

Loop Track Construction

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RailWorks Track Group constructs and maintains industrial track and loop tracks for grain elevators, ethanol facilities, and industry conglomerates, with a network of 20 field offices throughout the United States and Canada.

Based in RailWorks' Lakeville, MN regional office, Project Director Hal Harrison notes that when new or extended sidings do not meet rail capacity needs, there are five steps to constructing a quality loop track.

Property evaluation: This process generally gets underway six months to two years before any dirt work is started. RailWorks can evaluate site topography, often with a railroad rep-



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resentative, to determine project feasibility and design implications such as site drainage.

Property requirements: Loop tracks comprise a minimum 7,200 feet of track on at least 80 acres of land.

Based on the property and its access to rail service, RailWorks can determine structural requirements and develop a cost-effective design proposal.

Railroad requirements: A track plan is developed to meet the operating railroad's design requirements. RailWorks will coordinate with the railroad to determine access requirements.

Plan and bid development: RailWorks develops CAD project plans and coordinates an internal review by the operating railroad.

Construction: Once preparatory site grading is finished, loop track construction generally is completed in eight to 10 weeks.



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