



Finger Lakes Railway Builds New Transload Rail Facility Renewable Resources Park gets a new tenant



[FGLK locomotive hauls grain hopper cars.]

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Locally-based Finger Lakes Railway (FGLK) will become the newest tenant of the Seneca Meadows Renewable Resources Park. The 20-year-old rail carrier began track construction in November within its right of way adjacent to property it is leasing from the Renewable Resources Park for a truck-to-rail transload facility initially to serve area farmers. Rail customers will transfer grains and other agricultural commodities at the Auburn Road Rail Terminal within the industrial park on the east side of Rt. 414 in the town of Seneca Falls. The railroad transload facility is expected to be operational by late December 2015. The facility will be open to any business that is interested in becoming a bulk freight rail customer. Freight by rail can lower transportation costs and expand specific commodity markets.

“This local facility creates a long-distance transportation option that is both economically competitive and environmentally friendly,” says Mike Smith, President of Finger Lakes Railway. Freight by rail lowers shipping cost and reduces the carbon footprint. The rail freight industry can move a ton of freight 436 miles on one gallon of fuel while significantly reducing the total amount of noxious emissions compared to other modes of freight transportation. One railcar hauls the equivalent weight as four trucks, which is approximately 100 tons.

Smith also notes that this service expansion should continue the carload growth shown by the railroad since it succeeded Conrail in 1995. During that time, rail business has increased for FGLK by adding over 60 new shippers which brings its customer base to 89 active shippers. Likewise, the railroad’s work force grew from 7 to 60 full time employees. This facility will add another 3 to 5 railroad employees as business grows.

About Finger Lakes Railway Corp.

Finger Lakes Railway Corp. (FGLK) is a Class III railroad that operates over 130 miles of track from its Geneva/Waterloo headquarters serving six counties in the Finger Lakes region - Ontario, Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Yates, and Schuyler. FGLK connects with CSX, Norfolk Southern, Canadian Pacific, and the New York, Susquehanna & Western railroads. FGLK owns 14 locomotives and leases 581 railcars to meet customer shipping needs. For more information, visit www.fingerlakesrail.com

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