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The Honorable Terrence E. Windham  
Mayor, City of Aliceville  
419 Memorial Parkway East  
Aliceville, Alabama 35442

**Subject: Annual Inspection Report**  
**George Downer Field Airport**

Dear Mayor Windham:

An inspection of the George Downer Field Airport was conducted by personnel of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Bureau on December 21, 2023. The purpose of the inspection was to update the information currently on file regarding the airport and to ascertain compliance with the rules and regulations of the Alabama Department of Transportation governing licensed public-use airports within the State of Alabama.

Attached you will find a copy of the Annual Inspection Report for the airport. As noted in the report, the airport **does not meet** all requirements for the issuance of an operating license. Once the trees have been cut and the violations have been addressed, please contact this office to schedule a re-inspection.

If you should have any questions concerning the inspection or corrective actions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jason Hare with the Aeronautics Bureau at (334) 353-6223.

Sincerely,

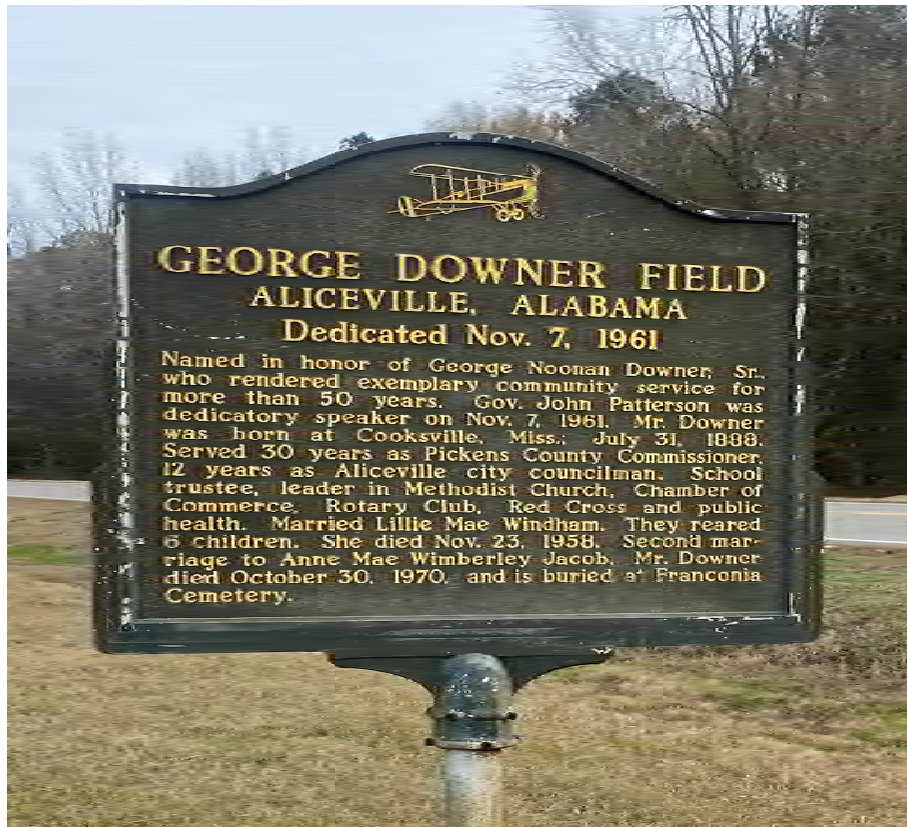
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Mr. Randall Richards, Garver

**December 21, 2023**



## **ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT**



**GEORGE DOWNER FIELD AIRPORT  
ALICEVILLE, ALABAMA**

Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau—Annual Airport Inspection Report

In accordance with the provisions of the Code of Alabama 23-1-357, an inspection of the **George Downer Field Airport** was conducted by **Mr. Jason Hare, Mr. Caleb Nall, and Mr. Noah Sowell** with the Alabama Department of Transportation Aeronautics Bureau on **December 21, 2023**.

