

Vision Plan

Our vision for a fully restored Southampton Station and grounds includes utilizing the station as a heritage center focused on the history of the Newtown Branch, its role in the development of Upper Southampton, and the history of railroading in Bucks County.

Area schools will be able to conduct history classes at the station to teach children about local history, and the role that the Newtown Branch played in the everyday life and development of communities from the line's inception in 1876 until 1983.

The Station will also host summertime outdoor events that focus on local history and railroads. With continuous improvements being made to the site, Southampton Station will continue to offer more as a center of activity to Southampton residents.

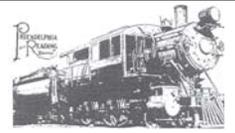
Upon completion, Southampton Station will feature flower gardens, park benches and a social setting for residents to meet and enjoy the beauty and history of an era gone by.

While the building requires an extensive amount of rehabilitation, it was declared structurally sound in 2007 by Township and SEPTA inspectors. Much work remains in securing grants, donations and other sources of funding to complete this project.

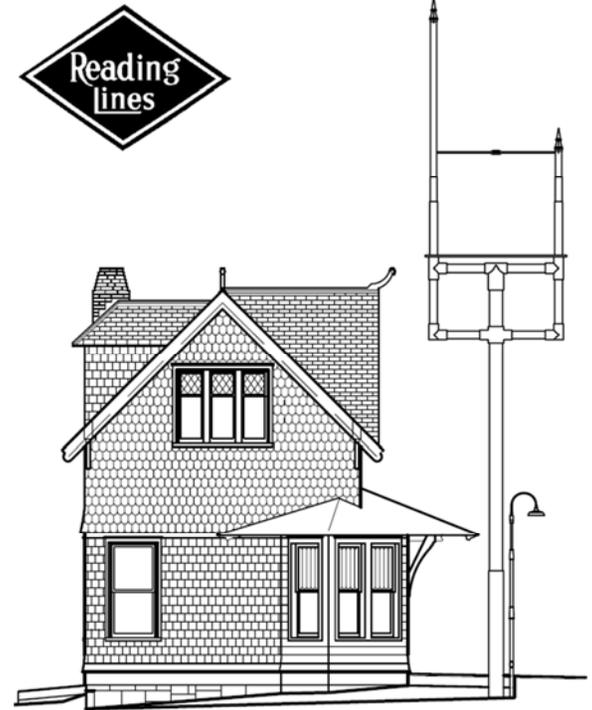
We are extremely fortunate to have the support and cooperation of Upper Southampton Township and Township Historical Advisory board, the Newtown Historical Society, the Delaware Valley chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

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All Aboard..... Southampton Railroad Station RESTORATION



Bucks County, Pennsylvania



Join the Southampton Railroad Station Society for the restoration and revitalization of the Newtown Branch's Southampton Train station and grounds...

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Preserving Southampton's Railroad History and Legacy

A Brief History of the Newtown Branch

In days prior to the American Civil War, a group of investors had received permission by special act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to incorporate the Philadelphia and Montgomery County Railroad. It was hoped that the line would be built from Philadelphia to Newtown.

In 1873, the road was renamed the Philadelphia, Newtown and New York Railroad Company. The first train operated to Fox Chase in 1876. By 1879, the line was under lease to the Philadelphia and Reading operating to the Reading's Third and Berks Street station.

It was the last Reading suburban line to use steam, with the last engine being withdrawn on May 6, 1952. Passenger service ceased altogether on January 18, 1983.

Historic Preservation

The restoration of Southampton Station represents a unique opportunity to preserve a rare surviving piece of the 19th century legacy of the Reading Railroad in Bucks County, designed by the noteworthy Philadelphia architect Theophilus Parsons Chandler, Jr. and constructed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad in 1892. The overall project includes restoration of the building while incorporating present day code compliance.

Onboard to a future...

A 2008 budgetary estimate for restoring Southampton Station and grounds was \$628,000. While Southampton Station has a long road ahead, the future and potential for the historic icon of Upper Southampton is promising.

Funding for restoration work will be obtained through private grants from local and national sources. The Society was awarded two grants in 2012 to repair the stone foundation. Restoration of electrical service was also completed in the same year.

Joining the Society

As a member, your annual membership dues will contribute to covering annual costs, such as building insurance and utilities. Your help as an active member is needed to help maintain the site, organize fundraisers, obtain funding, and operate the organization. Many opportunities exist to learn about and take active part in the preservation of history.

Join us at monthly board meetings, Society events and onsite work sessions. Together we can restore the Victorian heart of Southampton, and preserve the history of the station's role in the early days of Upper Southampton Township.

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All donations over \$50 will receive a complementary whistle.

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