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Introducing the Trees for Trails Program

By Diana Lund, IPPc Board Member

This year The Illinois Prairie Path not-for-profit corporation (The IPPc) has partnered with the DuPage County Division of Transportation to launch a beautification program called "Trees for Trails," whose mission is to replace a collective loss of trees from along DuPage County trails. We are concerned about the health of the forests because of the emerald ash borer (EAB), which was found in DuPage County in 2007 at a Glendale Heights shopping mall. There have been numerous EAB outbreaks in Illinois since. Even though our villages' forestry departments have procedures to reduce the impact of the EAB and the public is on the lookout for this destructive pest, the beetle will most likely propagate to the ash trees along our trails. Trees may die due to the expected effects of EAB, or also from disease, storm damage, age, or other causes. As a proactive measure, we have begun Trees for Trails.

Anyone can donate any amount toward the purchase of a shrub or tree. Then, each fall the landscapers for DuPage County will plant the purchased greenery where re-

placements are needed. To kick off the program, The IPPc has donated \$6,000 for the 2008 planting, which equates to twelve and a half shrubs or eleven and a half trees, and has pledged to make donations for the next two years. Although the period of accepting donations for the 2008 season is over, we need your support, as individuals or as organizations, for future plantings.

Which trails does this program cover?

Principally the Illinois Prairie Path and the Great Western Trail, but it could also include the Southern DuPage County Regional Trail or any other DuPage County-maintained trails.

What types of trees will be planted?

Maple, hackberry, honeylocust, coffeetree, oak, and linden.

What types of shrubs will be planted?

Serviceberry, hawthorn, and viburnum.

What is the size of the trees and shrubs?

Shade trees will be 2½" in di-

ameter, intermediate trees will be 2" in diameter, and ornamentals a 5' clump.

How can I be assured that Commonwealth Edison will not hack the branches of these newly-purchased trees?

As part of the program, trees won't be planted in places where they will interfere with power lines.

How much does a tree or a shrub cost?

The full cost for a shrub (full cost includes landscaping expenses and maintenance for a year) is \$475 and for a tree is \$525.

Can I donate \$30 toward the

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The 2008 Illinois Prairie Path Cleanup in Glen Ellyn

*By Jean Mooring and Diana Lund, IPPc
Board Members*

The week leading up to Saturday, April 26th was warm. And then a front moved in, making this year's Path cleanup morning crisp and cold, and then later in the day it became cool and breezy. Like last year in Glen Ellyn, the Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission managed the event in tandem with the Recycling Extravaganza, which was held on a public parking lot west of the public library. Members of the newly-formed Glenbard West Eco Club, along with Kristen Denney, Glen Ellyn Staff Liaison to the Environmental Commission, presided over the IPP sign-up table located on the Prairie Path right-of-way near the trail. Several days in advance, Jennifer Brown led Glen Ellyn Public Works employees in installing signs near Prairie Path Park which announced the cleanup date, time, and location of the sign-up table.

According to a cheerful Rebecca Stephan of the Eco Club, some sixty-five volunteers signed in to work. But perhaps as many as eighty people actually participated. At least twenty of the volunteers cleaned the Great Western Trail; the rest worked on cleaning the Illinois Prairie Path, including several IPPc board members: Jean Mooring, Paul Mooring, Susan Terwedow, Bob Bernero, and Diana Lund.

Although the Path was closed between Park Boulevard and Taylor Avenue due to the Montclair Avenue parking lot reconstruction project, Diana decided to take on this area so that the Path would be clean for its reopening in July. Her most interesting find was a make-up case filled with every type of makeup and makeup paraphernalia imaginable, including a metal gadget to apply false eyelashes. Strangely, in a half-block area, she also found a variety of sports equipment: a tennis ball, a golf ball, a Frisbee, a bicycle pump, and a baseball. Having found these in the forest, she wondered how these sports items got there. Regardless, she distributed the cleanest items to the children in her neighborhood.



Sam Pyne, Mark Newell and Margaret Mooring cut up long, ugly and hazardous fallen tree stump on IPP west of Hill Avenue in rural Glen Ellyn.

