

To Whom It May Concern,

Northern Tier Rural Planning Organization (NTRPO) 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 Northern Tier Rural Planning Organization is the regional transportation coordinator and liaison between PennDOT and Northern Tier counties. Transportation planning isn't just about roads - it's about life, communities, and our future. Efforts like the Viaduct Valley Way Scenic Byway (Byway) are transportation initiatives that we strongly support.

The Nicholson Heritage Association was an early supporter of the Byway. More importantly, they are now working hard to save and renovate their local railroad station, which dates back to 1849, into a tourism center, gateway to the Viaduct Valley Way Scenic Byway, and a place where community events can be held.

The Viaduct Valley Way Scenic Byway is mainly State Route 92 in Wyoming and Susquehanna counties that connects the Tunkhannock Viaduct in Nicholson to the Starrucca Viaduct in Lanesboro. This Route of the Famous Viaducts highlights the natural and man-made beauty of the Endless Mountains.

We congratulate the Nicholson Heritage Association for their unwillingness to accept no as an answer and their steadfast commitment to community development by saving this historic railroad station and rehabilitating it into a gateway to the Viaduct Valley Way Scenic Byway. We look forward to working with the Association to ensure that The Nicholson Tourism Center at the Historic DL&W Railroad Station is successful and welcomes visitors and residents for another 160 years.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Brian Baker