

Bowman's strengths

When dealing with a worthwhile issue, we sometimes consider only the bottom line or how it might affect a narrowed few. In addition to the already mentioned advantages, we may forget that "high and dry" Bowman Field was a mainstay in emergency supplies during the 1937 flood while part of the area now occupied by Louisville International Airport was flood threatened. And since nature has a way of sometimes overcoming man's attempts at protection (i.e. Katrina), we should keep all options open.

Since the early 1940s the Civil Air Patrol has been a base for its squadrons that have launched thousands of sorties providing life-saving missions. For instance, on the evening of Sept. 11, 2001, a CAP aircraft departing Bowman Field was the only authorized plane in the skies over the United States. On a U.S. Air Force mission, it was transporting vital and rare blood transfusion supplies to the New York area. Many lives were saved.

Just as a matter of interest, the wind tetrahedron just in front of the former administration building is listed as the oldest, continually operating tetrahedron in the world.

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