

May 22, 2016

Mr. David Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Docket No. 35952

Dear Sir:

This letter is to ask that the Surface Transportation Board vote NO to the GREAT LAKES BASIN RAIL LINE and RAILYARD that Frank Patton of Crete, Illinois wants to build in Sumner Township, in Kankakee County, Illinois.

There are many reasons that this is not a feasible location-

1. Upsetting of the eco system of the township- which contains rare water fowl, animals indigenous to the streams in the area and a bald eagle nesting area as well.
2. Re-routing of the water ways system in the township- it has been proven impossible to re-create a creek or stream and make water move in an unfamiliar way. Water can't move uphill even though people who think they have a lot of knowledge think they can make it.
3. The loss of a more than century old church and 2 cemeteries. Cemeteries that have folks buried dating back before the Civil War.
4. The township was home to Potawatomi Indians and two Indian encampments were located in this area. Indian Chief "Yellowhead" is buried here.
5. This railway and yard would remove 1/4 of the population of the township.
6. This railway and yard would mean the loss of 1/3 of the student body of Grant Park Schools.
7. This railway and yard would mean the loss of 15,000 acres of farmland that produce corn and soybeans that help to feed the country.
8. This railway and yard would mean the loss of several homes in the township that are well over 100 years old and were historical livestock farms and stagecoach stops.
9. Who would be left to deal with the spills in the railyard to keep the chemicals and other questionable things that could come from leaking into the groundwater and streams?

10. Who takes care of the area and repairs roads and bridges that will be needed in the area?
We have seen too many other places that have dealt with things like this just left alone
and we have to fend for ourselves to deal with it. No one takes responsibility after it
built.....

These are just some of the very important reasons we ask the SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION BOARD to decide against the GREAT LAKES BASIN RAILROAD
YARD in Sumner Township, in Kankakee County, Illinois.

Thank you for your assistance with this veery important issue for those of us living here in
Sumner Township.

Sincerely,



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Sumner Township Resident my entire life

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