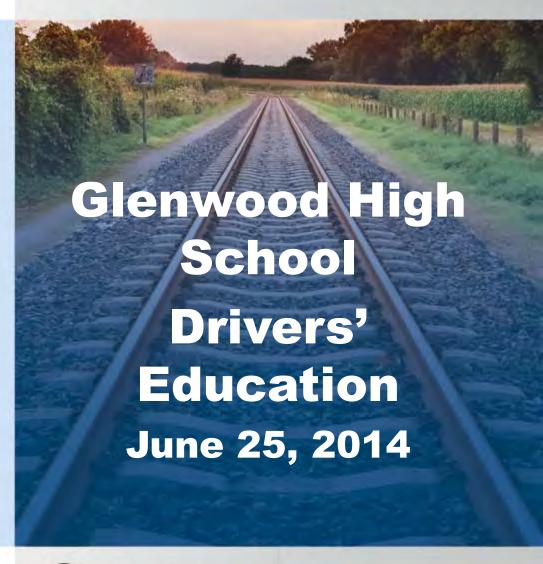
#### EXPERIENCE IT YOURSELF.



CHICAGO TO ST. LOUIS





Illinois High-Speed Rail Chicago to St. Louis Program













#### **Chicago-St. Louis Corridor**





- » IDOT has actively developed the corridor since the mid1980's
- Federally designated a High-Speed Rail corridor in 1992
- » Previously completed Environmental Studies







#### **Benefits**

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- » Enhanced Service and Reliability
- » New Passenger Cars and Locomotives



- » New/Rehabilitated Stations
- » Less Damage to the Environment
- » Safety Improvements







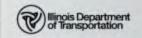
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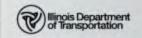
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#### **4 Quadrant Gates**









#### **Public and Private Crossings**





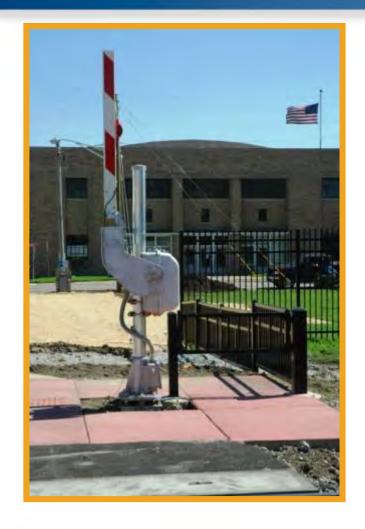






#### **Pedestrian Gates**











#### Crossings



For High-Speed trains, gates will be down sooner than for other trains.

The higher the rate of speed, the *longer it takes to stop.* 







## Safety



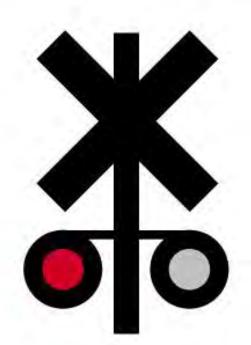












## OPERATION LIFESAVER®

O Look, Listen & Live





# Railroad Safety Information for Glenwood High School











### The 3 E's of Operation Lifesaver

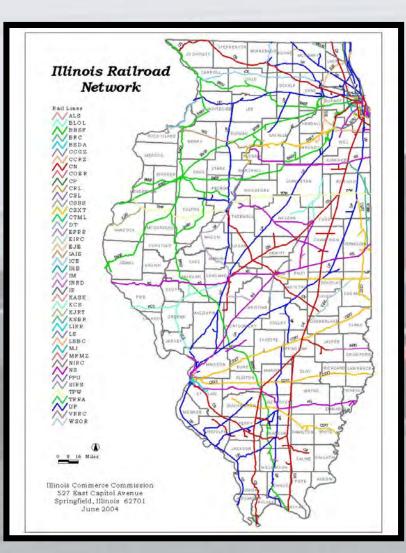




## **Any Time is Train Time**



# Illinois - High Density Railroad Traffic



- > Nation's largest rail hub
- > 50 Railroads/1,500 Trains
- Illinois ranks second only to Texas in the number of public crossings (7,795) and track miles (7,200).
- > Texas is 4.5 times a the size of Illinois in total square miles (261,000 to 55,500).
- Higher concentration of crossings, trains and population. More risk exposure.

