

## R. CNYNRHS – Martisco Passenger Station Museum Expansion (W435)

March 26, 2010

- Grantee:** Central New York Chapter National Railway Historical Society, Inc.  
("CNYNRHS" or the "Chapter")
- ESD Investment:** A grant of up to \$50,000 to be used for a portion of the cost of an expansion to the Martisco Passenger Station Museum (the "Museum").
- Project Location:** 5085 Martisco Road, Marcellus, Onondaga County
- NYS Empire Zone (or equivalent):** N/A
- Project Completion:** August 2010
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### Project Description:

#### Background

The Central New York Chapter National Railway Historical Society was established in 1935. Its mission is to promote railroading through preserving railroad artifacts and hosting activities and educational programs. The Chapter currently owns and maintains two historic railroad station museums in New York State which are housed in restored railroad depots located in Marcellus, and Central Square in Oswego County. CNYNRHS also owns and maintains three locomotives and seven railway cars which are exhibited at the New York State Fairgrounds. The Chapter has an extensive library of books, catalogs, historic photographs, films, videos, audio recordings, magazines, and numerous historic railroad artifacts. The library serves as a valuable resource for researchers of railroad and community history and contains many one-of-a-kind items.

#### The Project

The project consists of an expansion of the Martisco Passenger Station Museum to house the CNYNRHS library. The Museum was built in 1878 and acquired by CNYNRHS in 1965; the Chapter restored the nineteenth-century structure, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The library is currently located in the Camillus Town Hall, which needs the additional space and requested that CNYNRHS find another location. The expansion will be adjacent to the existing Museum building in a footprint of an earlier addition which was torn down approximately sixty years ago. Funds for this phase of the

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project will be used for the foundation, roof, floors, windows, other exterior work, ADA-compliant bathrooms, and an HVAC system to protect the Museum’s collection. Any remaining funds will be used for interior work.

Upon completion of the project, the Grantee will furnish a final report describing the impact and effectiveness of the project.

Financing Uses	Amount	Financing Sources	Amount	Percent
Buiding expansion	\$75,000	ESD Grant	\$50,000	67%
		CNYNRHS Fundraising and Donations	25,000	33%
Total Project Costs	\$75,000	Total Project Financing	\$75,000	100%

**Environmental Review:**

ESD staff has determined that the project constitutes a Type II action as defined by the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) and the implementing regulations for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. No further environmental review is required in connection with the project.

Due to the building's listing on the National Register of Historic Places, ESD will ensure that consultation is completed with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation pursuant to the requirements of Section 14.09 of the of the New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Law.

**Statutory Basis – Community Capital Assistance Program:**

The project was authorized in accordance with Chapter 84 of the Laws of 2002 and reappropriated in the 2009-2010 New York State budget.

**Disclosure and Accountability Certifications:**

The Grantee has provided ESDC with the required Disclosure and Accountability Certifications. Grantee’s certifications indicate that Grantee has no conflict of interest or good standing violations and, therefore, staff recommends that the Corporation authorize the grant to the Grantee as described in these materials.