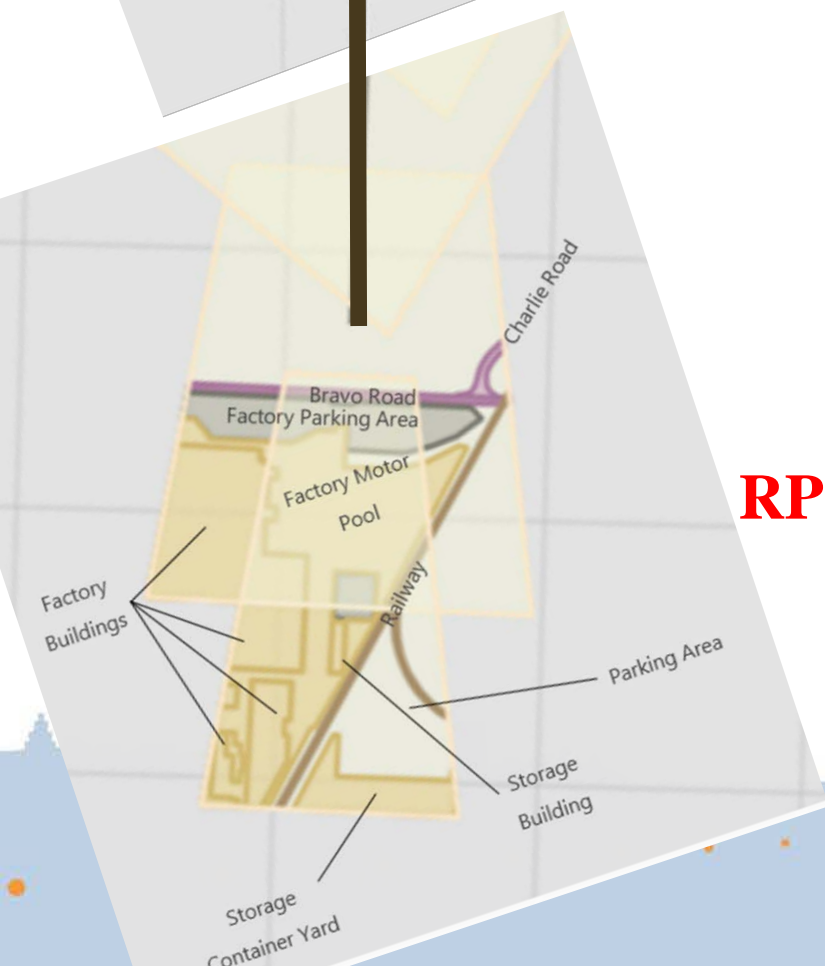


Runway 2 RPZ



**RPZ 20**

**RPZ 06**



**RPZ 02**

**RPZ 24**



# Land Use Population Densities

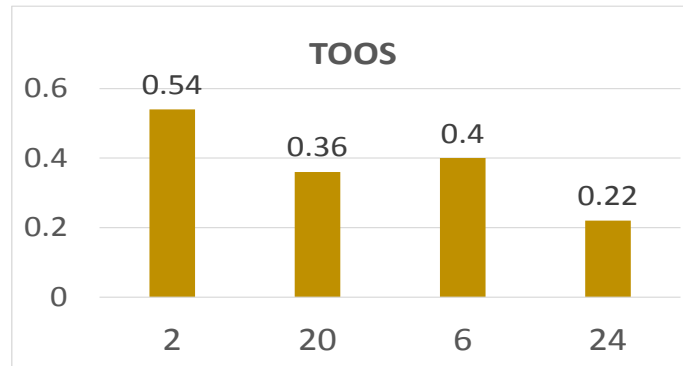
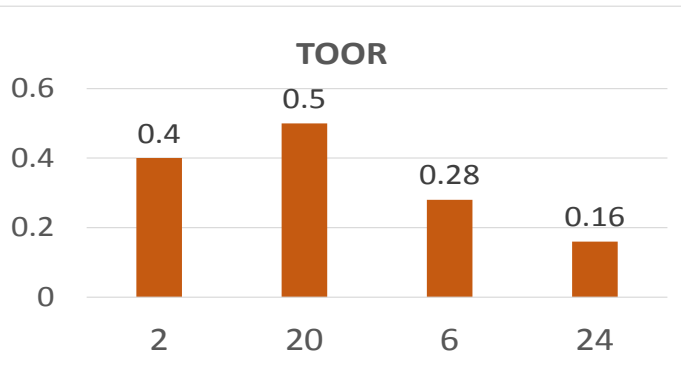
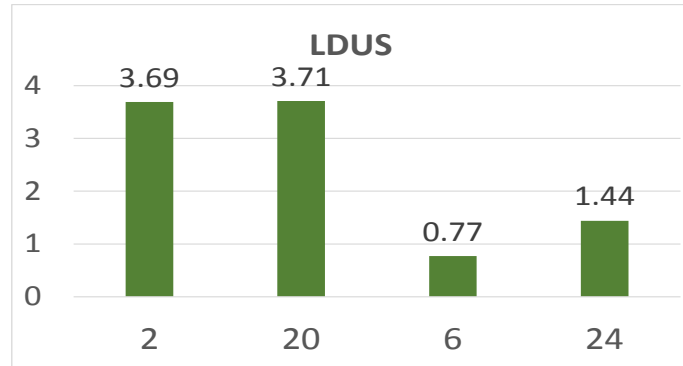
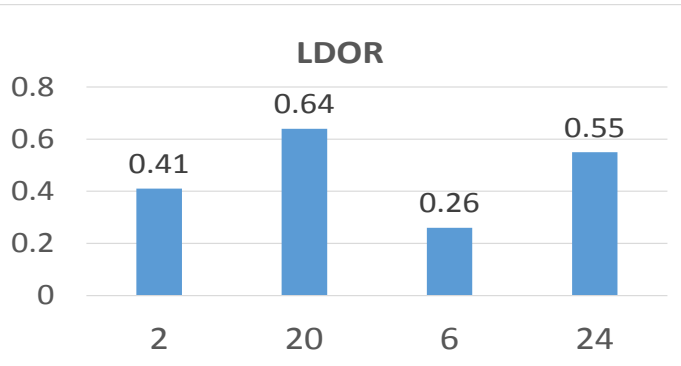
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<b>Land use category</b>	<b>Site-specific land uses</b>	<b>Population density assumption, persons per acre</b>
Industrial (Indoor)	Factory buildings 1-5 (factory/processing)	144 p/a
Industrial (Indoor)	Factory storage facility, hangar building	44 p/a
