

**A Message from  
Mayor Jim Holland & the  
Frankfort Village Board...**

This pamphlet will help explain our sound mitigation program. The program we describe is a guideline. We know that each property is different and our residents may have different needs. As our staff meets with individual residents or small groups of residents, we want to hear your particular issues. It is our goal to achieve the most mitigation that we can while administering this program fairly and with as much flexibility as a government can reasonably provide.

Your Village opposed the increase in rail traffic that the Canadian National Railroad proposed for the EJ&E tracks. We hired expert attorneys and engineers to oppose the acquisition. We succeeded in requiring an Environmental Impact Statement. We succeeded in introducing a bill in congress to support our cause. We filed hundreds of pages of opposition documents with boards and courts. With your help, we succeeded in bringing national attention to our cause.

Last November, it became evident that the sale was going to be approved and that there would be very little mitigation ordered for Frankfort. We discussed the situation with our community and we decided it was best to negotiate mitigation with CN. Just before the sale was final, our staff concluded the negotiations. In our program, CN agrees to fund safety vehicles, training for police and fire personnel, devices that detect potential derailments, bike trail crossings of the tracks and real time displays of train locations in the 911 center. The program also includes improved safety devices at intersections that will lead to an end to the requirement to sound train horns at intersections and \$2.7 million to help mitigate the increase in sound for residents near the tracks. The Village of Frankfort agreed to administer the \$2.7 million sound mitigation program and this pamphlet addresses that program.

Please feel free to contact either Village Administrator, Jerry Ducay, or Community Relations Manager, Mary Canino or one of the trustees or me at 815 469 2177 if you have questions about the program.

*Jim Holland*

**Funding Levels (Tiers)  
by Location**

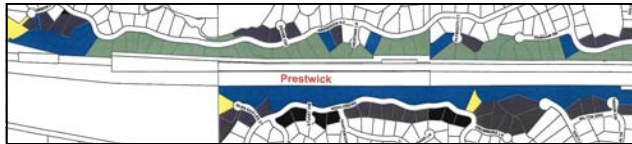
**Old Town & Chelsea**



**Brookmeadow, Newbrook & Sandalwood**



**Prestwick**



**Cardinal Lake, Suttondale, & Heritage Knolls**



- Tier I (Green Areas): \$10,000 to \$12, 000 (max.)
- Tier II (Blue Areas): \$ 6,000 to \$ 8, 000 (max.)
- Tier III (Yellow Areas): \$ 4,000 to \$ 5,000 (max.)
- Tier IV (Black Areas): \$ 1,000 (max.)



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**Railroad Mitigation  
Program Guidelines**



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## Program Guidelines

- Property must be in the Village of Frankfort
- Funds must be used for noise and/or visual mitigation purposes only
- Funds are payable to the vendor only; not to resident
- Noise and/or visual mitigation materials and landscaping are erected on resident property only
- Resident has choice of landscape contractor; Village approves funding based on tier level and landscape qualifying expenses
- Landscape contractor must submit itemized summary of plant materials and layout for approval
- Maximum fence height is 5 feet
- Resident is responsible for sound wall maintenance
- Five (5) year timeframe for project funding (expiration 2014)



## Funding Levels (Tiers) (Map on reverse side)

**Funding levels are based on the impact to the property**

**Tier I (Green Areas):**

\$10,000 to \$12,000 (Max.)  
Properties Adjacent to Tracks

**Tier II (Blue Areas):**

\$6,000 to \$8,000 (Max.)  
Properties Separated by Com Ed Lines

**Tier III (Yellow Areas):**

\$4,000 to \$5,000 (Max.)  
Properties Separated by Secondary Lot

**Tier IV (Black Areas):**

\$1,000 (Max.)  
Properties Separated by a Street

**NOTE:** \$65,000 has been allocated for safety fencing at Main Park and Community Park (Heritage Knolls)



## Qualifying Expenses

- Sound Walls
- Fences
- Landscaping
  - Berms
  - Trees
  - Evergreens
  - Shrubs/Bushes
  - Plants/Flowers (permanently planted)
  - Mulch and/or stone for planting beds
- Landscaping Walls/Knee Walls

***Detailed plans outlining species, size, quantity and pricing of plant materials must be submitted to the Village of Frankfort for approval of funds.***

**NOTE:** Funding limited to external improvements