The inspection was conducted on the airport under the provisions of the Administrative Code Chapter 450-9-1 for the following areas:

Aeronautics Administrative Code	Inspection Results	Corrective Action	Notes
<b>Approach &amp; Departure Paths</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (1)	<i>Violation</i>	Remove all obstructions within the ALDOT and FAA Approach/Departure Path.	Trees were observed in the ALDOT and FAA Approach/Departure Path. See Appendices 2 and 3.
<b>Primary Surface</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (2)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Ensure grass and small trees are cut within the Primary Surface to prevent brush and trees from creating violations.	Grass and trees were observed in the Primary Surface. Ensure grass and trees are cut and removed from the Primary Surface.
<b>Runway Safety Area</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (3)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
<b>Airport Markings</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (4)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	Runway markings should be reapplied so that are visible.	The runway markings are fading and are starting to become not visible.
<b>Wind Direction Indicator</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (5)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
<b>Airport Lighting</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (6)	<i>In Compliance</i> <i>Maintenance</i>	The non-operational lights need to be replaced.	There were 5 runway lights, 1 missing runway light , and 1 taxiway lights out at the time of inspection. See page 10.
<b>Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (7)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
<b>Fueling Area Requirements</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12 (8)	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	N/A
<b>Prohibited Activities</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16	<i>In Compliance</i>	N/A	No evidence of prohibited activities were found.
<b>Additional Items</b> Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16	<i>Violation</i>	Ensure fire extinguishers are inspected regularly and approved for use.	Fire extinguishers have not been inspected since the year 2020.

**License Status—SUSPENDED**

The corrective actions that may be prescribed in this inspection report do not relieve the airport sponsor from compliance with any other Federal, State or local laws, ordinances or regulations that may be applicable. It is the responsibility of the airport sponsor to be aware of and obey all Federal, State or local laws, ordinances or regulations that may have a bearing on the corrective actions that may be specified in this report.

**Code of Alabama 23-1-357(a)**... a person or municipality may not operate an airport, restricted landing area, or other navigation facility without a license issued by this Department.

## George Downer Field Airport

### Approach and Departure Paths—RUNWAY 6

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(1)



Obstructions were located in the ALDOT Approach/Departure Path of Runway 6. The tree identified as Obstruction 5 is an ALDOT Approach/Departure Path Violation. The tree identified as Obstruction 6 is a FAA Part 77 Approach Surface Violation. See Appendix #2.

Note: Obstructions identified are representative and may not include all existing obstructions.

## George Downer Field Airport

### Approach and Departure Paths—RUNWAY 24

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(1)



There were no obstructions in the ALDOT Approach and Departure path.

## George Downer Field Airport

### Primary Surface

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(2)



Primary Surface **MEETS** state licensing standards.

**Maintenance**: Tall grass and small trees are beginning to encroach on the Primary Surface near the Runway 6 end. Please clear the Primary Surface in that area to ensure that it meets Primary Surface Requirements.

## George Downer Field Airport

### Runway Safety Area

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(3)



Runway Safety Area **MEETS** state licensing standards.

## George Downer Field Airport

### Airport Markings—Runway

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(4)



Runway markings are in **POOR** condition.

**Maintenance:** Runway markings should be reapplied so that they are visible.



## George Downer Field Airport

### Airport Markings—Taxiway

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(4)



Taxiway markings are in **FAIR** condition.

## George Downer Field Airport

### Airport Markings—Apron

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(4)



Apron markings are in **FAIR** condition.

## George Downer Field Airport

### Wind Direction Indicator

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(5)



Wind direction indicator is in **FAIR** condition.

## George Downer Field Airport

### Airport Lighting

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(6)

An inspection of the lighting system had the following results:

<b>Runway Lights</b>	5 inoperable and 1 missing
<b>Taxiway Lights</b>	1 inoperable
<b>Threshold Lights</b>	0 inoperable
<b>PAPI</b>	N/A
<b>REIL</b>	0 inoperable

**MEETS** State Licensing Standards for night-time operation.

## George Downer Field Airport

### Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—RUNWAY

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Runway surface is in **FAIR** condition.

## George Downer Field Airport

### Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—TAXIWAY

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Taxiway surface is in **FAIR** condition.

## George Downer Field Airport

### Runway, Taxiway and Apron Conditions—APRON

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(7)



Apron surface is in **POOR** condition.

**Maintenance:** Ensure apron is cleaned of all vegetation.

## George Downer Field Airport

### Fueling Area Requirements

Administrative Code 450-9-1-.12(8)



Fueling area **DOES NOT MEET** state licensing standards.

**Violation:** Ensure fire extinguishers are inspected regularly and approved for use.

The State of Alabama Department of Agriculture may have additional requirements for fueling systems that were not considered during this inspection.



