



Environmental Impact Assessments – Protecting the Environment at Kirk Yard

Prior to starting construction projects, we routinely conduct environmental and social impact assessments to help us understand potential ecosystem and biodiversity risks and identify measures to mitigate those risks. The infrastructure project at Kirk Yard in Gary, Indiana, is a good example of how we are successfully balancing environmental considerations with infrastructure upgrades.

Prior to construction of new tracks, bridges and facilities at Kirk Yard, we conducted an impact assessment that showed the yard would impact seven acres, including some valuable wetland. To compensate, we created seven acres of high quality wetland, providing habitat for plants and wildlife. We are also enhancing several Kirk Yard properties and 15 acres of the Pine Station Nature Preserve in Gary, Indiana.

“For the seven acres that we impact, the overall acreage we are creating or enhancing totals 56 acres. It’s a great example of CN’s environmental stewardship and our efforts to protect natural ecosystems,” says Kari Harris, Environmental Impact Assessments Manager.

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