The Mooring group—Paul, Jean, Margaret from Madison, Wisconsin, cousin Sam Pyne, Mark Newell, and later, Susan Terwedow—took on a large area both west and east of Hill Avenue. Jean noted that it was obvious some organization had done preliminary work a week or two

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The 2008 Earth Day Cleanup in Winfield

By Erik Spande, IPPc Board Member

Each Illinois Prairie Path (IPP) annual trail cleanup is memorable in its own right. The Winfield 2007 cleanup was remarkable due to the wonderful weather and enthusiastic turnout. This year the Village of Winfield's trustees and Village President Rudy Czech voted to officially sponsor the Winfield IPP trail cleanup and also to expand cleanup activities throughout Winfield as part of ongoing Earth Day activities. Thus, the 2008 annual IPP cleanup of the Geneva Spur near Winfield expanded and became the 2008 Winfield Earth Day cleanup, and the Village promoted and publicized the IPP and Earth Day cleanup to all its residents.

Village Trustee Jack Bajor, one of the long-time volunteers for the IPP cleanups, mentioned he'd like to see one of his favorite areas—the forest preserve lake at the northwest corner of County Farm and Geneva Roads—cleaned up as part of Earth Day. This idea got a lot of people thinking about how we could extend our reach and forge new relationships with like-minded organizations. We made contact with the DuPage County Forest Preserve District and they were thrilled with the idea of an organized volunteer group helping clean up an area of the preserve. They were so thrilled, in fact, that they offered to send one of their rangers and a support truck to help

in our work! Allying with the forest preserve seemed only natural, and it was perfectly in keeping with the spirit of Earth Day.

As the Saturday April 26th cleanup date got closer, we sent out the word to the stalwart regulars of the Winfield IPP cleanup crew and other local civic organizations—such as Winfield United and the Winfield Area Gardeners. The village sent out Save-the-Date notices, posted IPP cleanup flyers, and announced the call for volunteers on Winfield's public television channel. I received a good number of calls from interested parties, including a few from boy scout groups. Clearly we had some new momentum.

But then the day arrived. It was rather damp and downright cold with a stiff wind from the north. I waited at the IPP parking lot at Geneva and County Farm Roads and wondered: will anyone come? Dreary weather seems to reduce turnout. In short order, though, the cars and bicyclists started to roll in.

A large white truck from the forest preserve pulled up and Senior Ranger John Roschay introduced himself. He had brought all manner of supplies, including gloves, remote grabbers, safety glasses, and plastic bags. After everyone signed a forest preserve waiver—such are the legal necessities these days—John gave the assembled group useful safety tips and instructions on how to use the grabbers. Furthermore, he said that if the participants segregated glass, aluminum, and paper from general trash, then he'd take care of recycling for us. He even

handed out different colored bags for the recyclables. We all thought this was a terrific idea. Cleaning up trash is one thing. But being able to better live up to Earth Day ideals by recycling was a true bonus.



Ranger John, with the "grabbers" he supplied, is standing next to a volunteer

Fifty people showed up for the Winfield Earth Day Cleanup, which is far and away a record turnout. Over twenty of us met

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Our Zip Code Has Changed to 60187

As of July 1, 2008, the Wheaton zip code north of Roosevelt Road is now 60187. Please bear with us as we work to change our stationery, templates, and Web site. In the meantime, if you send us correspondence, please double-check that the address is correct. It should be:

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Arbor Day Celebration in Glen Ellyn

By Jean Mooring, IPPc Board Member

A rather drab section of weedy trees on the Illinois Prairie Path in Glen Ellyn got a face lift on May 14. This downtown section is one of the narrowest parts of the former Chicago, Aurora and Elgin Railway right-of-way, lying between Main Street and Prospect, immediately adjacent to and south of the Union Pacific Railroad. Commonwealth Edison has an easement in perpetuity here. Over the years, the ComEd contractors, in an effort to keep the trees from growing up into the power lines on the right-of-way, deformed the trees, mainly box elders.

The Illinois Prairie Path not-



St. Petronille student prepares to cut twine protecting branches of newly-planted shrub on Illinois Prairie Path in Glen Ellyn for Arbor Day celebration, May 14, 2008. Village public works crew and truck in background.



St. Petronille teachers and Glen Ellyn Public Works employees overseeing Arbor Day planting.

for-profit corporation has been helping to clean this substandard section for thirty years, wanting some agency to do a major landscaping makeover. In 2008 that dream came true when fifth and sixth grade students at St. Petronille School in Glen Ellyn inspired a coalition of Commonwealth Edison, DuPage County, and the Village of Glen Ellyn to plant attractive, low-growing trees and shrubs in this section. ComEd donated \$7,000 to purchase the plants, which Glen Ellyn Forester Peggy Drescher ordered, and the village paid \$100 for a permit from the county, owner of the right-of-way. Additionally, before and during the workday, the Glen Ellyn Public Works Department removed the existing undesirable trees and supplied a crew and equipment to do the heavy work.

