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Lake Hopatcong Train Station project wins preservation award

Landing, N.J. (October 14, 2021)— The Lake Hopatcong Foundation was presented with a Preservation Project Award for the Lake Hopatcong Train Station project last night, October 13, at Preservation New Jersey’s 2021 New Jersey Historic Preservation Awards. The award was one of fifteen presented at the ceremony held at the 1867 Sanctuary in Ewing, New Jersey.

“Preservation New Jersey is excited to be recognizing so many diverse, innovative projects from all across the state and the people and organization making preservation possible,” shared Matthew Pisarski, President of the Board of Directors of Preservation New Jersey.

Preservation New Jersey promotes the economic vitality, sustainability, and heritage of New Jersey’s diverse communities through advocacy and education and annually celebrates individuals, organizations, and agencies that have made a major or sustained impact within the field of history and historic preservation in New Jersey.

“We are thrilled to have been presented with a New Jersey Historic Preservation Award,” said Marty Kane, Board Chair of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. “With the help of Morris County, the State of New Jersey, and the local community, this wonderful building has been given a new life and a new mission. And just as it did when first constructed, the station building is once again serving the public with an important mission.”

The Lake Hopatcong Station was built in 1911, possibly the only of its kind in New Jersey designed to integrate passenger rail and canal service, as a link between the Morris Canal and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad. In 2014, the Lake Hopatcong Foundation acquired the then-vacant train station and hired Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects who began with the preparation of a Historic Preservation Plan and a successful National Register nomination.

Restoration and rehabilitation of the train station were accomplished over multiple phases of work in five years. The project began with structural stabilization and restoration of the Ludowici clay tile roof and progressed with upgrades to comply with barrier-free requirements, masonry restoration, window and door

restoration, and restoration and upgrade of interior finishes and features so the building reflects its use as a train station while being adaptively reused as the headquarters of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation and its new Environmental and Cultural Center, which opened in 2019.

“The Lake Hopatcong Foundation commends our project partners, Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects and O’Donnell Construction, for their passion and dedication to this restoration project,” remarked Donna Macalle-Holly, Grants and Program Director of the Lake Hopatcong Foundation. “Their partnership and expertise were critical in preserving this iconic structure that reflects an important part of Lake Hopatcong’s historic past.”

The Lake Hopatcong Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to protecting the lake environment and enhancing the lake experience by bringing together public and private resources to encourage a culture of sustainability and stewardship on and around New Jersey's largest lake, for this and future generations. To learn more, visit lakehopatcongfoundation.org.

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(left to right) Lake Hopatcong Foundation (LHF) Grants and Program Director Donna Macalle-Holly, Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects Principal Architect Thomas B. Connolly, LHF Board Chair Marty Kane, LHF Executive Director Kyle Richter, Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects Principal Historic Preservation Specialist Margaret M. Hickey



The former Lake Hopatcong Station - now the Lake Hopatcong Foundation Environmental & Cultural Center