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**Local Historical Group to Hold Public Meeting on
Historic Railroad Station Effort**

NICHOLSON, PA – The Nicholson Heritage Association (the Association) will hold its second public meeting on their effort to rehabilitate the historic Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad’s (DL&W) Station in Nicholson.

The Nicholson Tourism Center at the Historic DL&W Railroad Station is moving forward and the public is invited to attend a second public meeting to thank those who have helped with the initiative and to provide an update on the economic development effort. The meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on August 14, 2014, at the Nicholson Fire Company Hall on Main and Walnut Streets in Nicholson. Light refreshments will be served.

With an Endless Mountains Heritage Region (EMHR) grant through the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), the Association earlier this year completed a feasibility study to evaluate the rehabilitation of the station into a community and visitor’s center. The Association worked with Facility Design & Development and The Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development, both of Scranton, on this portion of the overall project. The Nicholson Tourism Center at the Historic DL&W Railroad Station will promote tourism and attract visitors to the region by being a visitor’s center linking to the Viaduct Valley Way Scenic Byway and Steamtown, as well as provide a place for community events.

The Association has already purchased the station in June 2012 with donations from individuals, businesses, and a \$25,000 Pepsi Refresh Project grant. Now that the feasibility study has also been completed and the designs are finalized, it's time for actual renovations. Donations continue to be needed for the renovation phase and can be mailed to the historical group at P.O. Box 496, Nicholson, PA 18446. In addition, donations are accepted through PayPal. More information available at:

<http://www.nicholsonstation.org>.

The station was originally built in 1849 by one of the DL&W's predecessors, the Liggett's Gap Railroad. This first, and largest, station on that line was initially used to board workers before being used to handle freight and passengers. Nicholson was forever changed by the building of a rail line as it connected people and commerce.

Besides this initiative, the Association meets regularly to discuss efforts that include the Viaduct Valley Way Scenic Byway and the upcoming 100th anniversary celebration of the Nicholson Bridge in 2015. The next Nicholson Heritage Association meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at the First Presbyterian Church, 65 State Street, in Nicholson. For updates, please visit <http://www.nicholsonheritage.org> or visit them on Facebook and Twitter.

About The Nicholson Heritage Association

The Nicholson Heritage Association was established in 1989 as a non-profit organization in anticipation of the 75th anniversary of the Tunkhannock Viaduct, also known as the Nicholson Bridge, and is dedicated to the historical preservation of Nicholson and the surrounding region. Nicholson is a small rural town nestled in Wyoming County and the Endless Mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Association continues to play an active role in the community through many initiatives, including purchasing U.S. flags for local businesses. Visit <http://www.nicholsonheritage.org> for more information.