#### 94% of all crashes are driver error

(June 2004 DOT Hwy-Rail Grade Crossing Safety Program Report)

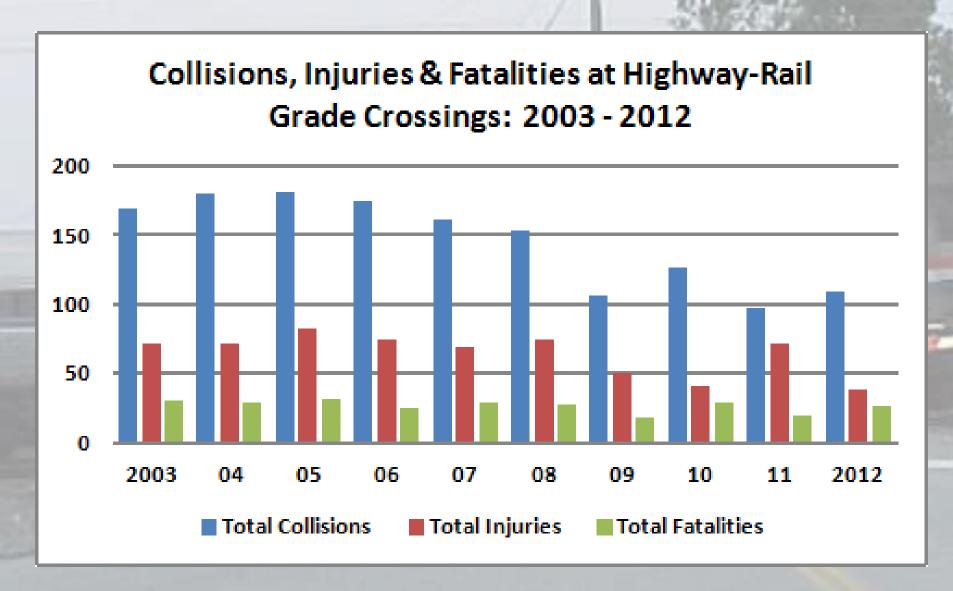








#### **Grade Crossing Collisions 2003-2012**



### The Average Illinois Collision

- > Clear **DECEMBER** day 5:00-6:00pm
- > Freight train traveling 40-49mph vs. car
- > Male 20-29 years old
- > Disregarded active warning devices
- Roadway has less than 1000 cars per day. Crossing experiences 2-9 trains each day

