



# Drone Implementation and Benefits for Engineering and Construction



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# Overview



- About Me
- Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood
- Drone Regulation
- Drone Operation/Mission
- SenseFly eBee
- Case Study – Lanett Municipal Airport

# About Me



**Matt Thomason, AICP, CM, PE, ABCDEFG**

- BCE – Auburn University
- MSc – Cranfield University
- Airport Planner for GMC
- FAA licensed drone pilot

# Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood



**GMC**

70 years  
400+ Employees

Offices across  
**Southeast**

# Airport Planning and Engineering



- ✈ Airfield Pavement
- ✈ Hangars
- ✈ Terminals
- ✈ Navigational Aids
- ✈ Master Planning

# Drone Uses



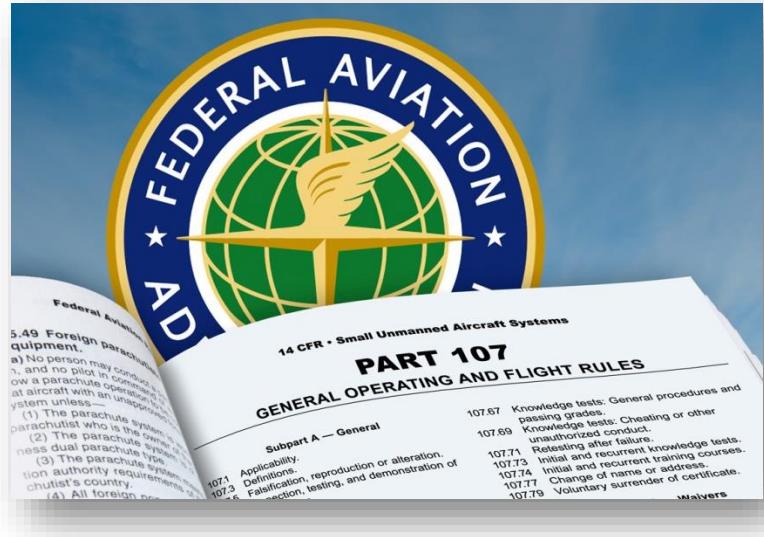
