Memorandum

To: **Carl**
From: **Alison and Heidi**
CC: **Jack and Harold**
Date: **August 7, 2013**
Re: **Update on Detroit Riverwalk Expansion: Railroad Land and Coke Storage**
Attachments: **Google Earth Photo of Railroad Property**

You asked about the transport of petroleum coke on the Detroit River and the Detroit Riverwalk expansion and to see a Global Earth photo of the coke piles.

As you know, you and the Riverfront Conservancy have been trying to increase Detroit's currently 3-mile Riverwalk another 2.5 miles, to just beyond the Ambassador Bridge. That would require crossing the railroad property. Furthermore, Detroit Bulk Storage stores pet coke in piles on the railroad property which they lease from Norfolk & Southern / RTRR. You wondered if the Conservancy could obtain an easement across the property for the Riverwalk but that option would only work if most of the deliveries to the property are made by land, not ship. The petroleum coke is brought to Detroit Bulk Storage via truck from the Marathon Refinery, where the piles are eventually **loaded onto ships**. A recent article indicated that petroleum coke would be shipped to Ohio.

Detroit Bulk Storage is currently working on removing the piles because they do not currently have the appropriate environmental permits. However, they are also in the process of obtaining a permit with the City and the Department of Environmental Quality to be able to store the piles legally at this location in the future. Attached is a Google Earth photograph of the railroad property which does not show the coke piles. We have confirmed that this is the correct location but the coke piles are not visible in this photo.

Google earth

feet 2000
meters 700