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Steamtown National Historic Site
150 South Washington Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503-2018

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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

Dear Ms. Sweet,

Steamtown National Historic Site wholeheartedly supports the efforts of the Nicholson Heritage Association in its renovation and restoration efforts of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad station in Nicholson, Pennsylvania. We applaud your attempts to incorporate elements of sound planning and best practices to preserve, enhance, and promote a very important historic, cultural, and scenic resource.

While the National Park Service is empowered to preserve and protect certain cultural and natural treasures, it cannot and should not preserve everything. It is up to grass root groups like the Heritage Association to identify local treasures and mobilize local and state resources for their protection. It is with this in mind that the Park Service supports this concept and is particularly supportive of this endeavor.

I have directed our Park Historian to make available historical resources from the Steamtown Archives to aid in the documentation and planning process. I also hope that the Nicholson Heritage Association will partner with other regional groups and organizations, including Steamtown National Historic Site, in its efforts. I consider the Nicholson Heritage Association one of our many partners in the preservation of local railroading history.

Thank you for your diligent efforts in this great initiative.

Sincerely,

William L. Leonard, Jr.
Acting Superintendent

cc: 4810-Kline, STEA Chief of Interpretation
4810-McKnight, STEA Historian