# Flying a drone



## Hobbyist



## sUAS Part 107



## FAA SECTION-333 EXEMPTION

OPERATION OF UAS SYSTEMS  
FOR MAPPING APPLICATIONS



# “Part 107”



## 14 CFR Part 107 – Small Unmanned Aerial Systems



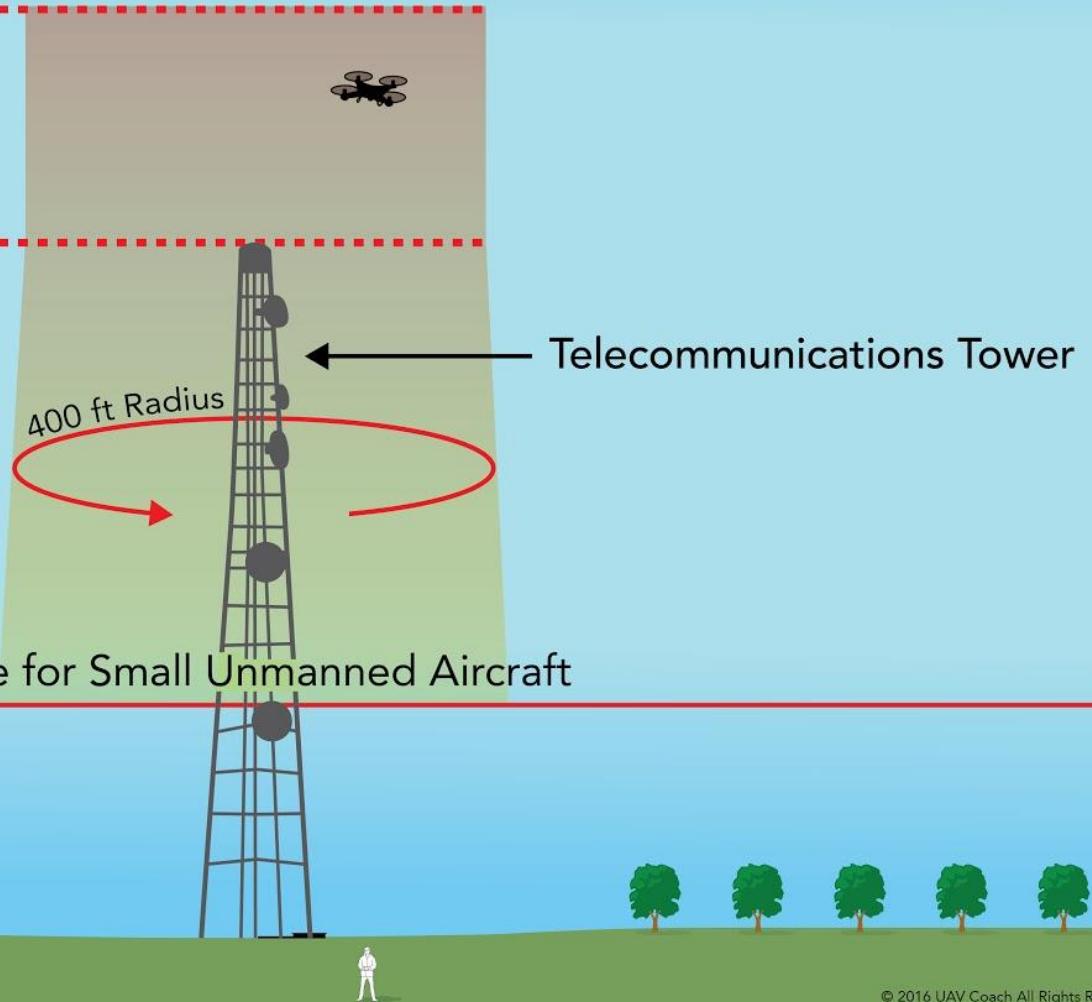
# “Part 107”



1,600 ft AGL - New Maximum Altitude for Small Unmanned Aircraft

1,200 ft AGL - Height of Structure

400 ft AGL - Normal Maximum Altitude for Small Unmanned Aircraft



# sUAS Remote Pilot



# Don't judge too quickly...



Dont Judge.mp4

# SenseFly eBee



- Wingspan - 38 inches
- Weight – 1.52 lbs
- Styrofoam/Plastic
- Flight time – 50 min

# SenseFly eBee



# SenseFly eBee



# Survey



## SATELLITE

Delivery time:

Weeks

Typical resolution:

50 cm/pixel



## MANNED AIRCRAFT

Delivery time:

Weeks to months

Typical resolution:

10-30 cm/pixel



## TERRESTRIAL MEANS

Delivery time:

