

VILLAGE EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Ms. Linda Bruce, Colorado State Planner
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Denver Airports District Office
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Dear Ms. Bruce:

I am the president of the Village East Neighborhood Association representing more than 3,000 residents in 1,312 single-family homes. I have attached a map showing our location.

We would like to provide comments on the Centennial Airport Part 150 Study, as requested in the February 22, 2008 Federal Register. We have reviewed the Noise Compatibility Program recommendations and have identified that the following flight track changes have the potential to increase aircraft noise over our neighborhood:

Recommendation 3—Implement 010 degree departure heading for jet aircraft at night. The Airport's recommendation that some aircraft departures, which are noisier than arrivals, would be routed over our neighborhood while people are trying to sleep. We have a lot of older residents in our neighborhood and not all have air conditioning. I receive complaints that arriving flights disturb their sleep. Departures would only make it worse.

Recommendation 4—Test 24-hour flight tracks between 350 and 010 degree headings. This would negatively impact our neighborhood as discussed above. Our neighborhood is bounded by S. Peoria St. on the east and S. Havana St. on the west, putting us directly in the flight path.

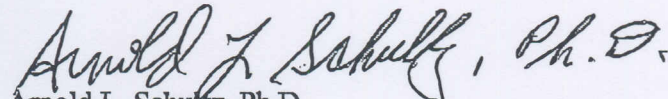
Recommendation 5—Elimination of preferential runway use. Directly in opposition to this recommendation, we request that the preferential runway be used more frequently to reduce the number of flights over our neighborhood.

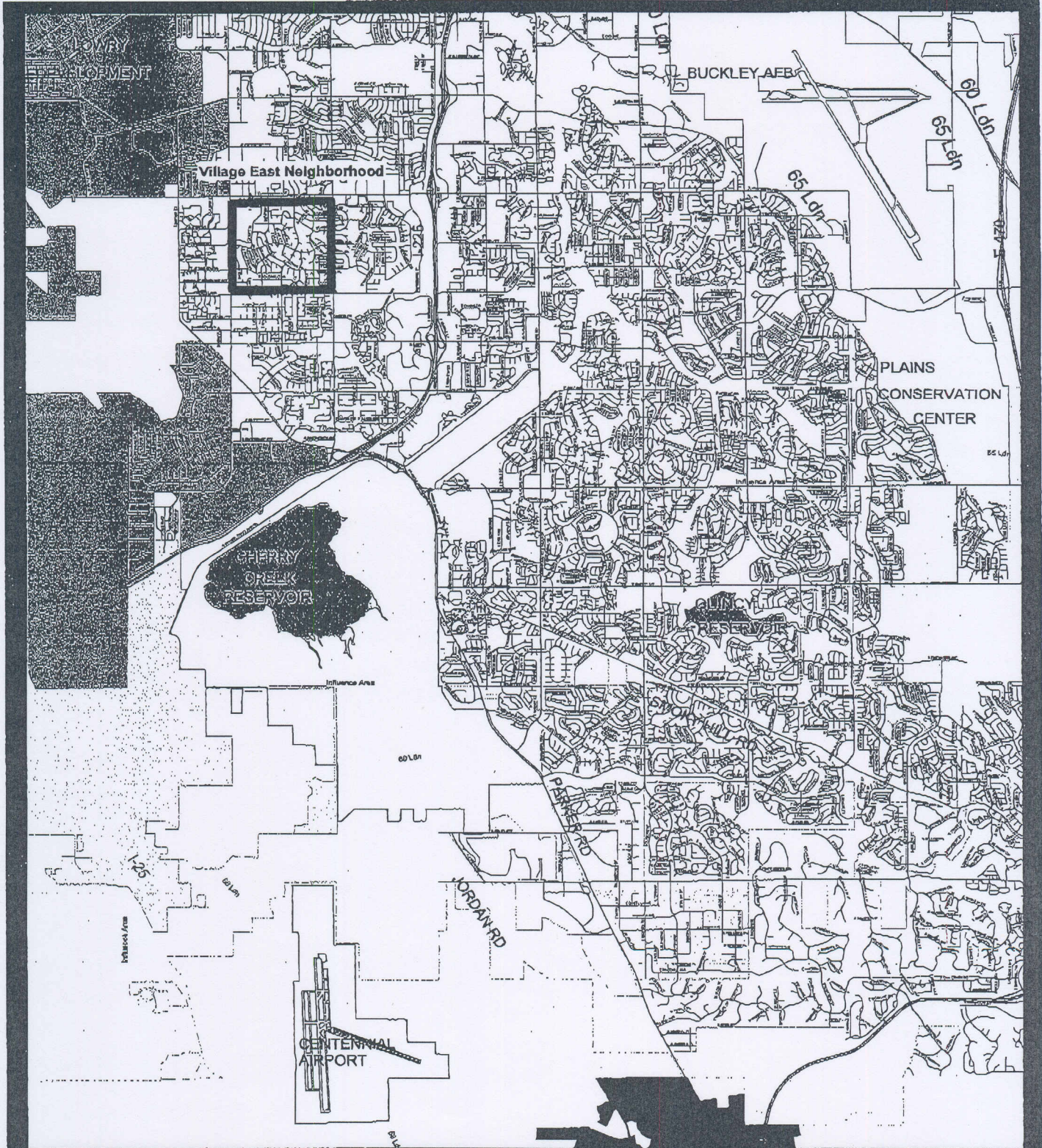
We strongly oppose these recommendations and urge the FAA not to approve these flight tracks. Our neighborhood was here before the airport and we should not have to suffer the consequences of changed flight paths because others weren't wise enough to avoid moving into an already existing flight path after the airport was constructed.

Theoretically the current departures and arrival paths were designed to provide a safe route for air traffic. We assume they are being asked to change because of the noise over the neighborhoods to the south. Does that jeopardize the safety of the aircraft, which in turn jeopardizes our neighborhood?

Another objection to the recommendations has to do with the amount of time that has elapsed between when the study was begun and the period for public comment. Several of us from Village East and quite a few others from nearby neighborhoods met with then Arapahoe County Commissioner Lynn Myers and Centennial Airport Executive Director Robert Olislagers on two different occasions about 6 or 7 years ago regarding the Part 150 Study. We were told the study would be released for public comment at least 3 years ago. The study results and recommendations are outdated and a new study is probably warranted. We have no verification that the flight-track headings proposed in this Part 150 Study still represent a fair and well-planned noise mitigation air-space design.

Sincerely,


Arnold L. Schultz, Ph.D.



Village East Neighborhood Location

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