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New Year
2023!

**Hartford Brainard
Airport Association,
Inc. (HBAA)**

is a grass-roots organization of general aviation, private and commercial pilots, business leaders and others dedicated to preserving the airport as a valuable community asset and vital economic resource that supports Connecticut's economy and provides significant benefits to the capital city and region.

HBAA works to promote the educational opportunities that already exist at Brainard, encouraging city residents to pursue careers in the fields of aviation and aircraft maintenance.



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**HARTFORD BRAINARD AIRPORT ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER**



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**An Important Reminder to All of Our General
Aviation and Brainard Airport Supporters:**



ANNOUNCING



INFORMATION AND FUND RAISING

BREAKFAST EVENT

PROMOTING HBAA'S ONGOING

EFFORTS TO

KEEP BRAINARD AIRPORT OPEN

WHEN:

**Saturday, February 11th, 2023
9:00 am - 11:00 am**

WHERE:

**Hartford Jet Center
Hartford Brainard Airport
20 Lindbergh Drive Hartford, CT 06114**

FEATURING :

**Sean Collins - Guest Speaker
Eastern Regional Manager - AOPA**



Lawmaker and Airport Supporter Has Announced Run for Hartford Mayor

State Superior Court Judge Eric D. Coleman of Bloomfield has formally announced his candidacy for Mayor of Hartford earlier this month.

Judge Coleman, who served as a state senator and representative since 1983 until he was appointed to the bench in 2017, had been exploring a run for Mayor over the past year. He has been talking with city residents, leaders and others and has found a significant level of support in Hartford.



Meet Eric Coleman, a strong supporter for keeping Brainard Airport open.

Coleman, 71, earned his B.S. from Columbia University in New York City in 1973 and graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law in 1977. He practiced law for Hartford Neighborhood Legal Services from 1977-78 and Connecticut Public Defender Services from 1978-81. From 1981-86, Coleman worked as a consultant for Aetna Life and Casualty and as an attorney in private practice since 1986 until he became a judge in 2018. Since 2021, Coleman had served as a Senior Judge of the Superior Court.

Judge Coleman lived in Hartford for several years and has worked in the capital city for more than 40 years. He and his wife Pamela, the parents of six adult children, recently moved back to Hartford from Bloomfield.

He recently toured Brainard Airport and recognizes it as a strong economic resource for the city of Hartford as well as the entire region. Mr. Coleman has declared his strong support for aviation as an economic engine to benefit the city.

BFJ Planning Awarded the \$1.5 million State Mandated DECD Study

BFJ Planning

BFJ Planning, a NYC consulting firm that provides professional expertise in planning, urban design, environmental analysis, real estate and transportation was awarded the state contract which mandates the CT Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) on behalf of the state to assess the benefits and opportunity costs to the City of Hartford and the State of Connecticut of the current and alternative uses of the Hartford-Brainard Airport property.

According to the language of the bill, the study must be done in a way that is consistent with and supports the bill's stated goals of promoting the health, welfare, and safety of people in Connecticut; increasing their quality of life; boosting tourism; stimulating the economy, and enhancing people's ability to enjoy the Connecticut river (if that is even a environmental possibility considering the landscape).

The BFJ contract will begin the week of February 6, and consists of three major elements. The findings must be completed by BFJ so that the DECD can submit a report of the analysis's findings to the state's Finance, Revenue, and Bonding Committee by October 15, 2023. The study will focus on **1) Environmental Site Assessments** (a RFP has been submitted but no contractor to do this phase of the study has been identified). This part of the study will be followed by **2) an Economic Analysis of Hartford Brainard Airport** and then finally there will be **3) a Regulatory Analysis of Hartford Brainard Airport**.

Hartford Brainard Airport Association will be monitoring the progress of this study closely. **HBAA** contacted the project's Principle Associate, Thomas Madden **who** looks forward to working with us on this important project. We expect to offer him meaningful insights from the general aviation point of view as the study progresses. We will keep all of our constituents up-to-date on the study's progress as important matters arise.

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