

- 1) Process for a municipality to engage a Railroad to use alternative weed control.
  - a) Defining "sensitive area"
    - i) High Pedestrian Traffic
    - ii) Proximity to Schools
    - iii) Proximity to Hospitals
    - iv) Defined Town centers
  - b) Identify alternative control
    - i) Based on Toxicity
      - (1) Balancing more toxic organic options
    - ii) Mechanical
      - (1) Weed Whack
      - (2) Hand Pull
      - (3) Ballast Regulation
      - (4) Ballast washing
      - (5) Other Barriers
        - (a) Concrete Ballast
        - (b) Rubber Mats
        - (c) Other
    - iii) Alternative Chemical
      - (1) Vinegar-Acetic Acid
      - (2) Matron-ORMI Clove Oil
    - iv) Alternative Non-Chemical
    - v) Flame
    - vi) Steam
    - vii) Infra-red
    - viii) Freezing
  - c) Develop cost-share agreement
    - i) Municipality covers cost
    - ii) State develops incentives (AOT)
  - d) Delineate Right of Way and identify encroachments
    - i) Agreements reached about abutting property structures that encroach on the railroad
    - ii) Gardens in the ROW
    - iii) Other
  - e) Notification
    - i) Of Treatment outside of Sensitive Area
    - ii) Of Alternative Treatment