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Nicholson Tourism Center at the Historic DL&W Railroad Station Grand Opening Ceremony

The Nicholson Heritage Association is excited to announce the grand opening ceremony of the Nicholson Tourism Center at the Historic Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad (DL&W) Railroad Station which will take place at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 8, 2023. The station is located at 21 Lackawanna Trail (Route 11).

Marion Sweet, the Association's Chair, said that, "After much hard work, dedication, and financial support from our volunteers, local community, and partners, including the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), we are excited to officially open the DL&W station! This is the beginning of a new chapter for the historic station, Nicholson, and the region. We hope to see everyone there."

The Nicholson Tourism Center at the Historic DL&W Railroad Station will help revitalize the region by attracting tourists to the station, the Tunkhannock Creek Viaduct (also known as the Tunkhannock Viaduct or the Nicholson Bridge), Nicholson, Historic Tunkhannock, Wyoming County, and the Endless Mountains. The station also will attract visitors to the region by linking to the area's railroading and transportation attractions, including the Martins Creek Viaduct, Viaduct Valley Way Scenic Byway, Starrucca Viaduct, Steamtown National Historic Site, Anthracite Heritage Museum and Iron Furnaces, Lackawanna Coal Mine Tour, Electric City Trolley Museum, PA's Historic Route 6, D&H Gravity Railroad Depot Museum, and Honesdale: the birthplace of American Railroad (see infographic).

The Nicholson Heritage Association purchased the station in June 2012, with donations from individuals, businesses, and a Pepsi Refresh Project grant. The Association held two public meetings in 2014 to present and discuss the results of the feasibility study, funded mainly in part by a grant from the Endless Mountains Heritage Region with Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources funds.

In late 2014, this historic transportation facility preservation and community economic revitalization project received a PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for preservation and rehabilitation of the historic railroad station. In September 2018, Perry's General Contracting of Dunmore was selected as the general contract for the renovation project. The Association received multiple donations and grants, including from the Endless Mountains Heritage Region and the Tom E. Dailey Foundation, to cover NHA's required project costs, which included the completed designs by Reuther+Bowen of Dunmore.

The Nicholson Heritage Association is dedicated to the historic preservation of Nicholson and the surrounding region. Nicholson is a rural town nestled in Wyoming County and the Endless Mountains of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Besides this initiative, the Association meets regularly to discuss initiatives that include promoting the Viaduct Valley Way Scenic Byway. For updates on the Association, please visit <u>https://www.nicholsonheritage.org</u> or visit them on Facebook and Twitter.

