

# Central California Traction Corridor Update

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The Central Valley Rails to Trails Foundation has been working with public officials and community leaders since 2000 to create a rail trail on the Central CA Traction Company Rail Corridor (CCTC). The proposed trail would link Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties, providing a safe route for non-motorized commuting and recreation. Until recently, they had the cooperation of the primary owner of corridor, Union Pacific. In August of 2008, just as the acquisition process was being launched with the help of Trust for Public Land, Union Pacific decided to step back and consider the possible operational uses. Since that time, they have been using the CCTC corridor for storage of hundreds of unused rail cars – much to the shock of adjacent property owners.



This is now the view of nearby residential and commercial property owners throughout the Vineyard community in Sacramento County. Preparations are underway to bring 500 more old railcars to the wine country in San Joaquin County. Quite a contrast to the proposed community trail.

## What Can You Do?

A meeting will be scheduled at a local winery in early March to give property owners a chance to share information on the impact of the railroad's new policy. Check the CVRTF web site for details as they become available: [www.cvrtof.org](http://www.cvrtof.org).

Your elected representatives should know if the presence of these unused rail cars is impacting your property values and safety – not to mention access to your business or home. In the meantime, CVRTF will be conducting a survey of local property owners to learn more about the new use of the CCTC corridor. The results will be shared with public officials and community members, but names will be kept confidential. Following is the contact information for elected leaders in the vicinity of the corridor.

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