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Scoping Item - Safety

Our county sits at a crossroad, and it is the responsibility of every citizen to gain an understanding of the full scope of this project. I speak as a concerned, yet, open citizen to all opportunities entering into our county. I used the term opportunity because if we look at everything as a problem and focus on a problem we cannot work as unit to find a solution.

It is a Fact that North Dakota produces crude oil that needs to be transported to refiners in the Northeast.

It is a Fact as of February, 52 percent of the oil transported to Northeast refiners is by rail according U.S. Energy Information Administration.

It is a Fact here in LaPorte County we are in the path of the current rail system that transports oil to Refiners in the Northeast according to the State Emergency Response Commission. Think about the increased risk?

It is a Fact that currently the oil is being shipped through the city of Chicago where it is being held up from 1 to 3 days adding significant distribution costs and endangering a mass amount of people, which is one reason we see these proposed rail lines through our communities.

It is a fact that with the keystone pipeline project being delayed, the rail systems has become the next economical option to transport crude oil. After all the federal government has put a price on a life. We are worth 8 million^{per life} according to Food and Drug Administration, if you were wondering. My question to you is, what are our family's worth to us?

It is a fact that some of the oil from North Dakota is unstable, which is why we witnessed the catastrophe in Canada claiming 47 lives, destroying a town, and dumping 1.5 million gallons of crude oil. I would like to mention in Canada 97% of the natural gas and petroleum products in the country are being transported via pipeline according to the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association.

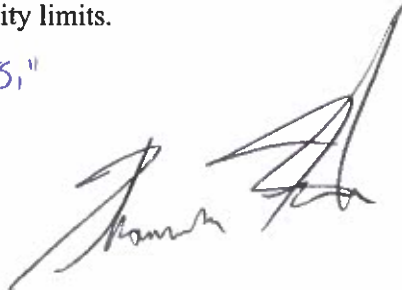
It is a fact, that in the event of a catastrophe, railroad companies have insufficient insurance coverage to pay for most extreme accident damages and disasters. Damages may require public investment to rebuild lives, fund soil or water remediation and reconstruct the local economy. Furthermore, an explosion can inflict severe property damage that can disrupt communities and neighborhoods according to the Community and Regional Development Institute at Cornell University. We saw an example of this in the Canada derailment catastrophe.

