

News Release

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Round Lake Beach Passes Agreement to Establish Quiet Zone Corridor

The Village of Round Lake Beach has been working with communities along the Canadian National (CN) rail line and Metra, which runs its North Central service, to create a new quiet zone corridor under recently adopted federal rules. This rail corridor previously had limited or no whistle bans. *According to Mayor Richard Hill* "Creating a quiet zone corridor benefits towns all along the line, since only a select number of crossings along the whole corridor need to be improved". This approach saves towns from individually hiring expensive consulting firms.

Communities involved in the creation of the CN quiet zone are Wheeling, Buffalo Grove, Mundelein, Libertyville, Grayslake, Round Lake Beach, Lake Villa, and Antioch, as well as Lake County. The Village of Buffalo Grove has volunteered to be the lead community along the CN line.

The communities had signed a Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate in the quiet zone creation process, and hired a consulting firm to analyze what improvements needed to be made, and the potential costs involved. Upon completion of the analysis it was found that only two railroad crossings needed to be modified, neither of which are located within the Village of Round Lake Beach. Currently the communities are in the process of adopting intergovernmental agreements reaffirming their commitment to the establishment of a Quiet Zone. All the communities are expected to have the intergovernmental agreements adopted by the middle of September.

Once all of the communities have adopted the intergovernmental agreement and the modifications to the designated railway intersections have been made a Notice of Establishment of a New Quiet Zone for the Quiet Zone Corridor will be distributed to all Parties, plus the Federal Railroad Administration, the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Canadian National Railway, the Illinois Commerce Commission, and Metra (NIRC). The Quiet Zone will become effective upon the final approval of all the communities which is expected to be in mid September.

Please contact David Kilbane, Village Administrator at 847-546-2351 or inquiries@rlbeach.org for more information.