# Car vs. Train Crashes



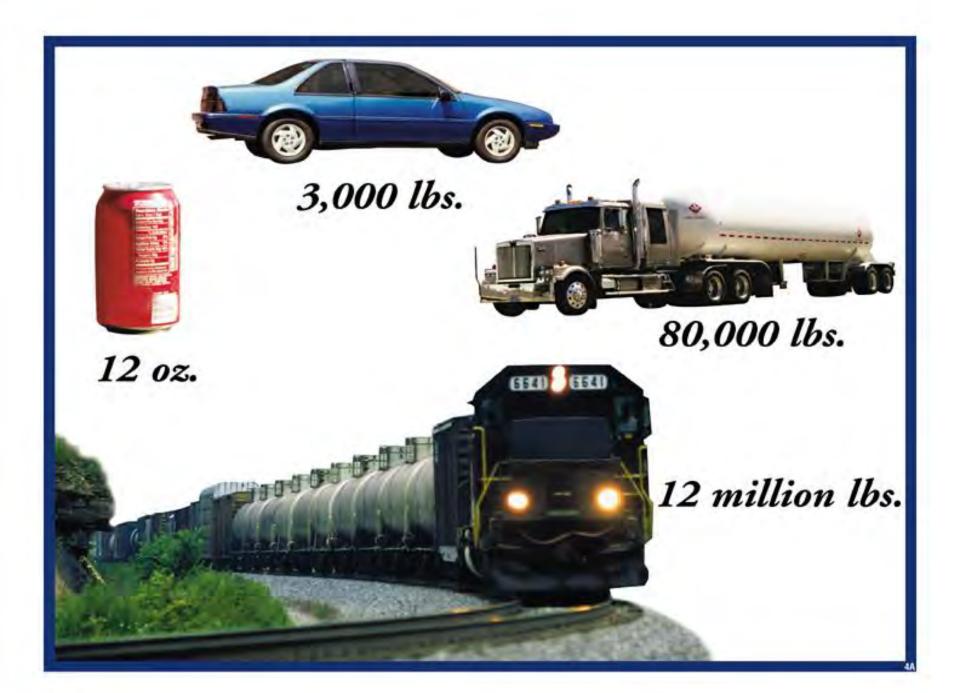




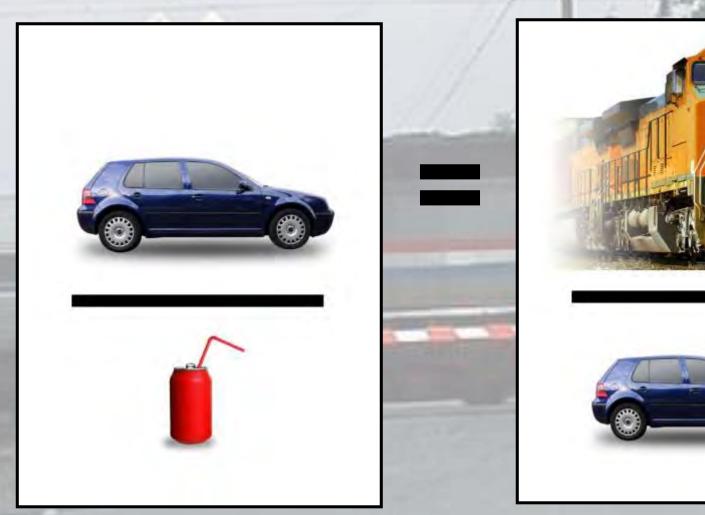


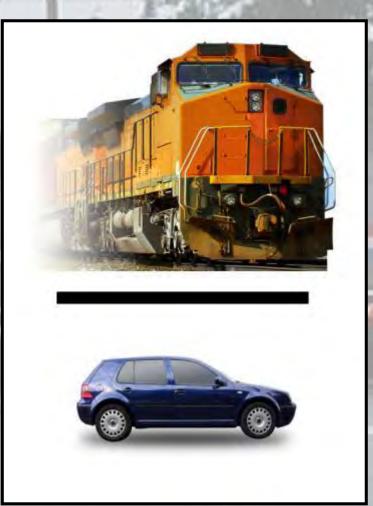






### **Weight Ratio**





### USS COLE = A 100 CAR FREIGHT TRAIN



## 150 Tons vs. One Ton





## 25% of crashes involve driving into the side of the train



## 3/4 of those occur during daylight hours

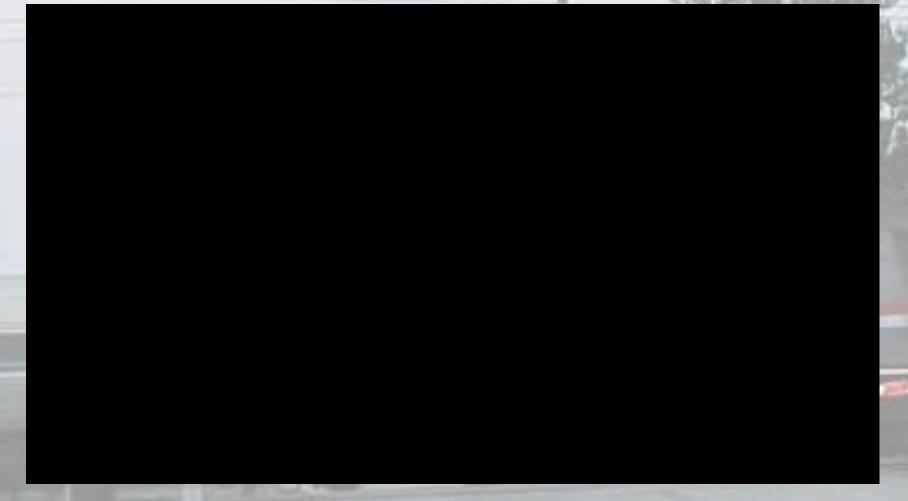








## Distractions













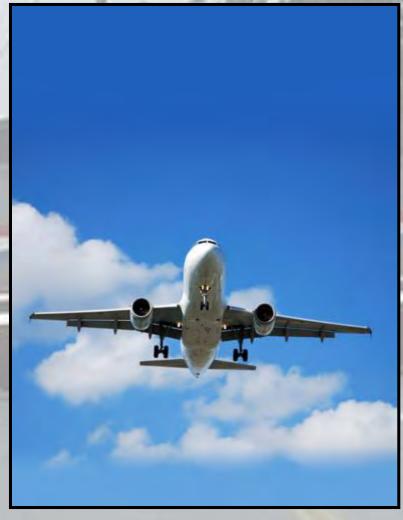
## Texting and Trains ... Don't Mix





## **Speed Perception**



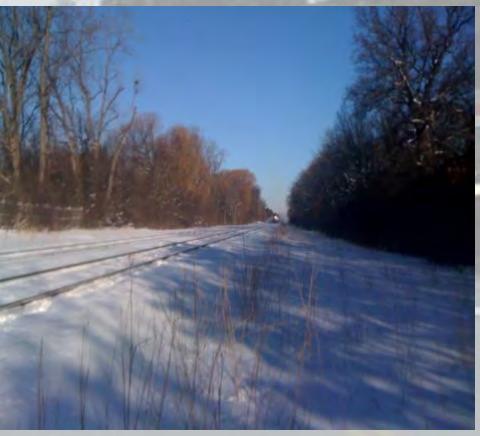


## Speed of an Approaching Train (Optical Illusion)

Slow moving Freight Train at 10 MPH

Amtrak Train traveling at up to 110 MPH





# **Approximate Stopping Distance**



At 55 MPH







600 Ft







