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Rainbow River Railroad Committee
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Attention: Kimberly Mension

Please find enclosed copies of a "Letter of Opposition" with 800 signatures regarding the concerns of citizens on the proposed Progress Energy Rail Line. Also enclosed are photo's of major issues already existing behind homes here. If this proposed rail line goes through we will be facing these same major issues.

Wm. Theodore Medlin & Shirley Medlin, Chairpersons

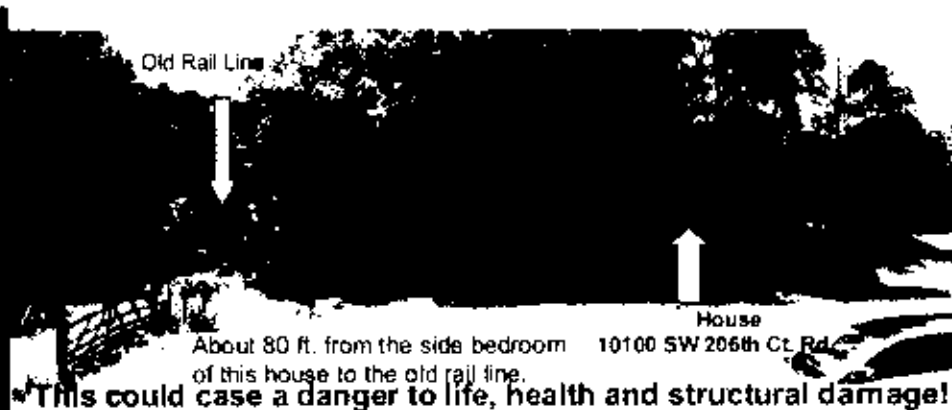
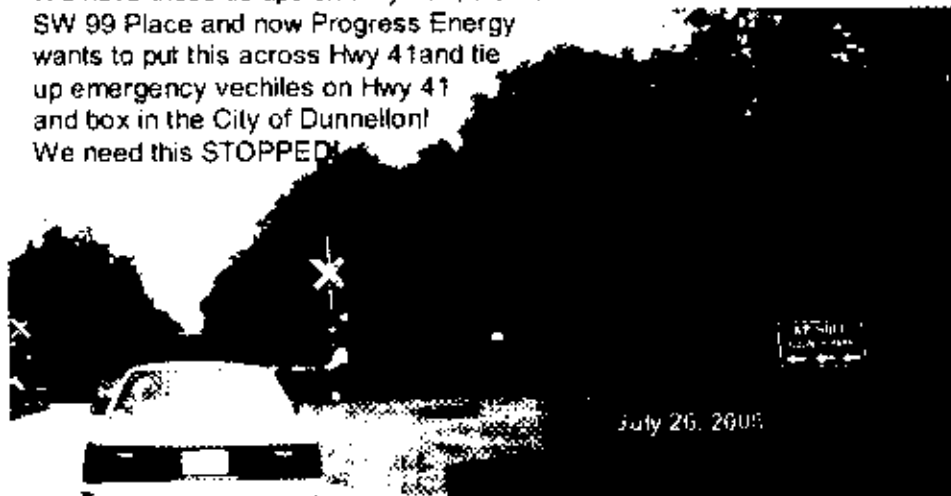
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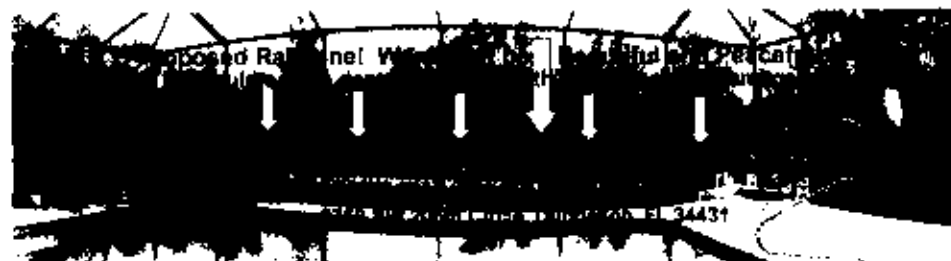
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Enclosed: Opposing Signatures, Photo's.