For this Arbor Day event, the weather was perfect, and the 120 or so St. Petronille students and their teachers who turned out had a great time. They planted the following trees—one Pagoda Dogwood, two White Fringetree, two Cornelian Cherry-Dogwood,

and four American Plum—and the following shrubs—eight American Filbert, eight Blackhaw Viburnum, six Nannyberry Viburnum, fourteen Red Chokeberry, and six Ninebark. Besides planting the trees and shrubs, they also pulled up bushels of garlic mustard, which had crowded out most of the native prairie plants that formerly grew there.



St. Petronille students, assisted by Glen Ellyn Public Works employees, dig holes to plant shrubs on Illinois Prairie Path to celebrate Arbor Day, May 14, 2008.

The Illinois Prairie Path Board thanks the schoolchildren and all the adults who helped complete this major Path improvement.

Got a Question?



**Just call us at
630-752-0120
(Voice Mail)**

Trees for Trails
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Purchase of a tree or shrub?

Yes, any donation amount is welcome and appreciated.

Can I select which tree or shrub I want planted?

You may list your preference. The County's final decision will also take into account what will grow best in the area where it will be planted and how it will fit in with the other trees, shrubs, and vegetation in its surroundings.

Can I select where I want the tree or shrub planted?

You may list your preference for a general location (for example, the Illinois Prairie Path in Wheaton). The County's final decision will also be based upon greatest need and other factors, such as drainage, future projects disruption, maintenance issues, and power lines. The County will do its best to honor the particular trail selected. When partial donations for a particular trail don't add up to a full tree or shrub, they may be combined with money slotted for another trail so that a tree or

shrub can be purchased.

Once I donate money, how can I find out where a tree or shrub was planted?

The County will list the trees and shrubs it purchased with the donations and the location of each

planting on its Web site at www.dupageco.org/bikeways.

What happens if the tree or shrub dies?

The landscaper guarantees all plantings for a year.

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(payable to The Illinois Prairie Path)**

Trees for Trails
c/o The Illinois Prairie Path
P.O. Box 1573
Wheaton IL 60187

630-752-0120
www.ipp.org

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

**Tree/Shrub preference
(check one):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Maple | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hackberry | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honeylocust | <input type="checkbox"/> Serviceberry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coffeetree | <input type="checkbox"/> Hawthorn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oak | <input type="checkbox"/> Viburnum |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Linden | |

**Trail preference
(check one):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The Illinois Prairie Path | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great Western Trail | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Southern DuPage County Regional Trail | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other DuPage County Trail (specify): | |

Community Location Preference _____

_____ *if any*

Donation Amount \$ _____

Any amount acceptable

Full cost of one TREE: \$525
one SHRUB: \$475

Winfield Cleanup

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at the corner of County Farm and Geneva Roads. Cold winds notwithstanding, we broke up into groups to scour Winfield Road, the nearby Timber Ridge Forest Preserve and Timber Lake, and the trail from the Elgin Branch to the Great Western Trail. Within minutes we had all started working, which also helped us keep moving (and warm) against the cold.



Some of the Winfield volunteers bundled up against the cold

I ended up spending most of my time in the forest preserve. Early on it became clear from the abundance of empty beer containers and other unsavory trash that the area around the lake has been used by locals as Party Central for many years. While we were working our way around the lake, we met a local fisherman that, over the years, had been dragging out 55-gallon bags of cans now and then and sorting what he couldn't carry out into piles. His enormous debris piles were pretty convenient now that we wanted to clean it up and haul it out. The fisherman was elated to have a

fairly large group come and help him—the mess was far too much for any one person to dispose of. He cheerfully dropped his fishing pole and charged into the forest with Ranger John and the volunteers. In a short time we each had at least two bags full of bottles and other assorted unpleasant debris. The lake is a pretty nice place, but now it is much nicer without all the years of accumulated drinking detritus. We used garden carts to drag the heavy bags back to the parking area or the trail, where John loaded all the trash and recyclables into his work truck. That was a lot of work.

