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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

WE MOVED INTO THIS SUBDIVISION A YEAR AND A HALF AGO. WE KNEW THE TRACKS WERE THERE AND HEARING 8 TRAINS A DAY ARE TOLERABLE. BUT IF AND WHEN IT GOES TO 30 A DAY IT WILL BE LIKE A SWITCHING YARD. WE LIVE BETWEEN LA GRANGE RD. AND 108 TH AVE JUST OFF NEBRASKA ST. SITTING IN MY BACK YARD IN THE SUMMERTIME LISTENING TO THESE LOUD TRAINS WAS NOT WHAT I HAD IN MIND WHEN WE MOVED HERE. IT WILL BE VERY DISRUPTIVE. THESE E. J. & E. TRAINS SEEM TO BE LOUDER THAN MOST. THE ENGINES JUST SEEM TO BE CHUGGING VERY LOUD AND SLOW. AND YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT LONGER TRAINS WITH MORE TONNAGE?

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MY MAIN CONCERNS ARE THE NOISE AND VIBRATIONS. WHAT KIND OF BERMS ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WOULD THEY BE WOODEN OR CINDER

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Mike Buzich

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## 24/7 SAFETY/QUIET ZONES [SQZ] [HUSH REGULAR TRAIN HORN BLOWING FOREVER]

A Safety/Quiet Zone is a ... “segment of a rail line [1/2 mile long minimum], within which is situated one or a number of consecutive public highway-rail crossings at which locomotive horns are not routinely sounded.”

Q: What does this mean? A: **If it blows, it goes!** No more horns at 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, ... ever again.

According to federal law, the Federal Railroad Administration delegates both the authority and responsibility to establish and maintain new 24/7 Safety/Quiet Zones to local public authorities [not railroads].

South Holland needs two intersecting 24/7 Safety/Quiet Zones designated as follows:

**North - south** ... includes the Union Pacific Railroad tracks starting ¼ mile [or more] north of the 168<sup>th</sup> Street crossing [at Wausau Ave] and ending ¼ mile [or more] south of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Street crossing [at Wausau Ave], a portion of which extends into the Village of Thornton. Both railroad crossings involve village roads.

**Northwest - southeast** ... includes the Canadian National Railway tracks starting ¼ mile [or more] northwest of the South Park Ave crossing [at 168<sup>th</sup> Street] and ending ¼ mile [or more] southeast of the 170<sup>th</sup> Street crossing [at Thornwood Dr]. South Park Ave is a state highway and 170<sup>th</sup> Street is a Cook County road.

Both of these proposed zones form a “wedge” where they intersect one another at a track intersection called an “interlocker,” which is also included in the Safety/Quiet Zone footprint initiative.

Many other communities, both local and national, have already established new 24/7 Safety/Quiet Zones that have greatly improved the safety and quality of life for residents and their families. To learn more about this proven and successful solution to silencing train horn noise pollution for good, concerned residents and public servants are encouraged to visit the Web site address: [www.geocities.com/raydurovec/QuietZone](http://www.geocities.com/raydurovec/QuietZone) where the Q in Quiet and the Z in Zone must be large and all the other characters small. Folks without home Web access may visit our library for assistance

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**SQZ Hot Line** ... 1-708-333-2164 [Ask for Ray]. Please feel free to call with any concerns regarding this matter or send e-mail to [raydurovec@yahoo.com](mailto:raydurovec@yahoo.com) Also call if you are interested in signing a petition addressing this issue.

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