We have these tie ups on Hwy 484, also on SW 99 Place and now Progress Energy wants to put this across Hwy 41 and tie up emergency vehicles on Hwy 41 and box in the City of Dunnellon! We need this STOPPED!

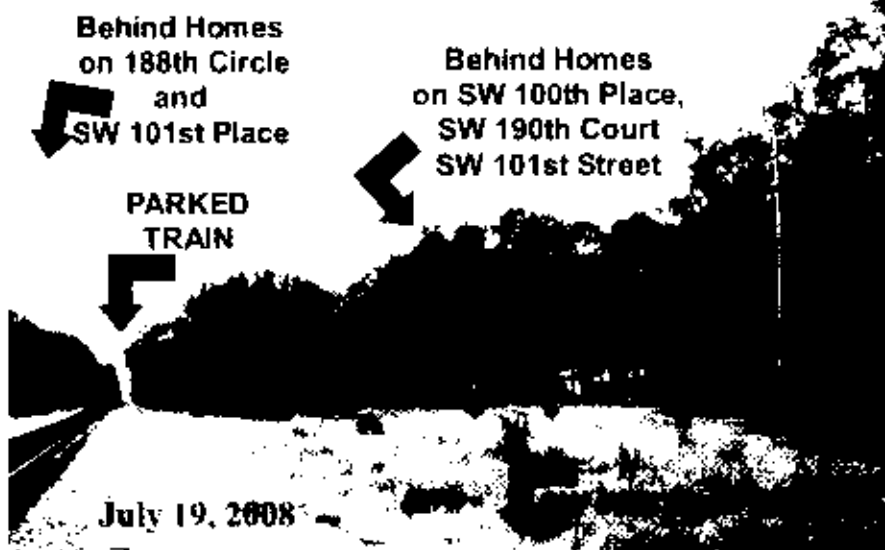


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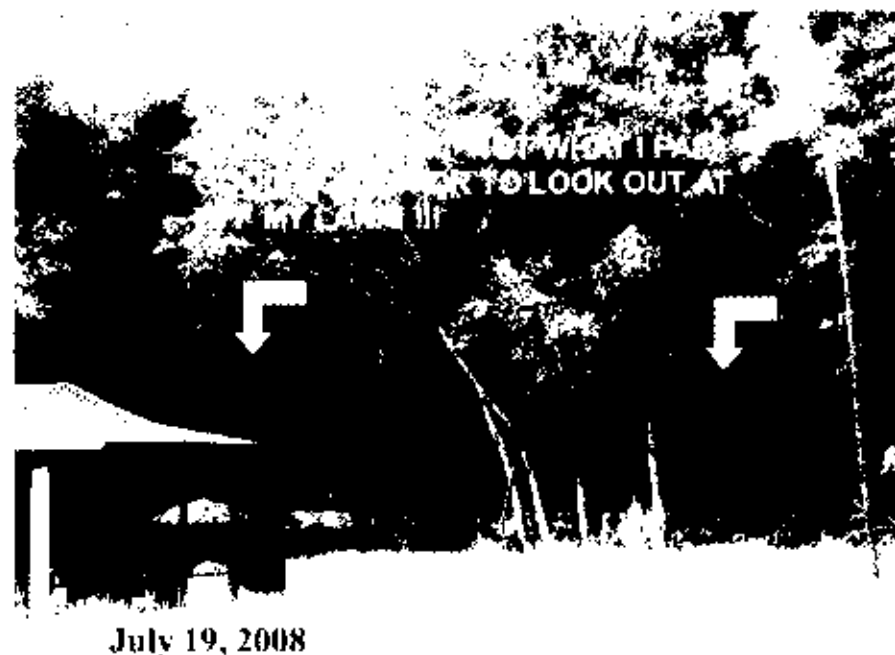


Progress Energy Railroad will go through our beautiful yard
Medlin's Yard w/ 5 Golf Greens:
9769 SW 206th Circle Dunnellon
This could case a danger to life, health and structural damage!

Will mean more trains running through these back yards also to get building materials from the north to Levy Nuclear Plant Site



VIEW OF PARKED TRAIN BEHIND HOMES



PARKED TRAIN BEHIND HOMES THIS ISN'T WHAT WE PAID FOR WHEN WE PURCHASED OUR HOME!

