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Docket FD35952

I have lived in this 114 year old house since 1960 and upon my marriage in 1973 and my mother moving to a senior facility , my husband and I moved here, so 56 years.

I served as Spring Township Supervisor and have been involved in commuity organizations. I am totally against the GLB project and below list the negative and positive aspects as I see them.

1. Total waste of quality farmland. Farmland is valuable - how many farmers will be put out of business?
2. Spring Township has extreeely high water tables and consists of natural springs throughout the township. This leads to extreme danger to our acquifyer - leading directly into the Great Lakes, and our natural wetlands.
3. There is a large natural gas pipeline Northeast of Shattuck Road, and a BP Amoco oil pipeline west of Shattuck Road which will be threatened by repeated train crossover and jolting - very dangerous and potentially disasterous.
4. Hardship to residents with consideration to closed local roads, delay of emergency services, long term back ups of trains parked and running for hours.
5. Noise pollution. Constant train traffic and vibration - a huge change to our environment.
6. Danger to wildlife and wildlife habitat, wetlands and prairie. i.e. Garden Prairie's Kishwakee River and Coon Creek and surrounding marsh and wetlands serving as nesting and migrating bird stopovers. Little Mosquito Creek is a home for beavers, fishing area for Great Blue Herons and kingfishers.
7. Total inconsideration to the local terrain, never meant to be a suburbon eyesore.
8. Imminent Domain for Private investors gain is morally wrong.
9. By the year 2050, farmers will need to produce 4 times the food that

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they are now producing to meet human food demand. (PBS)

Local Benefits:

ABSOLUTELY NONE just greed at its ugliest.

We do not live in pods here - we enjoy being outside, walking, gardening, birdwatching and valuing the countryside. Limiting easy access for farmers - for God's sake our rich soil grows a heck of a lot of corn, beans and farm to market produce for restarants and families.

If passed, will anyone wake up to the sound of our songbirds? Or the evening call of the Great Horned Owl? Tragic Loss. Huge destruction of quality of life for people and wildlife.

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Our Property is a Certified Wildlife Habitat No. 198214 National Wildlife Federation

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2 pg. Attachment

Spring 2016

Birds living or migrating through our property - continuous birdsong

3145 Shattuck Road, Belvidere, IL

Planned GLB Roadway - only 1/4 mile away, circling around

Blue Heron flies through from wetlands to nesting area

Flickers

Baltimore Orioles

Wrens

Red Headed Woodpeckers

Thrushes

Cardinals

Mockingbirds

Finches

Blue Buntings

Great Horned Owls

Hoot Owls

Robins

Sparrows several types

Cowbirds

Black Birds

Starlings

Doves

Turkeys

Turkey Buzzards

Red Tailed Hawks

Ladderbacks

Downey Woodpeckers

Hairy "

Red Polls

Hummingbirds

Blue Jays

Swallows

Purple Martins

Rose Breasted Grosbeaks

Rufus Towhee

Mockingbirds

Horned Larks

Red Winged Blackbirds

Eagles - one nest SE of here in existence for 7 years and located near a proposed spur

Natural plantings and cover provide a welcome home for the birds, butterflies, moths and frogs

How much of this will be driven out due to disruption of GLB?

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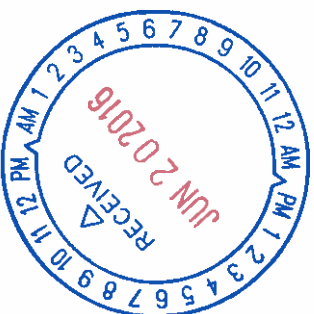
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