A group from Winfield United tackled the area adjacent to Winfield Road and south of Geneva Road. There was a surprising amount of blown-in and general trash, and the volunteers filled up their vehicles with several loads of debris. As in previous years, the accumulated pile of trash was staged at the IPP Geneva Spur at Winfield Road. This group kept working well past noon and they still hadn't made it all the way south to the Central DuPage Hospital area. They found the most trash in the mowed areas and in the adjacent Winfield Mounds Forest Preserve (apparently these were drinking areas, too).

Other groups scoured the trail from the Elgin Branch to the Great Western Trail and the parking area of Kline Creek Farm. They reported that the trail and parking area were pretty clean, but there was still some blown-in trash. We arranged with Ranger John to leave most of the bagged trash near the information sign at Kline

Creek Farm.

Our last and perhaps most enthusiastic group was the bilingual Saturday class from the St. Andrews/San Andres Lutheran Church Sunday School. I assigned this group the Geneva Spur from Winfield Road to Prince Crossing. Over thirty students and their adult chaperones formed a cleanup wave that descended on the Geneva Spur. Each student brought their own grocery garbage bag, and everyone raced to pick up the most. The Geneva Spur has likely never been cleaned so well in its long history. Plus, there is nothing as wonderful as all those bright and shining faces bringing cheer to the IPP; they got good exercise, supported a terrific cause, enjoyed a scenic area (one of my personal favorites) and got to know the IPP.



Cleanup in action!

I have to say I'm very pleased with how the IPP cleanup has acted as a catalyst for something bigger—the Winfield Earth Day cleanup. In retrospect it seems natural to form links with like-minded civic organizations, local villages, and towns and governmental agencies like the forest preserve. Highly successful IPP

cleanup efforts like those in Wheaton and Glen Ellyn have done this for years, and we've learned from their example. It is satisfying that the folks in Winfield are doing more and more to clean up the IPP, public spaces, and forest preserve spaces that we all value. The best part for me was being able to work with the extraordinary people who have a well-developed feeling of community and are willing to donate a few hours of their time for a worthy cause. It was amazing what we got done on a Saturday morning, and I hope that next year you'll join us!



*St. Andrews/San Andres—
a job well done.*

Trees for Trails

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Will the donor names be put on a plaque?

No, but the County will post the list of donors on its Web site.

Where can I find out more information?

Go to the DuPage County Web site at www.dupageco.org/bike-ways, or e-mail Deborah Fagan at dfagan@dupageco.org, or call her

Montclair Parking Lot Project Complete

As part of a twenty-year plan to update the roads, improve storm drainage and replace old underground pipes, this summer the Village of Glen Ellyn made the recommended improvements to the Montclair commuter parking lot on the edge of the downtown area. The Village teamed up with DuPage County to also improve the adjacent Illinois Prairie Path: widening and improving the Path's surface, adding lighting, and landscaping. Previous to the work, this section of limestone path was usually one of the last sections of path to dry after a rainstorm. Rotted railroad ties separated parked cars from the trail. The badly torn-up lot was an eyesore to walk past.

By the end of August, the area had a new look. The lot is once again smooth, and the Path is now asphalt for a block and dries quickly after a rain. Cute, yesterday lampposts line the Path along the lot to just beyond the Taylor

at 630-407-6883.

To make a donation, fill out the form on page 5 and send it to (note that this address is different from The IPPc address) :

Trees for Trails
c/o The Illinois Prairie Path
P.O. Box 1573
Wheaton, IL 60187



Jogger travels over new section of asphalt Path adjacent to the Montclair parking lot in Glen Ellyn. Three new lampposts are on the left. If you look closely, you can spot The IPPc trash container next to one of the lampposts.

Avenue bridge. Permanent flower planters adorn Park Boulevard and landscapers have planted grasses, shrubs, and some trees on the section between the new parking lot curb and the Path. Crosswalks are boldly marked in white for safe passage.

Bike, run, or walk through Glen Ellyn and check out the improvements.

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Please let us know**



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Open House at St. James Farm Forest Preserve

By Jean Mooring, IPPC Board Member

Brooks McCormick's vision is coming true at his famous horse farm, St. James Farm in Winfield. He wanted the wetlands, woodlands, and prairie remnants, with their attendant wildlife, to be preserved for the enjoyment of future generations. And so he sold his property to the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County in 2000, retaining his right to live there until he died in 2006.