## Trains Can't Swerve



# Trains run on tracks. Stay out of their path. Nothing bad will happen.



#### Railroad Signs of Life.....



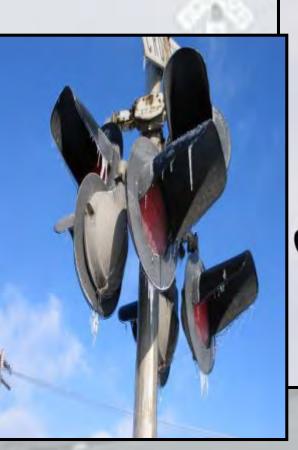


## Passive Sign Means Yield





## **Active Warning Devices**







#### Flashing Red Lights Mean Stop

(Longer approach time, but same waiting time)





#### Flashing Red Lights Mean Stop

(Gates fully descended in min. of 20 seconds)



## Don't even think about it....



















#### **Gate Violations**



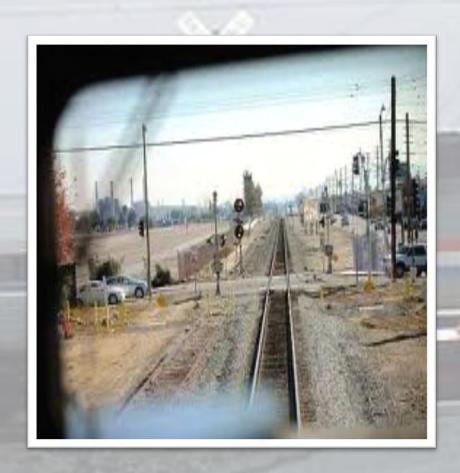


## Head End Cameras will see you.





## These cameras will see you.





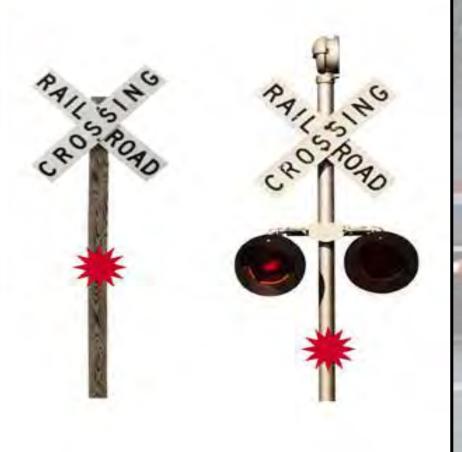
#### Officer on a train- Enforcement



#### **Emergency Notification System**

TO REPORT STALLED
VEHICLE ON TRACKS OR
OTHER EMERGENCY
CALL 1-800-555-5555
AND REFER TO
CROSSING #123-123A
ON CHERRY STREET