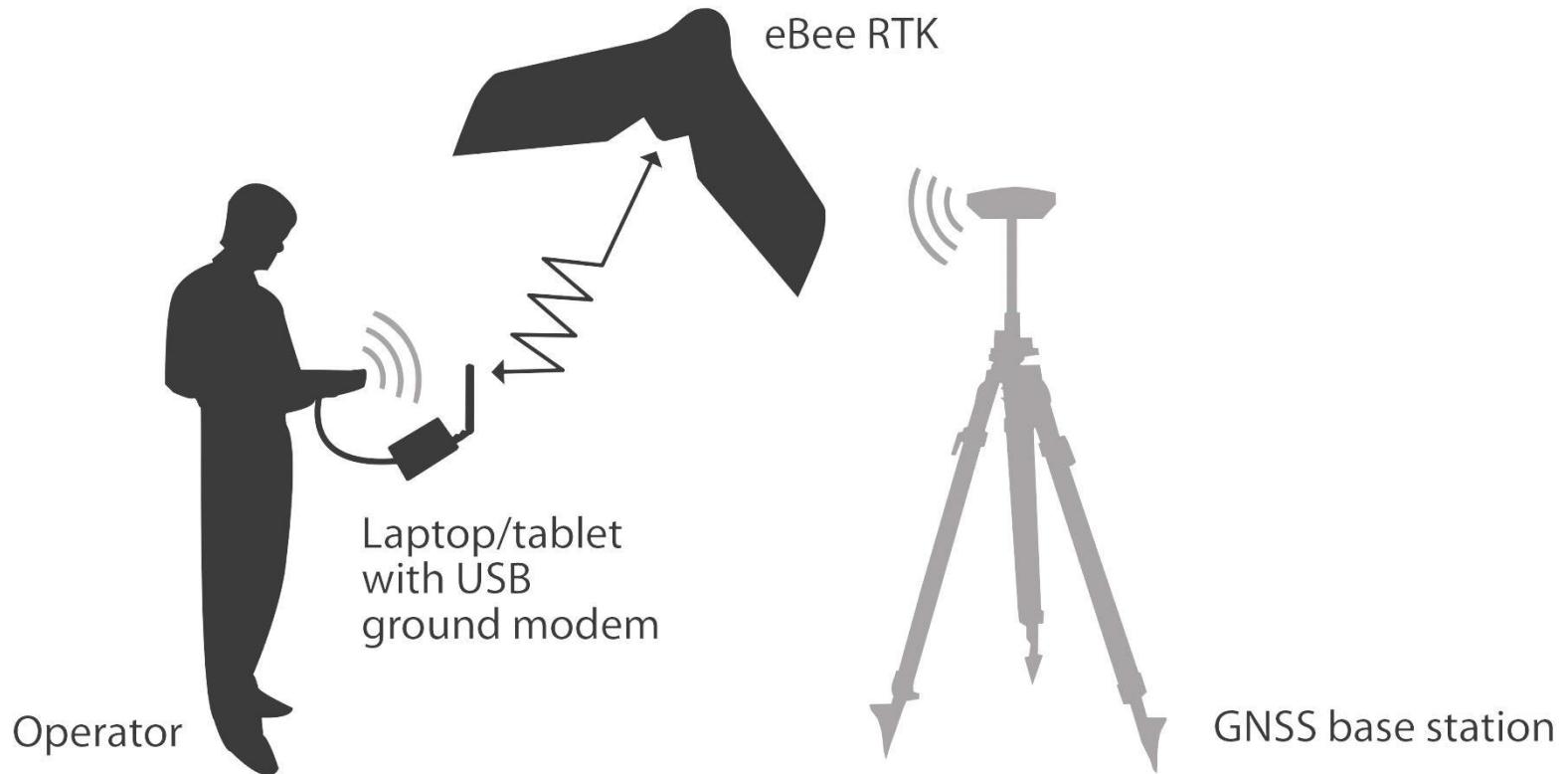
Depending on  
qualified worker  
availability

# Drone Survey

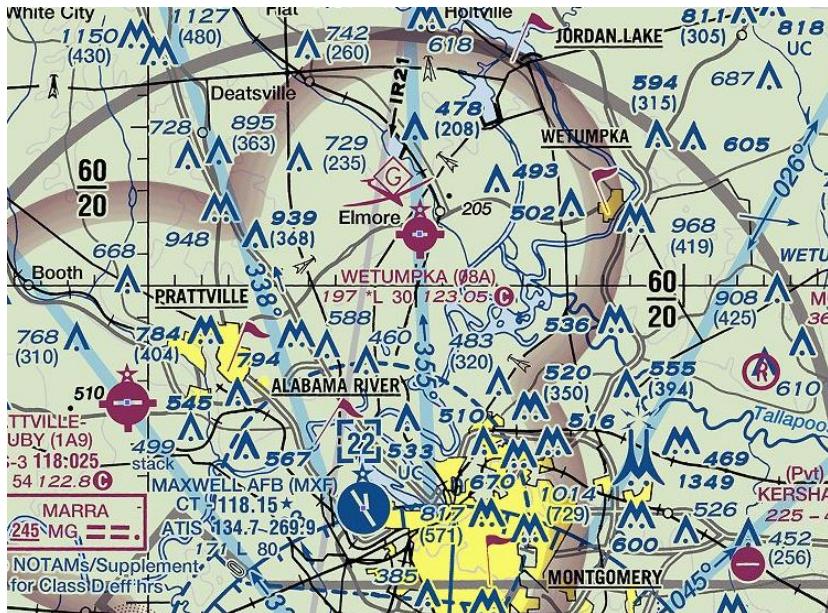


- Delivery time: Days
- Resolution: down to 1.5 cm/pixel (0.6 inch)