On May 24-26, hundreds of visitors enjoyed viewing the many amenities of this new 607-acre forest preserve, which opened briefly to the public. Still improving and renovating the property, the DuPage County Forest Preserve

District has the farm open only on select days. Visitors can find an updated calendar on the Forest Preserve District's Web site at www.dupageforest.com.

The Illinois Prairie Path has a special bond with St. James Farm because many years ago Brooks McCormick generously moved his fence back twenty feet to allow us to use a portion of his property for our trail right-of-way, which leads to the farm's underpass under Butterfield Road. Without that beautiful bypass, our users would have been forced to cross heavily-traveled Butterfield Road at grade with great risk.

My husband Paul and I attended the opening ceremonies on a perfect, sunny day as representatives of The Illinois Prairie Path not-for-profit corporation. DuPage County Forest Preserve Commission President Dewey Pierotti was the principal speaker at the

flag-raising ceremony. Pierotti gave a historical overview of the Forest Preserve District and told the crowd how much he loves his job; he promised to protect the district's holdings for as long as he lives. Many in the audience understood this to mean that he will continue to defend the several forest preserves that would be severely harmed if the Elgin, Joliet, and Eastern Railroad is acquired by the Canadian National Railroad, as proposed.

The president also mentioned the Prairie Path, noting that it is visible from the sixty-two-stall horse stable.

Other speakers included Forest Preserve Executive Director Brent Manning, Congressman Peter Roskam, and St. James Farm Director Wayne Zaininger. Forest Preserve Commissioner Roger Kotecki, who rode his bike to the open house via the Prairie Path, was in the audience.

According to the forest preserve district brochure, "Chauncey and Marion McCormick acquired the initial 203 acres in 1920. Chauncey was a great-nephew of Cyrus McCormick, who invented the first commercially successful mechanical reaper and co-founded McCormick Reaper Works, which would later join the Deering Harvester Company to become the International Harvester Corporation." The McCormicks built a red brick horse stable and various structures to support their herd of Guernsey cows.

When their son Brooks McCormick inherited the property in the late 1950s, he and his wife Hope began to augment the estate's



Dolphin fountain in pavilion near former jump course, judging tower, and caboose.



Flag-raising at Open House at St. James Farm May 24, 2008, in front of the red brick barn.

equestrian facilities. They then used them, by means of a steeplechase race, to benefit various charitable organizations, such as St. James Riding School for the Handicapped and Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital.

Brooks McCormick was a lover of nature and supported many environmental causes near and far. The Illinois Prairie Path users and the people of DuPage County and beyond are truly indebted to this good man.

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earlier since the Path was quite clean. Nevertheless, the group gathered several bags of bottles, cans, and assorted litter. From the unincorporated area west of Hill Avenue, they also cleared out rotted tree stumps and other dead tree sections. The accumulation was enough to fill one tractor bucket.

According to Jennifer Brown, the total trash collected from both trails filled five to six front-end

loader tractor buckets, which included quite a few beer bottles from the ditches near the Wheaton city limits.

The Mooring party agreed it had been another fun day, and for Susan, who found a dollar, it was somewhat lucrative. When we were all finished—from Hillside to Maywood to Elmhurst to Villa Park to Lombard to Wheaton to to Warrenville to Naperville to Batavia to Aurora to West Chicago to Elgin—the Path looked great.

Geneva Spur Drainage Project Completion

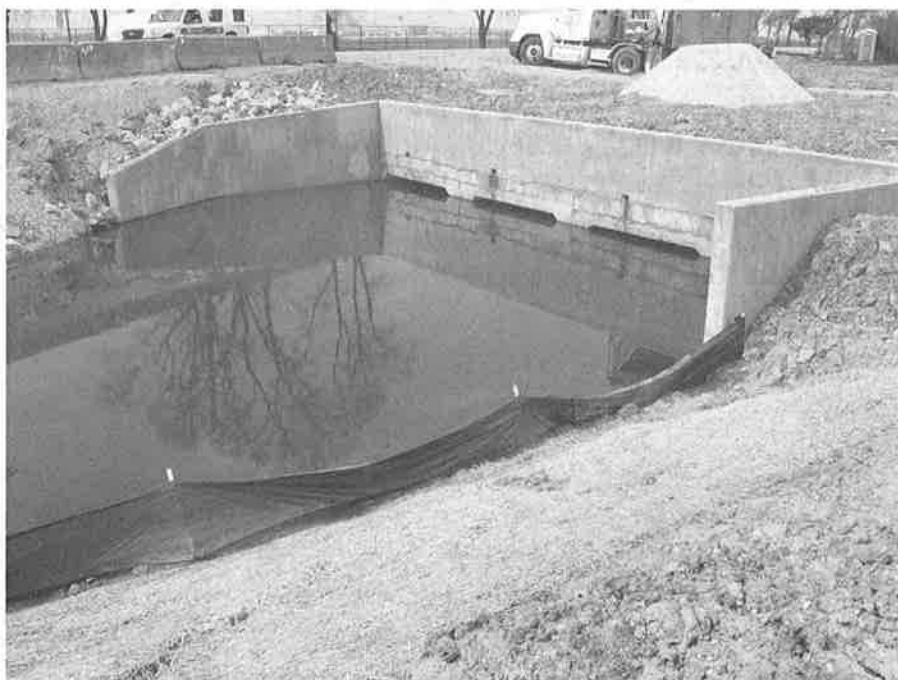
News from Deborah Fagan, Chief Planner and County Trail System Coordinator

