

# DeLand MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

## DeLand's vision for a "SPORT AVIATION VILLAGE"

With the goal of supporting the fastest growing category of aircraft and pilots in the United States—the Light Sport category, DeLand Municipal Airport, in conjunction with local Light Sport Aircraft manufacturers, proposes to develop a Sport Aviation Village on the east side of the airfield near the existing Renegade Light Sport Aircraft and Experimental Aircraft Association hangars.

This Village is proposed to be developed as the premier facility for aviation enthusiast and builders of light sport aircraft. Understanding how valuable collaboration and economies of scale can be to light sport aircraft builders, this concept would provide a number of individual hangar/office units developed as a cluster for non-hazardous operations all centralized around larger facilities able to provide hazardous operations support including, fuel transfer, welding, torch cutting, composites, doping, aircraft painting, ect. Additionally, the centralized facility would make available all the specialized equipment and expertise an enterprising builder would desire.

To serve as a liaison between light sport aviation and the community, portions of this concept are envisioned to be open and accessible to the public. Aviation enthusiast, would-be-builders, and student groups would all be welcome to visit and learn about the exciting world of light sport aircraft. Separate from the hangar clusters would be a public parking lot, welcome center and museum to serve as the Park's front door to the community and a starting point for any guided tours that may take place.

DeLand's Sport Aviation Village will decrease the cost, ease the fears and reduce the time associated with building your light sport aircraft. By co-locating resources (both physical and intellectual) these facilities will reduce the barriers would-be aircraft builders may have while at the same time fostering a community of support. At DeLand's Sport Aviation Village the sky is the limit, if you can draw it on a napkin you can make it happen—*From Napkin to Flight!*