#### **New Standard Sign for All Crossings**



# Provide the information listed on that sign.

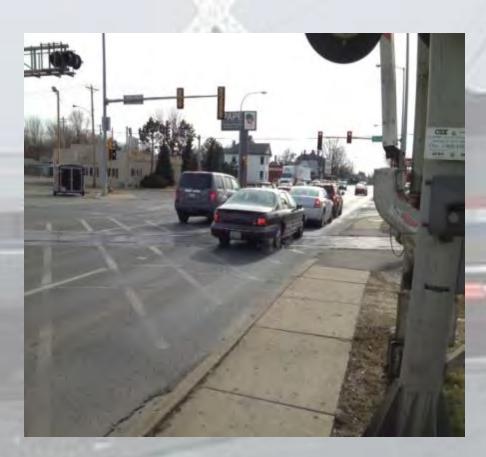




## Don't Stop, Pass or Shift



## **A Situation to Avoid**







#### **Trespassers**

It is illegal for any person to walk across or along railroad tracks at any place other than an authorized crossing.



#### **Trespassers**

(Worn paths indicate dangerous and illegal access to crossing or walking along RR tracks.)



#### **People Just Not Paying Attention**





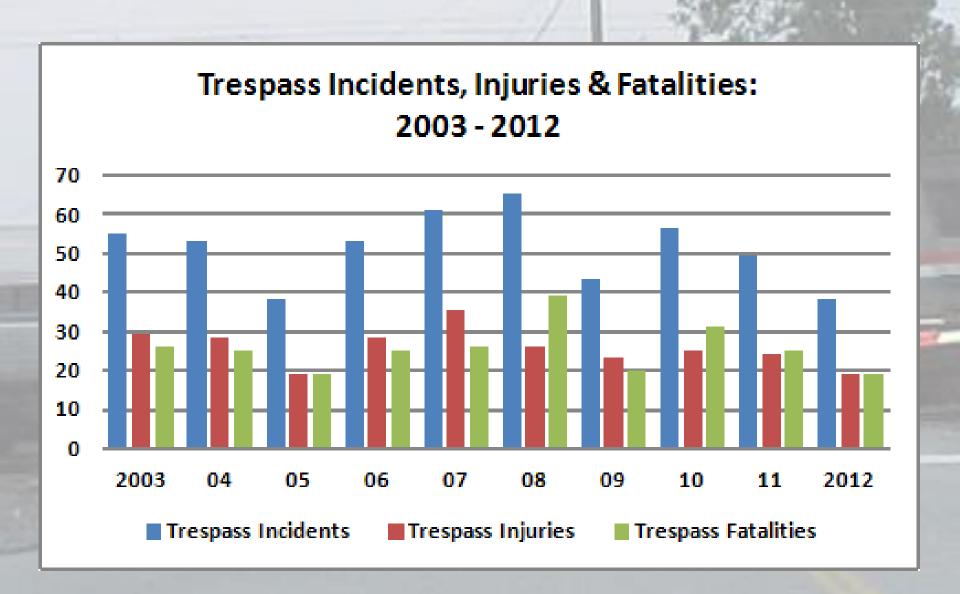




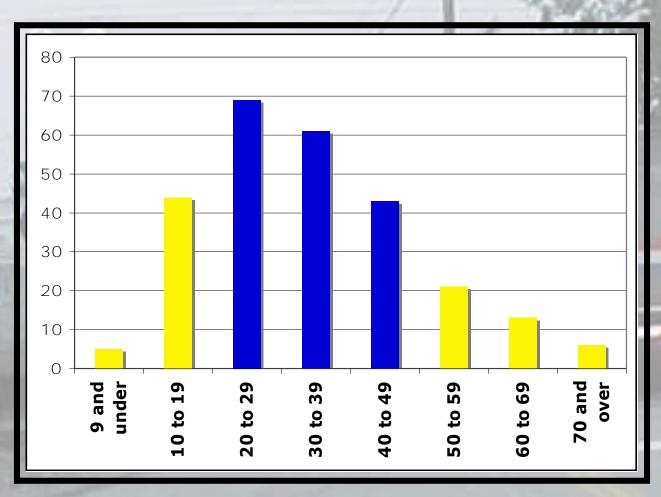




#### **Trespass Incidents 2003-2012**



## Trespassing Fatalities – Age



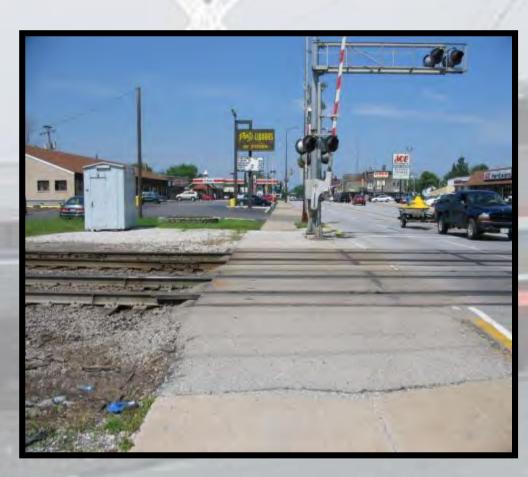
⇒ 66% occur in the prime of life

# Trespassing on Railroad Property

5/18C-7503 No person may: walk, ride, drive or be upon or along the right of way or rail yard of a rail carrier within the State, at a place other that a public grade crossing.

