



INDIAN CREEK WATERSHED PROJECT LTD.

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Attention: Phyllis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing STB Docket No. 35087

The Indian Creek Watershed Project is a not for profit 501C3 organization dedicated to improving water quality, reducing flooding, and preserving and restoring wetlands, woodlands, and other natural resources for future generations.

With our mission in mind, we have grave concerns with the current plans for the transfer of the EJ&E railroad to CN (Canadian National). The future plans for this section of track include a dramatic increase in the number of trains per day, and an increase in the number of tracks in many areas. One of those areas crosses directly over Indian Creek, and much of the EJ&E railroad impacts affect our watershed. Increases in train traffic will have an inevitable negative impact upon the watershed unless provisions are made to mitigate the changes. Future overpasses or right of way changes, if not carefully engineered will aggravate flooding of many neighborhoods (Oak Terrace in particular), and further degrade our watershed.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the Indian Creek Watershed Project Ltd's concerns. If I can be of any assistance to you regarding these issues, please do not hesitate to contact me. My e-mail address is

Sincerely,

Tori Trauscht

President, Indian Creek Watershed Project