

Island airport slated for upgrade

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The Washington Island airport will get an upgrade with \$76,000 from the Federal Aviation Administration, according to a statement released Oct. 13 by Gov. Jim Doyle.

The money will be added to a town of Washington contribution of \$2,000 to construct a runway extension. The work is scheduled to start in the spring of 2007.

Unpredictable winds can make landing difficult, and the runway extension will help avoid problems, according to Doyle. The plan is to extend the runway from 1,840 feet to 2,250 feet to provide pilots with an additional option for landing a plane.

Currently, the airport includes a 2,240-foot turf runway and facilities to house 16 aircraft.