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if this is a sound business's plan run by private individuals why on earth would you ask for eminent domain at a ridiculously low price, up front? Eminent domain has its place, but this definitely is not how it was supposed to be used. Go out and negotiate with the landowners on the route, then if you can get 80 or 90% of them to go along with you, then apply for it (I still don't believe that's how it was intended by our forefathers) but at least you will have some justification for it. As it stands now, it is outright theft by private individuals and nothing more than a huge land grab and a scam proposed by the next Bernie Madoff. I've been involved almost first hand in several projects scattered throughout the area concerning private landowners and commercial ventures. Prices have ranged from \$40,000 per acre for farmland in the middle of no where, \$75,000 per acre for large tracts of farm ground to be used for warehouses near the intermodal , to \$3.50 a square foot for large tracts of farm land (which is \$152,460 per acre) within a few miles of town. These were projects that were far less destructive to the land and communities than the proposed rail line. The rail is nothing more than a wall, traveled by hazardous materials, dividing counties and farms.