

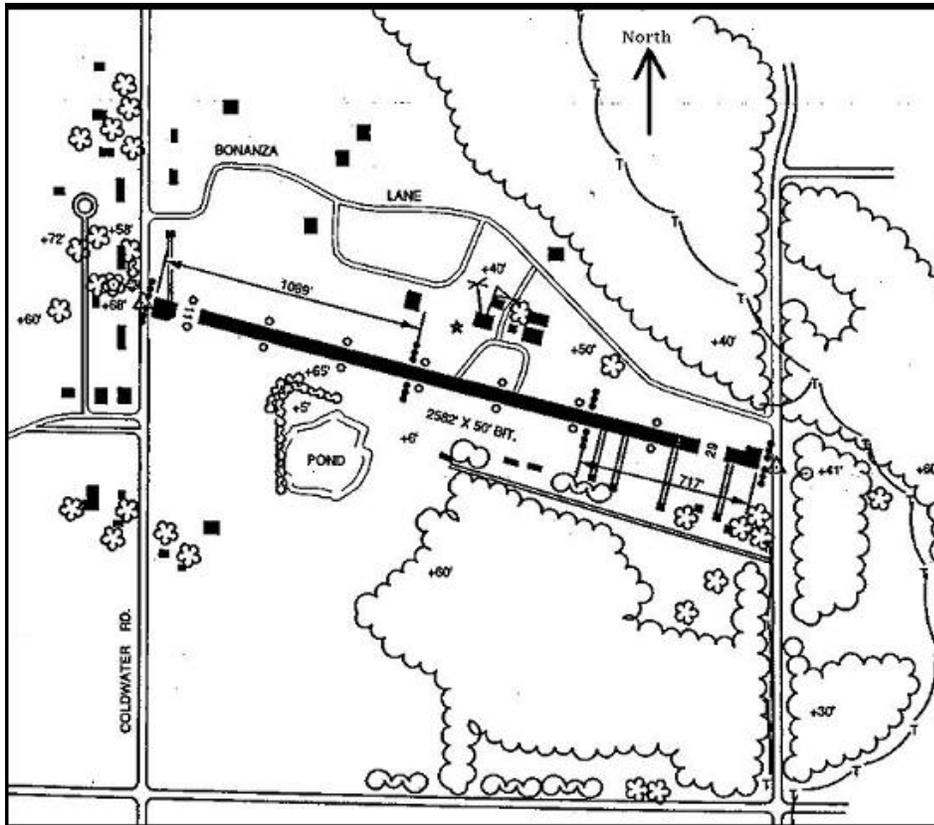
■ Airport Plan ■

Government is merely an attempt to express the conscience of the people, if the government is going faster than the public conscience, it will have to pull up; if it is not going as fast as the public conscience, it will have to be whipped up.

-President Woodrow Wilson

The Village assumed control over the airport in the Community in 1999 and has operated it as the Lake Isabella Municipal Airport since that time. Currently the airport serves small

private aircraft and has several airplane hangers adjacent to the runway. The airport is fortunate to have a grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation, from which several onsite improvements have been made over the past several years.



The airport faces three key obstacles that will be the focus of the Village in maintaining and growing the airport. The first issue is safety at the airport. The top priority is

the removal of the large trees at the eastern end of the runway. At the time of the update the Village, working with MDOT, has secured a navigation easement for the removal of the trees, no date had been set however for the removal of the trees.

The second key issue that the Village will work on to ensure the long term operations of the airport is to review the zoning standards around the airport to ensure that the land use plan for the area is one that supports the airport for years to come. Both residential and commercial uses will be considered and the area will be reviewed to develop the best land use plan for the airport area. The Village in early 2006 created an Airport Commercial zoning district and has zoned 1 large property at the Airport to this new standard. An additional project that the Village will work on, is working to amend or remove the restrictions on the number of septic permits in the airpark plat. This will be done by completing work requested by the Central Michigan District Health Department and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on the soils and hydrogeological factors of the plat.

The third issue that the Village will work on at the airport is increasing public access and use of the airport. The Village has over 3 acres of land that was gifted to the Village for public access and use. This area needs to be improved for parking, information, and day use facilities. It is the plan of the Village to request use of the grant from MDOT in achieving these upgrades for public use at the airport. In addition to these projects and goals the Village will also develop a long range maintenance plan for the normal upkeep and operations of the airport. This includes utilities, mowing, lighting, and possibly snow removal. The airport represents one of the many unique and identifiable characteristics of the Village and maintaining the airport in a visible and usable manner is one of the goals of the Village. One possible way to create a high profile public site at the airport would be the construction of the proposed Village office on the land the Village owns adjacent to the runway.



► Goals

1. Removal of trees affecting the east end of the runway.
2. Develop the public access site to the airport.
3. Promote and expand the use of the airport and the area surrounding the airport.
4. Improve the routine maintenance of the facilities.