

# Bowman Field tree-removal study gets closer

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A Bowman Field area resident. Credit: Courier-Journal files.

The consultants have been hired — Hanson Professional Services, Inc. — and now the Louisville Regional Airport Authority has made public a document that details what they will do to support a plan to remove trees around Bowman Field.

The budget for this preliminary work was listed: \$1 million.

It includes conducting a survey within a mile the ends of the airport's runways to identify trees that may have to go. That's much farther out than airport officials initially described as potentially being impacted.

All told, the board has approved a \$5 million budget for the program, which could result in large, old trees with big canopies being replaced with shrubs and little trees in an effort to keep planes safe on take off and landings.

There's nothing in the work plan that I found that addresses one issue that tree advocates have raised — how the airport can mitigate for the loss of tree canopy in a city with an over sized and growing urban heat island.

You can read the details for yourself, [here](#).