

Marion Sweet, Chair
Nicholson Heritage Association
P.O. Box 496
Nicholson, PA 18446

February 13, 2014

Re: Support for the Nicholson Heritage Association's rehabilitation of Nicholson Station

Dear Mrs. Sweet:

I am writing to express my support for the Nicholson Heritage Association's effort to raise funds for the rehabilitation of Nicholson Station. Your efforts to raise funds for the acquisition of the station and to prepare a feasibility study for the station's reuse are impressive. We hope that potential funders recognize your accomplishments to date as a sign of the organization's commitment to the project, and your collective capacity to complete a project like this.

Built in 1849 by the Liggett's Gap Railroad, one of Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad's predecessors, the railroad station was the first station built on the Scranton, PA to Great Bend, PA line. Before being used as a freight and passenger station, the building was used to house and feed transient workers. It later went on to serve a variety of other uses in the community, including Post Office. All of these phases of the building's history are important to the story of the community, and will be preserved by the rehabilitation of this valuable cultural and economic asset in the community.

Released in December 2011, a report entitled *Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation Activities in Pennsylvania* concluded that "historic preservation confers many economic and fiscal benefits on the Commonwealth: economic stimulus through construction projects, wealth gains and tax revenue through property value appreciation, and jobs supported from tourism activity." Rehabilitation of Nicholson Station as a visitor's center and gateway to the Viaduct Valley Way Scenic Byway, will undoubtedly provide benefits to the community in all of these areas, while at the same time preserving an important piece of local culture and helping to protect the environment. Thus, Preservation Pennsylvania enthusiastically supports your fundraising efforts for this project.

We appreciate the good work that the Nicholson Heritage Association is doing to preserve this important piece of Pennsylvania's history.

Sincerely,



Mindy G. Crawford
Executive Director