

Norfolk Southern Mapping Work to Begin Soon

VRE is working with Norfolk Southern Railway to advance the study of GHX alternatives. Since Norfolk Southern owns the existing tracks and right-of-way in the study corridor, their input and independent technical analysis are important to the overall process.

Norfolk Southern and its engineering consultants will soon begin ground survey and mapping from Manassas to Haymarket along the "B-Line", the rail line under evaluation for the GHX project. This survey work is expected to begin in February 2016 and may continue through July 31, 2016.

Property owners adjacent to the rail line have been notified of the survey work. In some cases, surveyors will need to access private property to conduct tasks such as identifying existing drainage structures and utilities; verifying locations and limits of wetlands and streams; and identifying property corner and right-of-way limits.

This work does not imply that GHX improvements are imminent or that any decision has been made. The survey and mapping will be used to inform the ongoing evaluation of alternatives by both Norfolk Southern and VRE. The data will support conceptual engineering and cost estimates that will allow planners and decision-makers to consider the costs and benefits of the project before making any recommendations to advance the project.

Please continue to monitor this website to stay informed about project progress and plan to attend the next community meeting in spring 2016. Any questions related to the surveying efforts or the GHX project in general may be directed to: ghx@vre.org.