Industrial (Outdoor)	Motor pool, storage container yard, salvage yard	11 p/a
Institutional	Public service buildings	205 p/a
Parking	All parking areas	5 p/a
Recreation (indoor)	Equestrian training facilities and wash rack	87 p/a
Recreation (outdoor)	Outdoor equestrian area	5 p/a
Recreation (outdoor)	Courtyard	11 p/a

# Part 1- Accident Likelihood Models

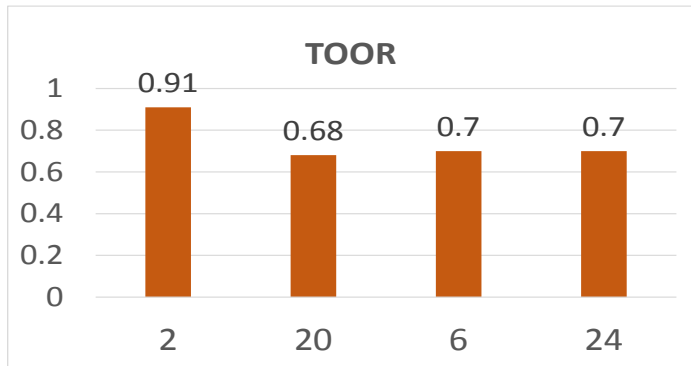
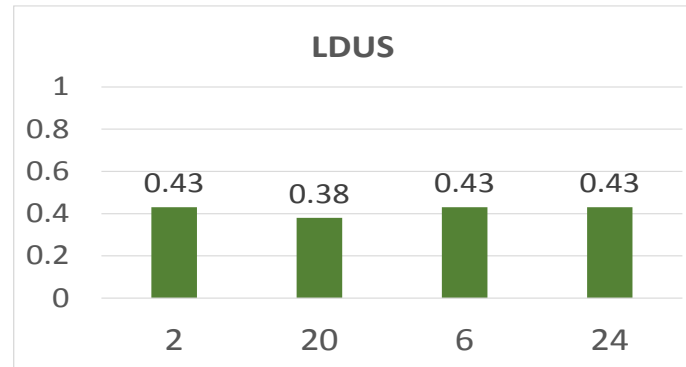
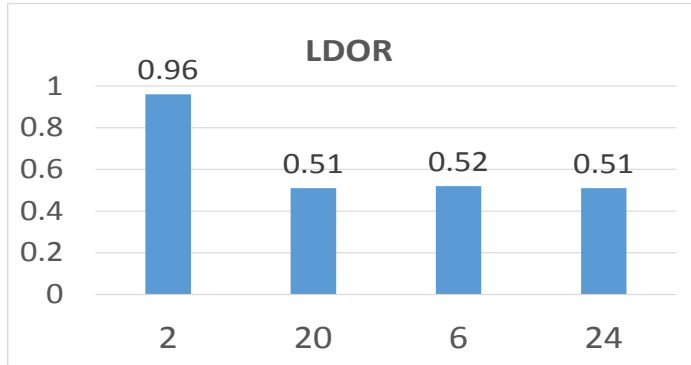
## Average Estimated Excursions in Every 10 Million Movements





