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To Whom It May Concern,

Endless Mountains Heritage Region offers its support of the Nicholson Heritage Association in its efforts to secure funding for the renovation and restoration of the 1849 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad station in Nicholson, Wyoming County, Pennsylvania and utilization of this historic landmark as a community and interpretive center.

The Nicholson Heritage Association proposes to conduct an architectural study and renovation design for this 162-year old structure and retain its historic integrity where feasible and create a community heritage center to serve Nicholson and the Viaduct Valley Way Scenic Byway. Our agency is submitting this phase of the project in our 2012 Regional Partnerships grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources as a vital heritage areas initiative. We appreciate the potential contributions of this project:

- a. restoration of a key historic structure
- b. enhancement of an important transportation-related facility
- c. creation of a vital heritage and community center
- d. creation of a "trailhead" for the Viaduct Valley Way Scenic Byway
- e. community and economic revitalization of a town

This project will incorporate several key elements of sound planning and best practices to preserve, enhance and promote a very important historic, cultural, and scenic resource. Furthermore, our agency is excited about the vision and mission of the Nicholson Heritage Association and its approach in the planning and execution of the project. It is satisfying to witness such a group of dedicated volunteers and advocates work strategically and tirelessly to achieve its goals and contribute in so many ways to conservation and preservation values.

EMHR is pleased to partner with Nicholson Heritage Association and its stakeholders in this endeavor.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phillip Swank".

Phillip Swank
Executive Director