

Citizens for ACTION Who We Are



Citizens for ACTION: Alliance to Control Train Impact on Our Neighborhoods

Committee Goals:

- Stop the proposed third holding siding tracks for freight trains that will impact the Quality of Life in Bannockburn, Deerfield, Glenview, Lake Forest, and Northbrook
- Raise the issue of a need to address the dangerous and adverse impacts of increased hazmat freight traffic on residential neighborhoods in proximity to this congested shared rail corridor

Committee Objectives:

- Inform and educate people about the freight train holding siding track proposal
- Describe the irreversible impacts of noise, vibration and pollution on the safety, health, environment, quality of life and property values of residents in proximity to the rail corridor
- Demonstrate how having a train yard in our communities may ultimately impact people throughout the community – polluted air quality; contaminated water supply; reduced property values; longer at grade crossing closures; inability for first responders to efficiently reach some destinations; effects on students in nearby schools; and, the mile wide evacuation zone in the event of a train derailment, hazardous chemical spill or explosion Encourage and facilitate grassroots political outreach efforts to State and Federal elected officials
- Seek support for a comprehensive Environmental Impact Study as a prerequisite for any further serious consideration of the proposal
- Engage the neighboring communities of Northbrook, Deerfield, and Bannockburn to understand the impacts of increased freight traffic on their residents
- Remember that this is a political decision and the \$150M third siding rail projects would be funded by tax dollars... ***Political decisions are often influenced by public pressure.*** Encourage public pressure!