# Part 2- Location Model

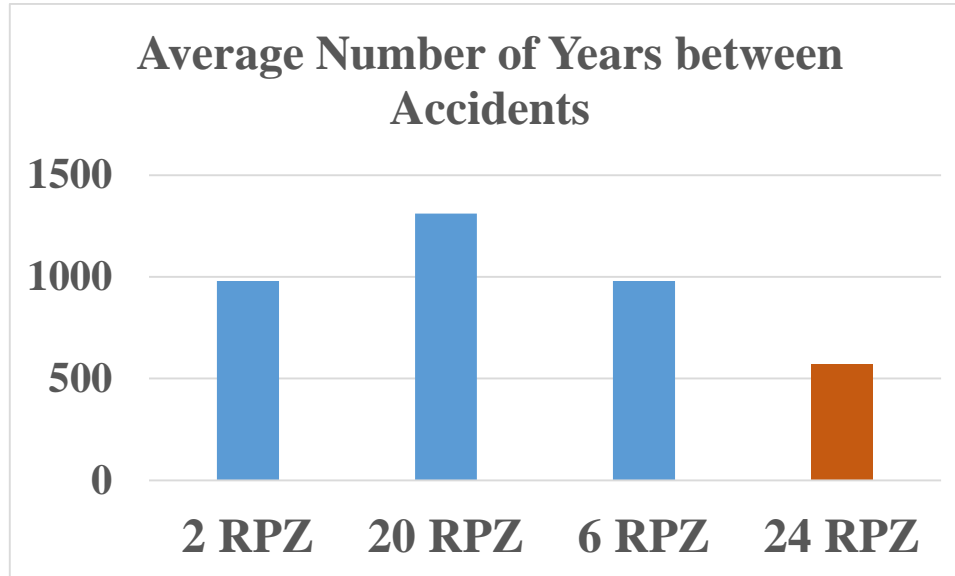
Likelihood of an occurred excursion entering the RPZ





# RPZ Crash Likelihoods

(Parts 1 and 2 of Models Results)



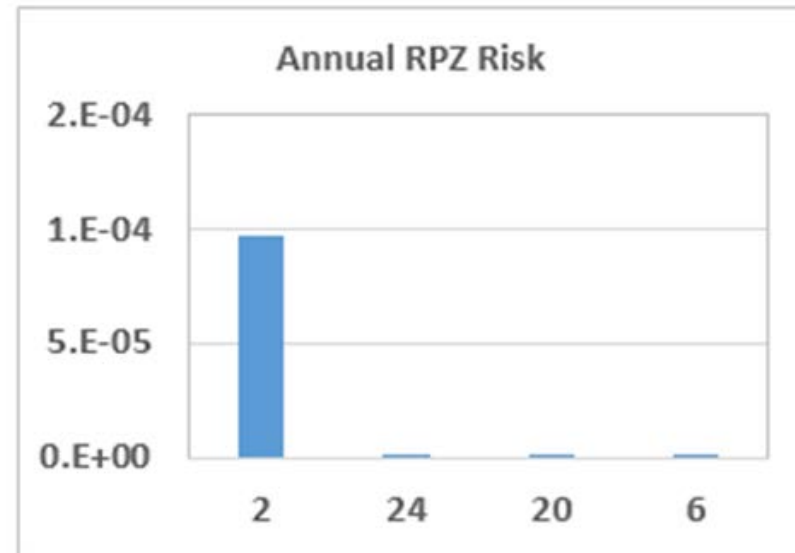
RPZ	Rank
2	3
20	4
6	2
24	1

# RPZ Risk Rankings

Runway 2 RPZ had the highest risk. Contributing factors included:

