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Ms. Gosselin

Please accept this email as my desire to participate in the Section 106 process for the Norfolk Southern Railway Company proposed abandonment of rail in Aurora Ohio (Docket No. AB 290 Sub-No. 394x).

As a property owner of an adjoining parcel I have concerns regarding the abandonment of this section of railway and the proposed 455ft to remain near the Aurora Train station as I don't believe that it adequately protects a large enough section of railway. The NSR railway was established as the Cleveland & Mahoning Railroad in 1856. This railway connected Cleveland to Pittsburgh and the east coast. This expansion allowed the Town of Aurora to transform into a dairy farming and recreation center which would allow Aurora to become a major player in the region through the rest of the 19th century.

In 1913 after a very hard winter a massive flood occurred due to the collapse of the railway embankment roughly a 1/2 mile east of the Aurora Train Station. The embankment is where the Aurora Branch of the Chagrin River crosses underneath the railway. This flood destroyed many buildings and businesses. This marked a benchmark for the residents of Aurora, commonly referred to by "before or after the flood". This embankment was replaced allowing for Aurora to continue its growth and prosperity.

I personally believe that the section of railway stretching east from the Aurora Train Station (roughly a half mile) should also be preserved and recognized for the impact it played in shaping the Town of Aurora.

I look forward to helping preserve a piece of Aurora's past by participating in the process. I look forward to learning more about the process.

Thank you

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