# Drone Operation



# Drone Mission

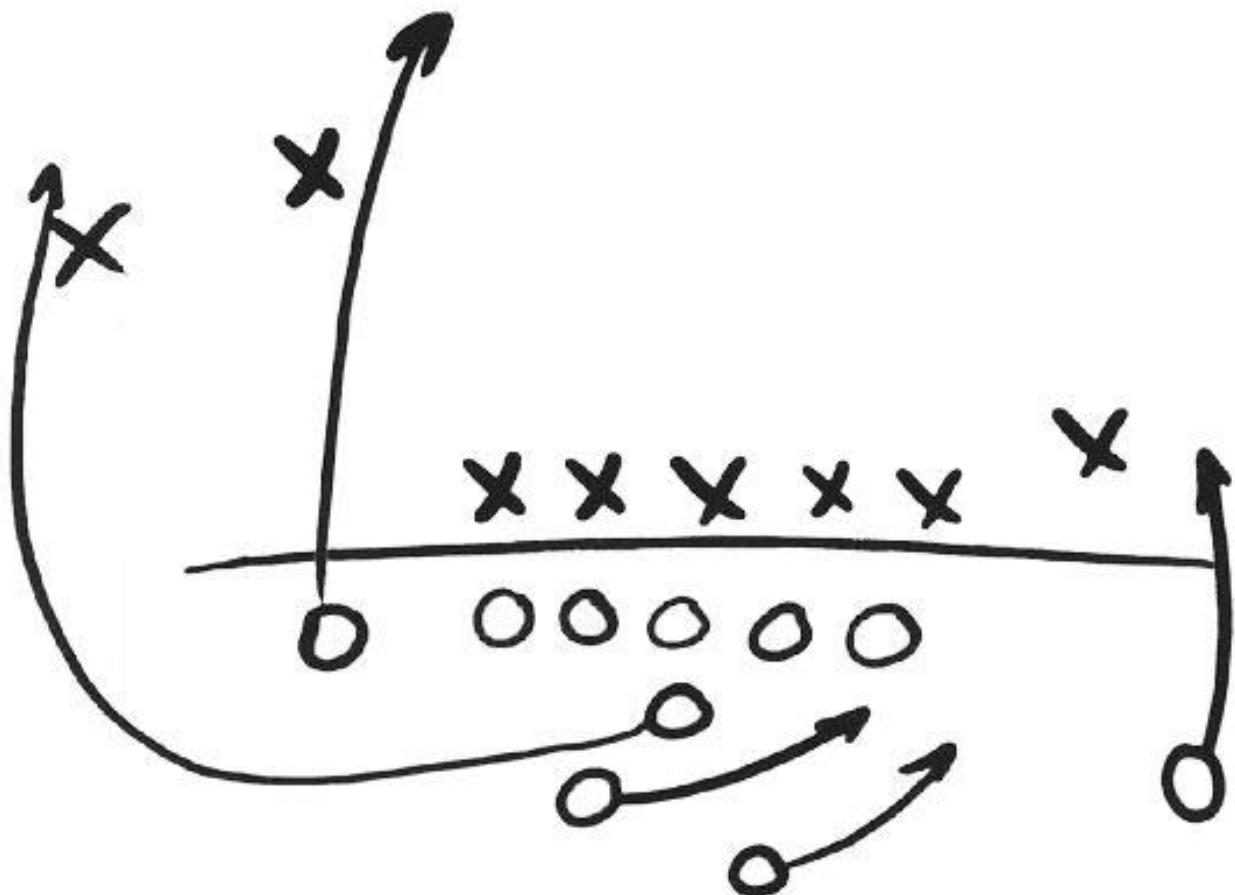


# Drone Mission



Drone Launch.mp4

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# Drone Mission



**touchdown.mp4**

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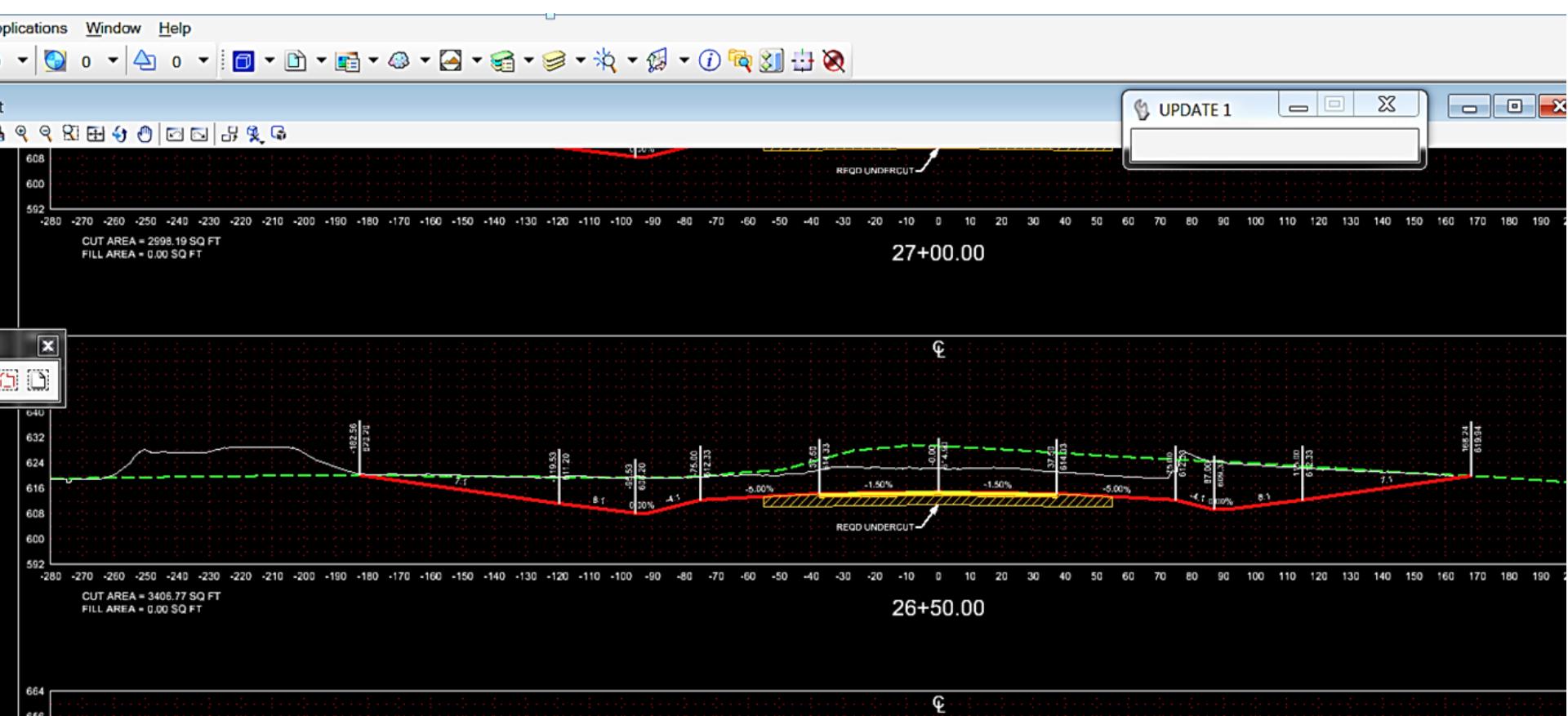


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Lanett1080p.mp4

# Case Study – Lanett Municipal Airport Runway Re-orientation



# Another tool in the toolbox



- Saves time
- Saves money
- Increases safety
- High quality data



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Thank You