

Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) announced today that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded Oneida County \$4,375,371 to install approach aid instruments at the Griffiss International Airport in Rome, NY.

“I am pleased to announce additional funding to improve services and security at the Griffiss International Airport - a vital part of economic expansion here in the Mohawk Valley,” **said Arcuri, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which is responsible for authorizing funds for the FAA**

. “These funds will help the airport make landings safer in all seasons so that the airport can continue to serve as a point of growth and development. I will continue to work to ensure federal funding for critical investments in transportation infrastructure throughout the Mohawk Valley.”

“I want to thank Congressman Arcuri for sharing my vision of a revived Griffiss Park with an airfield that can serve as a catalyst to grow new jobs, new investment and new opportunities here in Oneida County,” **said Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr.** “Griffiss International Airport has outstanding potential, and this investment of federal dollars to develop an essential piece of the infrastructure we need allows the transformation of Griffiss to move forward faster and become an engine for economic growth. This transportation aid grant is the result of a very high level of cooperation between the Congressman’s Office and County Government, and is the result of Congressman Arcuri’s efforts to advocate for our region in Washington.”

Air operations for Oneida County were consolidated at the Griffiss International Airport following a \$17 million commitment from the federal government through the federal FAA Airport Improvement Program. This additional funding will continue to improve the quality of services and scope of operations at the Griffiss International Airport.

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