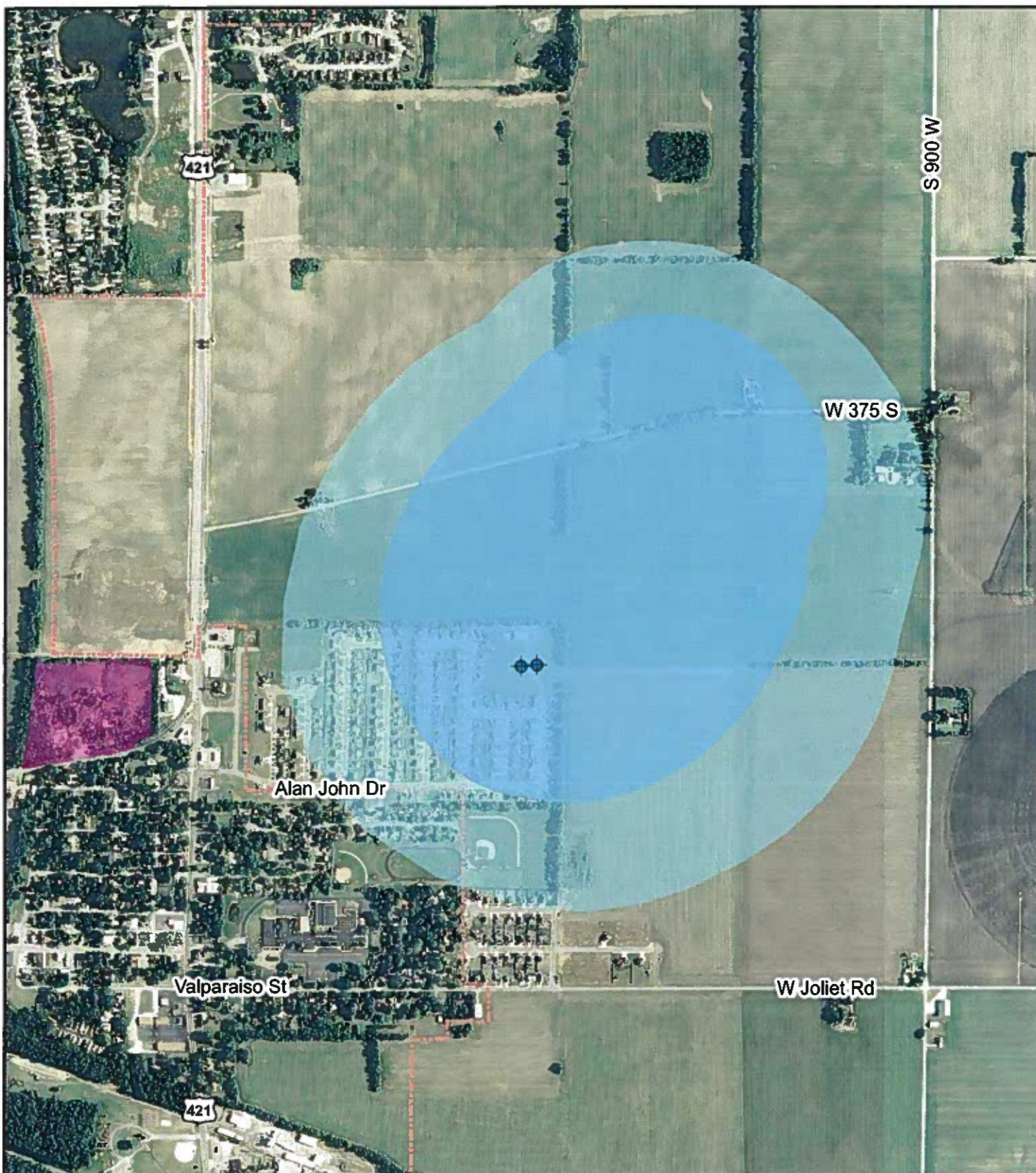
It is a fact that if the proposed rail network is approved by the surface transportation board, the doors are wide open for crude oil to be shipped at high speeds and large volumes through our communities. Should oil trains be allowed to transport at high speeds?

The community I represent here tonight is the Town of Westville, there is currently a proposed rail line the cuts through the heart of our town. There are roughly 2000 residents that live within 600-2000 ft of the proposed rail lines crossing HWY 421. ⁵¹⁴ Our residents are worth more than 8 million and the cost to rebuild a town. Here in Westville, we know a thing or two about oil contamination. We have been battling with the clean-up of the Cam-or Superfund site for over 30 years, which impacted our community greatly.

We ask the Surface Transpiration Board as the overseeing federal entity to not allow the proposed railroad to pass through the Town of Westville city limits.

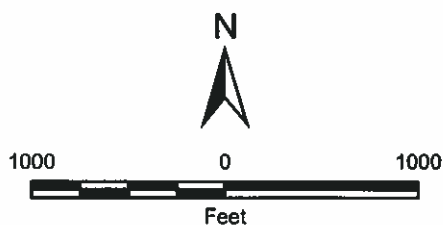
"REMEMBER THE FACTS,"





MAP FEATURES

-  Production Well
-  Revised 10 Year TOT - +0.5 MGD
-  10 Year TOT - IDEM Approved
-  CAM-OR Site
-  Incorporated_Areas_INDOT_IN



10 YEAR TIME OF TRAVEL WELLHEAD PROTECTION AREA

Westville Phase II WHPA Delineation

S.O. 28964

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 **PEERLESS-MIDWEST, INC.**

Map Source: Summer2012_Indiana Spatial Data Portal
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Scale 1: 12,000

FIGURE 1