 Any person found in violation of this shall be guilty of a Class C misdemeanor for a first offense. The person shall be subject to a mandatory fine of not less than \$150.00 or more than \$500.00.

## **Public Grade Crossings**





## **Authorized Crosswalks**





# Signs there to remind people to Stay Off RR Property





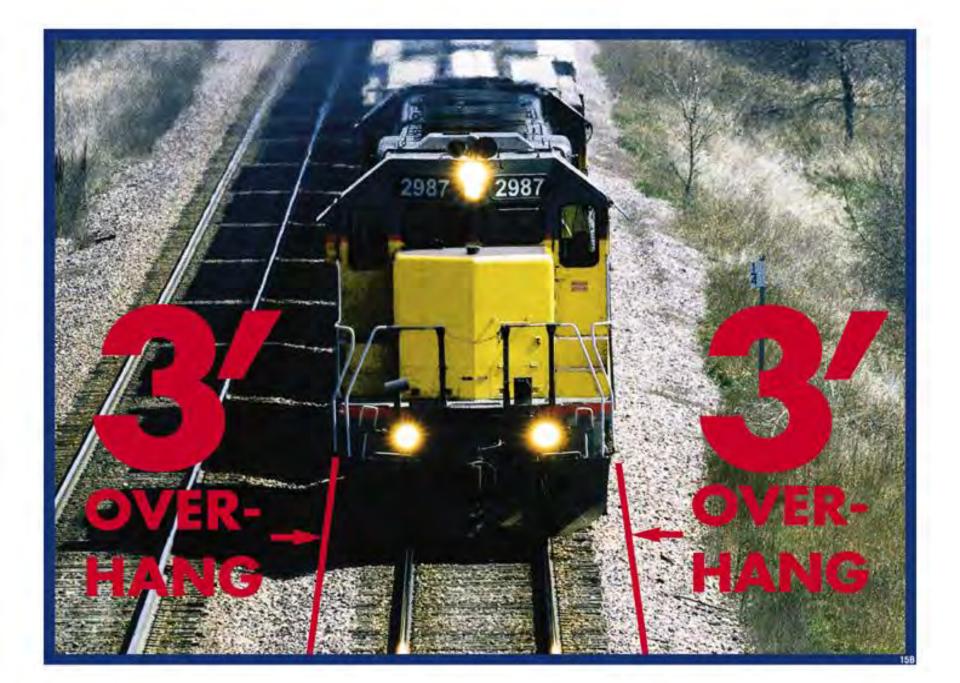




#### TRESPASSING IS DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL



STAY OFF RAILROAD TRACKS Stay Off!
Stay Away!
Stay Alive!



## Within the three foot envelope









#### A Knock On The Door

#### **Covert Measures taken if needed**





## Public Involvement













#### Higher Speeds/Better Service

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#### **Public Involvement Opportunities**

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**Stakeholder Outreach** 

High School Football Games

**Local Festivals** 

Project Website www.idothsr.org

**Fact Sheets** 



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## Questions















## Thank You











