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NJMC Flyway Gallery Hosts Exhibit by NJIT Students During March and April

LYNDHURST, N.J. – University students’ visions of the conceptual transformation of a former trash transfer facility into an aviation museum are the subject of a new exhibit at the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission’s (NJMC) Flyway Gallery. The show, “NJIT Design Studio,” will be on display from Thursday, March 6, through Friday, April 25. An opening reception is scheduled for Friday, March 7, from 2 to 4 p.m.

At the New Jersey Institute of Technology in Newark, students in Professor Ira Smith’s Architecture Studio course were tasked with outlining a theoretical new use for the former Bergen County Utilities Authority Transfer Station and its surrounding grounds in North Arlington. The academic exercise focused on repurposing the site into the New Jersey Air and Space Center, an expansion of the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum, which is currently located in Teterboro.

“The ‘NJIT Design Studio’ exhibit reflects the talent, creativity and resourcefulness of the students who participated in the class project,” said Marcia Karrow, Executive Director of the NJMC.

The students spent four months creating plans for the museum, which would include an exhibit hangar, additional exhibit space and a nearby working blimp field. Drawings include intricate blueprints of floor plans and artistic renderings of the inside of the facility. Francisco Artigas, Director of the NJMC Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute (MERI), provided technical assistance to the students.

The site of the former trash transfer facility belongs to a private property owner. There are no plans to build an aviation museum on the site.

The Flyway Gallery, located in the Meadowlands Environment Center in DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst, is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

Directions to DeKorte Park can be found in the “About Us” section of the NJMC’s website, at www.njmeadowlands.gov, or by calling 201-777-2431.

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