



FEATURE PROJECT: Always Faithful Stables — Retrofit



THE CHALLENGE

The current owners of Always Faithful Stables (AFS) faced a dilemma of a failing concrete noise barrier that had been installed by the previous owners several years earlier. The concrete sound wall had not lasted or performed to expectation, and now they were tasked with having to replace the barrier and an unexpected expense. Additionally, AFS had a very discriminating clientele who expected the very best quality for all onsite improvements to the facility. Not only would a new barrier have to perform acoustically, but its appearance would need to be unobtrusive.

AFS' objectives were threefold:

- I. Install a noise barrier to effectively minimize unwanted noise to their equestrian guests.
- II. Install a noise barrier that would be visually acceptable to both their members and the local community.
- III. If possible, utilize the existing framework structure from the failing barrier, to minimize the project cost.

THE SOLUTION

Sound Fighter Systems (SFS) sent a team up to IL to assess their needs and the existing structure, then designed an LSE Absorptive Noise Barrier System to fit into the existing structure. Once installed, the barrier addressed all three of the client's objectives.

“Given the discrete nature of our equestrian club and members, it was imperative that our sound wall project be handled professionally and timely. Although we initially solicited feedback and bids from several sound wall manufacturers, we decided to go with [Sound Fighter Systems](#). And in retrospect, it was the right decision. From the start, their team responded quickly and competently. In addition to their vast experience with sound walls in general, they were also very well-versed in assessing our needs and objectives acoustically. Further complicating our project was the fact that it was a retrofit wall to replace a failing concrete sound wall installed by previous land owners a decade earlier. SFS went above and beyond in their efforts to ensure a successful project. They sent a team up to our facility in IL to confirm compatibility with their products beforehand. They even provided helpful feedback and data that we used in zoning meetings related to the development highlighting the improvement. The end result is a beautiful, noise-absorptive sound wall that fits perfectly into our existing steel framework (and saving us the significant cost of replacing the steel and concrete pylon components). We would definitely use them again if the need arises, and I would highly recommend SFS to anyone in need of a legitimate, high-performance outdoor sound wall.”

— Kristin Kelly Casas, Managing Member



OWNER — Always Faithful Stables

SOUND BARRIER — Sound Fighter Systems' LSE Absorptive Noise Barrier System

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