Over the last five years, DuPage County Division of Transportation has been working with the DuPage County Department of Engineering to replace aging drainage structures and bridges along the path system. At present, work is finishing up along the last phase of this project, which is located on the Geneva Spur on the east side of Kress Road. This \$1.3 million project by Boulder Construction will include restoration with wet and mesic prairie seeding, which should look very attractive and maintain clear sight lines at the roadway crossing.

Got a story idea?



Drop an e-mail to the editor, Diana Lund: sprocketbecane@aol.com. The St. James Farm story was a suggestion from a member.



The Illinois Prairie Path Makes Hall of Fame

In August, the Rails to Trails Conservancy named the Illinois Prairie Path to the RTC's Rail-Trail Hall of Fame. The IPP is the sixth trail to receive this high honor. We are proud to be stewards of the first great rail-trail in the United States.

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**Sunday, November 2nd for
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Public Hearings Continue on Canadian National Railway Proposed Acquisition

Through the summer, approximately thirty towns along the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railroad have organized to oppose the Canadian National Railway Company's proposed acquisition of E, J & E West Company. The tracks run through towns from Waukegan to Barrington to Joliet to northwest Indiana. And the tracks intersect the Illinois Prairie Path in Wayne, West Chicago, Warrenville, and Naperville. Currently five freight trains travel through the area a day. The CN proposal will quadruple that number to twenty.

Residents are concerned about noise, delays, and safety. The IPPc Board's first concern is trail safety at the three at-grade crossings where there are no signals to alert a trail user to an oncoming train and the track passage has wide gaps in which a bike tire or foot could get caught. The U.S. Surface Transportation Board, who will make a final decision on the company merger, has not responded to The IPPc's formal opposition.

Congressman Dan Lipinski, who helps to oversee the Surface Transportation Board, is in favor of the merger. A decision is expected in early 2009.

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\$40.00 per shirt, plus shipping and handling. Sizes M, L & XL in blue. Only XL left in natural.



(\$30) and XXL (\$35) plus shipping and handling.

The 7.26 oz. 100% cotton long sleeve denim shirt is available in both natural (light khaki) and light blue denim colors. It features wood-tone buttons, double-needle stitching and a button-down pocket.

This 100% cotton polo (medium brown) features an embroidered IPPc logo (green and white thread) with three wood-tone buttons. Sizes S, M, L, XL,

Kelly green T-shirt with white logo on front & larger logo on the back.



\$15 + S&H. Sizes M & XL.

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Prairie Path Trail Etiquette



Regulations to Protect People, Animals and Power Lines:

- Cyclists and equestrians should give an audible warning when overtaking another user by calling out "passing on the left."
- Users should make an effort to stay to the right when traveling on the Path.
- Cyclists should not travel at excessive speeds.
- Care should be given when approaching horses to avoid "spooking" them.
- Cyclists (really all users) should stay on the surfaced portion of the path and not damage native vegetation and landscaped areas.
- Cyclists should wear helmets at all times.
- Pets must be leashed and you must clean up after them.
- No motorized vehicles are allowed (county law). Power-assisted wheelchairs *are* allowed.
- No firearms, kites, or remote controlled toys.
- No hunting.
- No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances.
- We provide trash containers at many intersections—please use them.
- Camping is not allowed on the Path. The Path is adjacent to several county forest preserves. For camping information call the DuPage County Forest Preserve District, 630-933-7200, or Kane County Forest Preserve District, 630-232-5980.