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Providence & Worcester Railroad (P&W) Response to Rice Pond Road, Millbury, MA development project.

Extend the five-foot high black vinyl fence along the entire property boundary with the P&W RR.

The proposed retaining wall within 25 feet of the track is not allowed due to structural integrity and maintenance access needs.

The P&W RR will require that any work that is performed on railroad property be required to bring all assets up to current American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA) standards, including the public at grade crossing and signal systems.

P&W RR is requesting what is safest and in the best interest of the traveling public as well as of the railroad. Widening the crossing between the current signal lights without moving or upgrading them is not an acceptable alternative. We have attached a design proposal and an estimate from ECC outlining the cost and improvements needed at this crossing in order to align it with current standards.

It is the P&W RR's standard railroad maintenance practice to bring all assets up to the current AREMA standard when performing any maintenance/new construction. If the roadway over the grade crossing is to be widened, this the route that we need to take.

We will be happy to provide more information and answers to any questions or concerns.