Quiet Zones are intended to silence train horns in populated areas while still ensuring the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and railway passengers. A Quiet Zone is a section of a rail line at least one-half mile in length that contains one or more consecutive public highway rail grade crossings where locomotive horns are not sounded upon the train’s approach, although train horns may be sounded for emergency situations at the conductor’s discretion.

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