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I was raised on a farm North of Clinton W that is currently in the direct path of the proposed rail, and I currently live on Hwy 140 1/2 mile from where the rail crosses Turtle Creek and 1/4 mile from where it would cross Hwy 140. This rolling land would need major excavation to construct a rail corridor that would meet the required grade for a fast moving freight train. The area also has a unique water table flowing thru the layers of limestone. The proposed rail route will ~~not only~~ cross Turtle Creek, a spring fed brook on the East side of Hwy 140 that runs year round, and 2 drainage ditches from a spring on the hillside West of Hwy 140 that are in the direct path of the rail route.

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So not only will this rail permanently delete a 200 ft swath of very productive land along its route, it will also damage the future productivity of the adjacent land by changing the soil configuration and water flows, during the construction process. I would expect that this earth movement and placement of bridge pilings will also adversely affect the well water for the rural homes ~~in this area~~. This area has had problems in the past with sand contamination whenever the local gravel pits start new digs.

Please consider the forever damage this project would invoke on the ~~stewards~~ stewards of the ⁵ ~~great~~ land & water in Rock City and the resulting permanent loss of food production capacity?

~~Thank you~~

In the past 5 years, 3 ~~major~~ ^{world food} major ~~importers~~ ^{importers} - Japan, Saudi Arabia and most recently China have publically stated that they need to secure not only food for their people, but also infrastructure + assets in foreign agriculture in order to ~~conserve~~ conserve their own land + water. Shouldn't we be doing the same?!

Thank-you!