

## Murphy Announces \$7.4 Million Grant for Purchase of Robertson Airport

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NEW BRITAIN - Today, Congressman Chris Murphy (CT-5) joined the Town of Plainville in announcing a \$7.4 million federal grant for the purchase of Robertson Airport. The grant will be funded through the Federal Aviation Administration's Airport Improvement Program.

"Buying this property will allow Plainville to preserve it for generations and to keep planes landing and taking off at this historic site. Robertson Airport is a valuable asset not only to Plainville, but to the entire region," said Murphy.

"I am delighted that the FAA has come through with this funding. The residents of Plainville voted to purchase this cherished airport to protect it from development. It is exciting to learn that we are one step closer to making their wishes a reality. With the state expected to contribute to the project as well, it is anticipated that the town will be responsible for less than \$100,000 of the purchase price," said Christopher Wazorko, Chairman of the Plainville Town Council.

Robertson Airport first opened in 1911; it is the oldest airport in Connecticut. In a town-wide referendum on March 31, 2009, Plainville residents voted to purchase the airport for a total of \$7.7 million dollars.

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