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## **Railroad Quiet Zone Starts Tuesday June 14** Train will refrain from blowing the horn at four crossings

**Camillus, NY** – The Town of Camillus has applied and qualified for a railroad Quiet Zone based on the current volume of rail traffic, speed of trains, and warning devices at rail crossings. The approval from the Federal Railroad Administration will go into effect on Tuesday, June 14. Finger Lakes Railway will follow Quiet Zone procedure at four crossings within a one-mile stretch of track near the intersection of Hinsdale and Milton. From east to west, they include the rail crossings at the entrance to Home Depot off Milton Ave., and also at Hinsdale Road, Milton Ave. and Knowell Road.

Each crossing is equipped with safety devices such as lights and gates. The activation and ambient noise from these devices will remain. The only change in rail operations will be that during normal operating conditions, the train engineer will no longer be required to blow the horn four times at each crossing. However, the engineer may blow the train horn for other operating procedures such as a reverse move or as warning if someone or something is stopped on the tracks when the train is coming. Railway Safety Officer, Karl Henry stated, “We will continue to focus on the safety of our train crews and the general public.” The horns are a safety feature that are typically associated with train activity. New signs approaching the crossings will state “No Train Horn” as a reminder to drivers to be alert to train activity even if they do not hear the train horn.



*Crossing #1 Home Depot, #2 Hinsdale Ave., #3 Milton Ave., and #4 Knowell Rd.*

Traffic violations at rail grade crossings is the second leading cause of rail-related deaths in America often caused by drivers who try to beat a train at the crossing. Grade crossings are a critical interface between trains and the general public. The local police have been notified of the change and are always on alert for traffic violations at grade crossings. “We want to take this opportunity to remind drivers not to stop on the tracks for any reason and to never drive around

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the rail gates when they are down or to drive over the tracks when the lights are flashing,” says Henry. Trains currently come through this area four to six times a day and only occasionally during the late evening hours.

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### **About Finger Lakes Railway Corp.**

Finger Lakes Railway Corp. is a Class III railroad that operates on 167 miles of track from its Waterloo/Geneva headquarters. They operate in 6 counties in the Finger Lakes region including Ontario, Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Yates, and Schuyler. Their current customer base includes 90 active shippers. FGLK connects with CSX, Norfolk Southern, Canadian Pacific, and New York Susquehanna & Western railroads. For more information, visit [www.fingerlakesrail.com](http://www.fingerlakesrail.com)

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