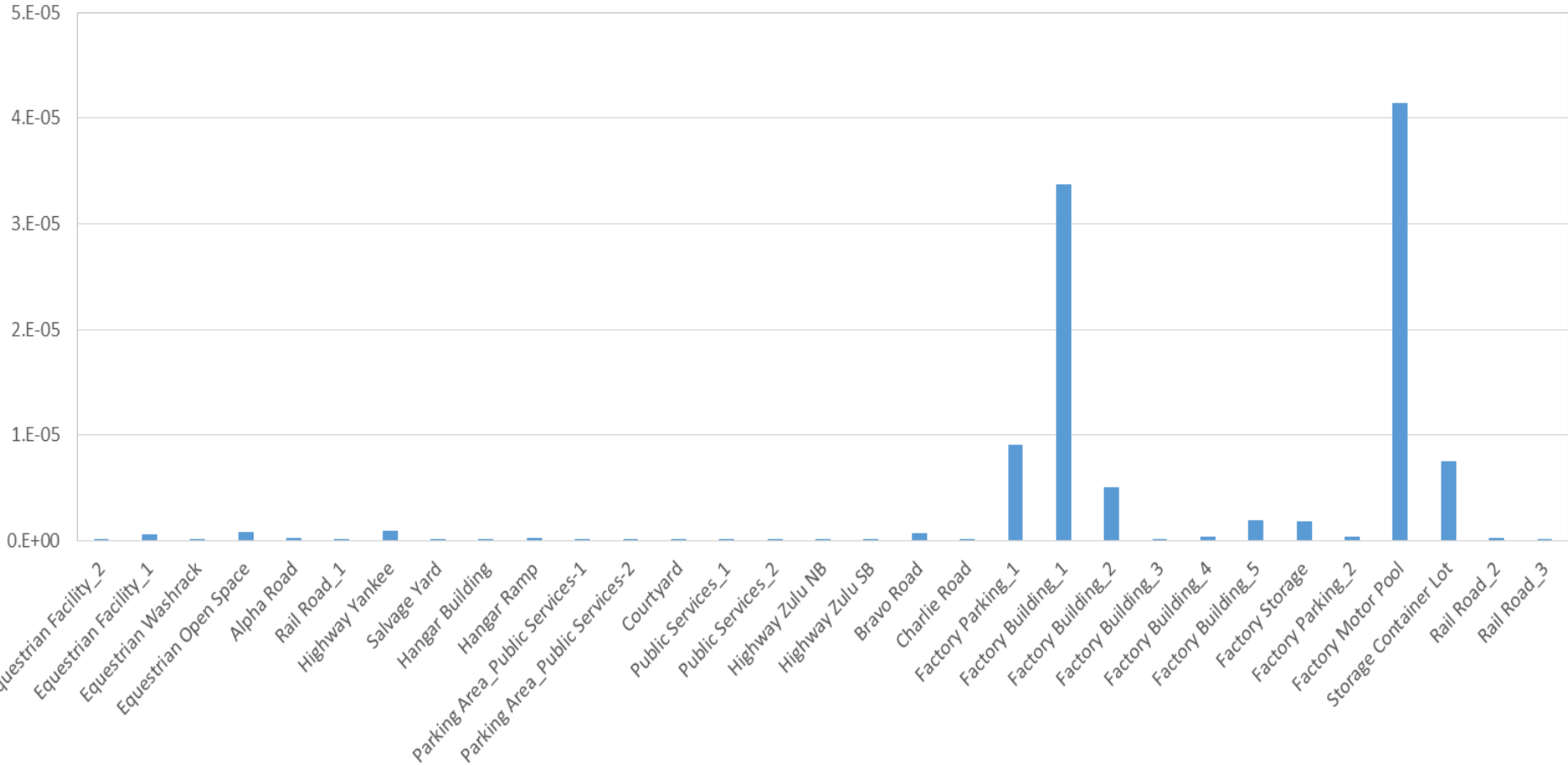
- Relatively intense developments
- Relative proximity of the developments to the runway end and around the extended runway centerline
- Operation type on the runway

RPZ	Annual RPZ Risk	Avg Years btwn fatal accidents	Risk Rank
2	9.7E-05	1,539	1
24	1.4E-06	3,634	2
20	9.1E-07	3,853	3
6	5.5E-07	4,101	4



# Case Study Airport Land Use Risks

Airport land use risks



# Q & A

**Q:** Relocation of the landing threshold to clear the RPZ from an incompatible land use is often viewed as a solution. Does it always reduce airport risk?

**A:** It always reduces the risk of the RPZ of the landing runway. However, it may have adverse effects on the RPZ of the paired runway end.



L&B and ARA Hershey Presentation, 2015.

# For additional information:



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