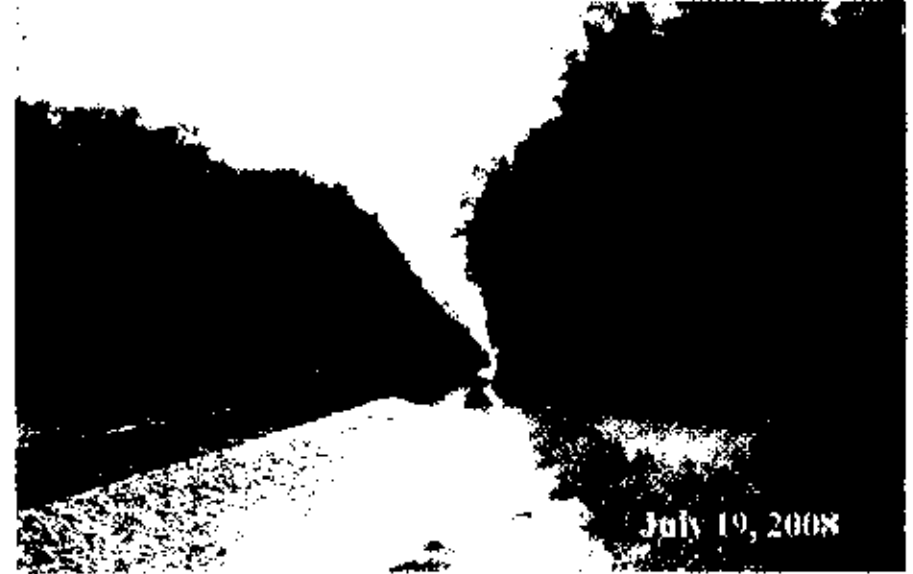




**PARKED TRAIN VIEW BETWEEN THE HOMES
THE SAME THING WILL HAPPEN TO THE WOODLANDS**



**LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF CARS
PARKED ALONG THE TRACKS**



Letter of Opposition

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We, the undersigned, are opposed to the Progress Energy railroad line being placed along the old abandoned railroad bed at the south end of The Villages of Rainbow Springs.

- > Having trains cross Highway 41 may block emergency vehicles from homes and medical facilities, making it less safe for all residents in Dunnellon, Rainbow Springs and all adjoining areas.
- > The already-heavy traffic on Highway 41 will become worse with a second Dunnellon railroad crossing and the resulting train delays.
- > Due to additional trains on the present line, rail noise will increase for all areas of Rainbow Springs including Grand Park, Grand Park North, Country Club Estates, The Forest, The Villas, Fox Trace, The Woodlands, and Fairway Estates, as well as the surrounding area.
- > Some Woodlands property owners will have trains operating along the edges of their yards, in close proximity to their homes, and would threaten their tranquility.
- > Property owners will lose part of the investment they have made in their homes as property values drop and homes become more difficult to sell.
- > In spite of assurances from Progress Energy, residents are concerned about the possible future transportation of hazardous materials and nuclear waste through their neighborhoods. This danger would obviously pose significant pollution and health hazards.

We feel the railroad spur in its proposed location will have an irreversible negative impact on our environment, on our property values and on the quality of our lives.

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
1.	Don Tobey	10725 SW 128 AVE	489-3382
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5.	R. H. Irwin	9712 SW 209 CT.	-
6.	Dorothy Mennera	19775 SW 93 rd LANE RD	
7.	Richard Mennera	19775 SW 93 rd Lane Rd.	
8.	CAROLE BEMKE	8755 SW 205 Circle	489-8625
9.	SUSAN OWENS	19257 SW 96 th LOOP	465-7724
10.	MARTHA BELCHER	9800 SW 206 th CR	489-0831
11.	Robert Cullen	19669 SW 92 nd 34432	465-7214
12.			

Please return all petitions as soon as possible to:

Ted Medlin (for drop off or questions call 489-6552) 9769 SW 206th Circle Dunnellon, Florida 34431

Or Office- Darlene (PLEASE DO NOT CALL DARLENE) Drop off petitions ONLY at Rainbow Springs Clubhouse!