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Philadelphia Receives Lawsuit Over Airport Expansion

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The city of Philadelphia is the target of a lawsuit filed by Delaware County and Tincum Township over the proposed expansion of Philadelphia International Airport.

The lawsuit asks a judge to uphold a Pennsylvania statute that requires the city to get permission from the county and Tincum before buying the land it needs to expand.

The lawsuit alleges that the city's plan to buy land in Tincum would displace hundreds of residents, would cost the county thousands of jobs, and negatively impact tax revenue and air quality.

Tincum Township manager David Schreiber says they would hope to be able to settle this without going to court.

"There have been ongoing negotiations regarding the very issue of purchasing property in town and that seems to be the major sticking point between the city and the township at this point."

Delaware County has already filed a lawsuit against the FAA over an airspace redesign plan.

County and township officials were expected to have more to say about the lawsuit at a late morning news conference in Essington on Wednesday.

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