

Preferred Alternative – Clinton-Sherman Industrial Airpark

History

Construction of the Clinton Naval Air Station began in 1942 with operations beginning in mid-1943. The site was used for Navy pilot training and development and testing of remotely piloted obsolete aircraft. Naval operations ended in 1946, and the land and infrastructure was acquired by the City of Clinton. The facility was renamed the Clinton-Sherman Airport and began operations as an Industrial Airpark.



Role in Cold War

Approximately 2,700 acres of land at the Clinton-Sherman Airport were transferred to the Air Force in 1955. The Air Force began operations at the airport as a fighter and satellite bomber base for the Strategic Air Command.



Proposed Future Use

The Clinton-Sherman Industrial Airpark (CSIA) was initially identified by the Oklahoma Space Industry Development Authority (OSIDA) as the preferred location for the proposed launch facility due to the infrastructure already available at the site. The most predominant feature on the CSIA is the 13,500-foot runway.

Infrastructure

The CSIA is currently an operating airport and has a manned control tower to coordinate air traffic. There are several hangars on the CSIA property which could be renovated to support various activities at the proposed launch facility. There is a firing range which could be modified to support static test firings of the engines proposed to be used by various customers at the launch facility. Finally, the CSIA is accessible by several modes of transportation. The facility is close to major highways, rail access, and possesses a runway that would accommodate many types of aircraft which could be used to bring in cargo.

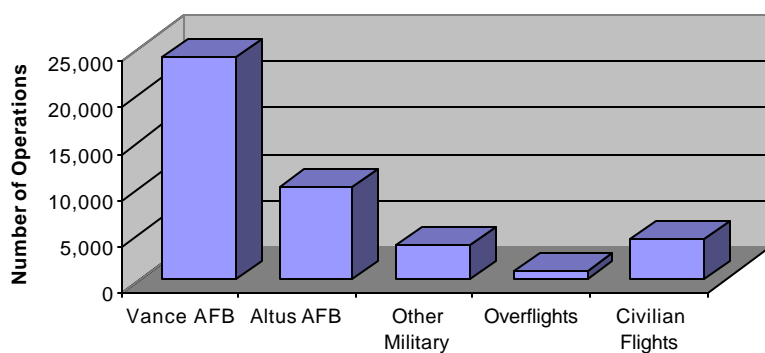
Current Status of CSIA

The City of Clinton recently approved an ordinance allowing the transfer of the CSIA to OSIDA. A 30-day public protest period expired in mid-October without public opposition. OSIDA will take title of the property by the end of 2002.

Current Users of CSIA

The CSIA is currently used by civilians as a cross-country stopover point for refueling and maintenance. The military uses the CSIA as a training facility for activities such as missed approaches, instrument operations, and tactical maneuvers with the U.S. Customs Department. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol uses the CSIA as a training center.

**Operations at Clinton-Sherman Industrial Airpark
Operations by User in 2001**



**Operations at Clinton-Sherman Industrial Airpark
Local vs Itinerant Operations in 2001**