## George Downer Field Airport

### Prohibited Activities

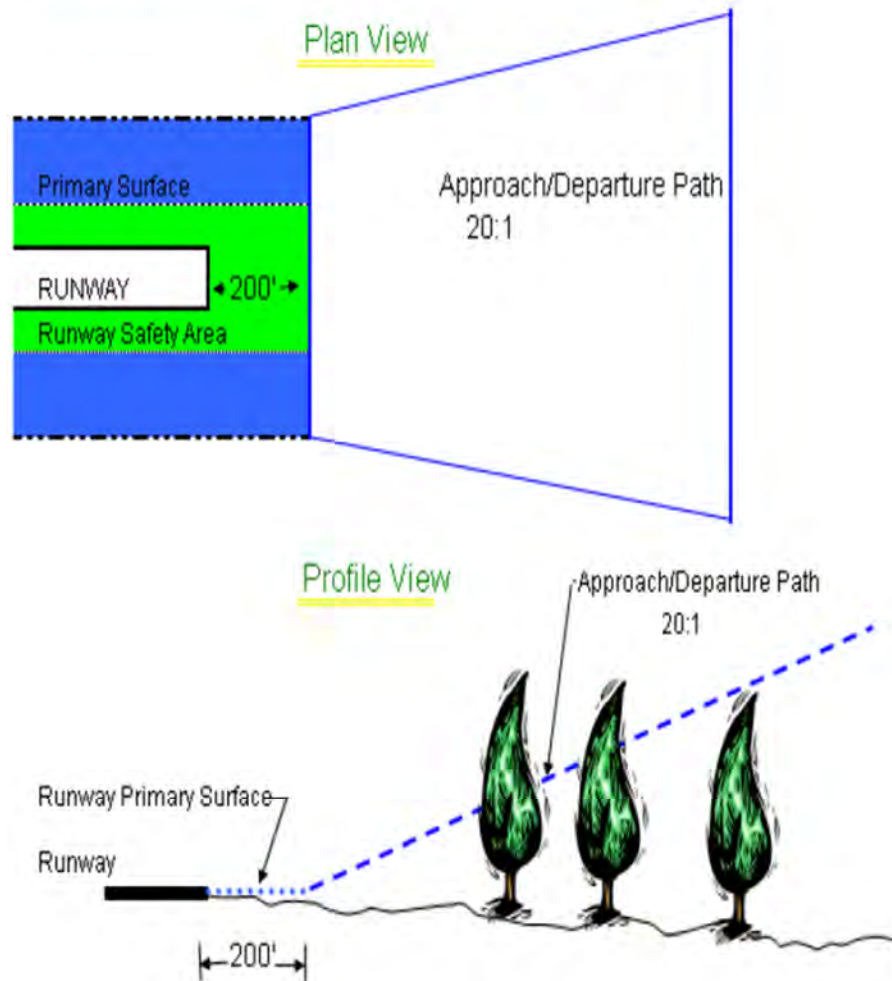
Administrative Code 450-9-1-.16



No prohibited activities were observed during this inspection. All gates were locked and airfield access was secure.

# APPENDIX 1

Approach and Departure Path Dimensions			
Inner Width	Outer Width	Length	Acreage
250 Feet	450 Feet	1,000 Feet	8.04 Acres
Primary Surface Dimensions			
250 Feet Wide Centered Along Runway Centerline			
Extending 200 Feet Past the Runway End			
Runway Safety Area Dimensions			
120 Feet Wide Centered Along Runway Centerline			
Extending 200 Feet Past the Runway End			



Appendix 2

George Downer Field Airport  
Aliceville, AL  
December 21, 2023  
Runway 6  
Obstruction Evaluation

5. Tree 30' Above Runway End  
733' From RWY End  
104' Right of CL  
17:1 Obstruction Clearance

6. Tree 99' Above RWY End  
1,923' From RWY End  
23' Left of CL  
17:1 Obstruction Clearance

ALDOT 20:1 APP/DEP PATH

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FAA PART 77 20:1 SURFACE

- ALDOT APP/DEP VIOLATION
- FAA PART 77 VIOLATION
- Controlling Obstruction

Appendix 3

George Downer Field Airport  
Aliceville, AL  
December 21, 2023  
Runway 24  
Obstruction Evaluation

6. Tree 81' Above RWY End  
1,983' From RWY End  
73' Right of CL  
22:1 Obstruction Clearance

ALDOT 20:1 APP/DEP PATH

Controlling Obstruction

FAA PART 77 20:1 SURFACE

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