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GLB Railroad

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Mr. Navecky, as a Farmer and land owner in and around the area that the GLB would pass I'm very much against the project. My family settled on the land where I live and Farm in the 1830's. There is no amount of money frank patton, or anyone else, can offer me to make me sell.

A 15,000 acre rail yard will devastate the area. Killing hundreds of Farm jobs. Driving rent up for Farmers in surrounding areas. Forcing hundreds of people to move out of the area. Bring pollution to the area. Contaminate local streams and ground water. Noise and dust pollution. Increase flooding from the run off which will carry all kinds of pollution straight to the Kankakee River... That this is even being considered is beyond belief.

For most of my life it's been one project after another. First Com-ed was going to build a power plant, then stone quarries, land fills, airports highways. Everyone acts like this is a waste land with nobody or anything here. Like I said my family settled here in the 1830's. People live here and like living here, they do not want to see their homes or neighbors homes destroyed so some rich guy can play railroad.

I can think of 2 cemeteries that are in the footprint of the proposal. They have burials dating back to the 1800's. What will happen to these? How do you dig up and move someone buried in a wooden box 150 years ago. Yes many of these burials still have family living here.

I hope you will do the right thing and deny the GLB Railroad project.

Thank you. Tom Forburger