

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) conducted by the **U.S. Air Force**, on the planned F-35 basing in Vermont states that:

Our area would be negatively affected in the following categories:

Noise, Safety, Climate Change, Air Quality, Socioeconomics, Land Use, Transportation, Environmental Justice, and the Protection of Children.

Vote YES on ballot item #6!

To request cancellation of the planned basing of the F-35 at Burlington International Airport, *AND...* request instead low-noise-level equipment with a proven high safety record appropriate for a densely populated area

Here's why:

- The Vermont Air National Guard **doesn't need the F35** to continue its flying mission
- The F-35 will harm us, especially **children and the elderly**
- F35 noise **cannot be mitigated**, blocked or stopped
- F35 is a very **dangerous** aircraft
- F35 **does not bring any jobs** or help our economy
- It's **not too late** to stop the basing
- We have lots of options. **There are better choices** for Burlington!



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What Every Vermonter Should Know about the Decision to Base the F-35s in Chittenden County.

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Harmful to health, especially for infants.



Loss of affordable homes and decreased property values.



Risky crash rate in a densely populated area.

10 FACTS

from the U.S. Air
Force (USAF)
Environmental
Impact Statement (EIS)

1) Noise Level

The F-35 is **more than four times** louder than the F-16.

2) Residential Impact

The F-35 will put 2944 homes, 6675 people, five schools, and six churches in a zone **“generally not suitable for residential use,”** including $\frac{3}{4}$ of the housing units in the City of Winooski.

3) Property Values

F-35 noise may cause homes to **lose between 11% and 42% of their value.**

4) Crash Risk

The F35 crash risk will be **11 times higher** than the current F-16.

5) Home Loans

Federal loans are not assured for homes in the noise zone. Homeowners may be required to disclose that their homes are “not suitable for residential use” to potential buyers.

6) Other Basing Areas

Burlington is the only base that has such dramatic **negative noise impacts** from the F-35s.

7) Children

The F-35 will expose schoolchildren to **dangerous noise levels** which can damage their health and learning abilities.

8) Affected Communities

The F-35 “disproportionately” impacts our **low-income and minority communities.**

9) Economy

The F-35 will have a **detrimental effect** on the local communities: reduced property values, reduced tax income, increased environmental cleanup costs, increased noise mitigation costs, and more.

10) Jobs:

The F-35 brings no new jobs to the area, but might result in the loss of VT Air National Guard (VTANG) jobs. The EIS also states that “If there is no F-35 operational beddown at Burlington AGS, the current mission would continue.”

Other Important Issues:

- **False information** was used to select Burlington as the best location for the F-35s.
- Senator Leahy **pressured the USAF to select Vermont** for the F-35 basing for **political reasons.**
- The South Burlington City Council, South Burlington School Board, South Burlington Planning Commission, Winooski City Council, Winooski School Board, and Winooski Environmental Committee **all voted to oppose** the F-35 basing.
- The USAF classifies the F-35 as a **“high-risk”** category warplane and **one of the most dangerous** aircraft in its inventory because of the amount of toxic materials in its fuselage and its lethal chemical stealth coating.
- An F-35 crash will produce toxic smoke, fumes and particles **which can kill people** in the vicinity of the crash.
- The F-35 program is the **most expensive** weapons systems in history, costing more than \$1.5 trillion over its lifetime.
- The USAF has guaranteed that the Vermont Air Guard **will NOT lose its flying mission** if the F-35s do not come to Vermont.
- Neither the USAF, nor VTANG, nor the Burlington Airport will compensate homeowners for the **loss of home values** from the F-35s.
- Neither the USAF, nor VTANG, nor the Burlington Airport will mitigate the noise of the F-35.
- The FAA states that there is **no way to mitigate the noise** of the F-35.