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Subject: Meadow Lake Airport

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Hey, County Commissioner! Apparently, this is something you guys will be dealing with this week. The empty land north of the Meadow Lake Airport (the airport we fly our plane out of) gets the occasional emergency landing, since the most dangerous time in a flight is right at takeoff if something goes wrong. "These landings usually don't result in damage or injury and the planes are towed back to the airport. Occasionally an aircraft will be damaged on landing, but so far there have been no deaths or injuries." The developer of the land wants to build a mixed residential, commercial and industrial development. But buildings mean substantially increased hazards when things go wrong and airplanes have to make emergency landings, which increases risk to life and property ... for both the pilot and people on the ground. I'm sure you've seen the photo of Max as a teenager standing in a field next to the upside down plane he'd been in as a passenger; he might not have escaped relatively unscathed had the plane plowed into a building. I hate telling property owners what to do with their property, but this seems pretty important. If you're interested in more input by pilots, feel free to reach out. Thanks!

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