



**CITY OF CONCORD**  
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***Community Development Department***

**REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM:** Airport Advisory Committee  
**DATE:** February 19, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** Authorization for the NH Air National Guard to Conduct Field Orienteering Exercises at the Concord Municipal Airport

**Recommendation**

Accept this report and the recommendation from the Airport Advisory Committee to authorize the New Hampshire Air National Guard to use Concord Municipal Airport property for field orienteering training subject to all pertinent regulatory and legal requirements acceptable to the City Manager.

**Background**

The NH Air National Guard operates a field orienteering course in the woods on their Pembroke military reservation which abuts the Concord Municipal Airport. This program trains their personnel on locating specific objects in a challenging wooded area. Specifically, this would entail the placement of small, discrete, markers in the woods. These would be located by Guardsmen/women on foot using handheld navigation instruments.

**Discussion**

The Guard is interested in extending their field orienteering course onto the airport's property to the east of runway 17/35 (see attached map). All this would be outside the airport operations fence line and designated conservation management area. The Guard would like to enter into an agreement to use the Airport's property for a three to five year period and are aware they would have to remove any physical objects placed on City land when the training operation ends.

The Airport Advisory Committee reviewed this request at its February 16, 2021 meeting and voted to recommend approval contingent upon the Guard securing all necessary regulatory approvals and providing acceptable insurance and indemnification documentation to the City.