

ENOS PARK QUIET ZONE

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Enos Park, one of the historic neighborhoods in Springfield, Illinois, is bisected by a rail line that is in frequent use both by Amtrak and various freight trains. The crossings in this part of town are not up to federal code for what is required for a “quiet zone”¹ for train traffic, meaning the trains have to start blowing their horns within a mile of the streets here, at all hours. There is a local citizens group hard at work on fixing this, getting the crossings updated, and the train noise cut way back.

The crossings should be fixed by mid 2018, and it is our thought that the gentrification here will ramp way up once that occurs. The noise pollution from these trains is obscene, almost operatic, and at 3am it is much harder to appreciate this.

Just set up a projector at the 3rd and Dodge Street bridge, and project Train music videos on mute onto the passing freight until the train noise stops next summer – like as like. Put a switch on the tracks near the one that drops the guard rails so the locomotive activates it. Night hours – 10pm to 6am.



¹ <http://www.sj-r.com/news/20161128/safety-upgrades-qualify-third-st-rail-corridor-for-quiet-zone>