

Core Business:

Be the unifying organization that brings together the rail heritage industry.

Mission statement

NRHS will illuminate, educate and enable preservation of railway history

Vision Statement:

*NRHS will **illuminate** preservation of railway history*

Through the use of appropriate media and technology, NRHS acquires, coordinates and disseminates information drawn from individuals and organizations who share an interest in railway history and preservation. The overall objective is to eliminate duplication of effort, and make as large a segment of the greater railway community as possible aware of shared resources and concerns.

Examples of activities and tactics under this goal:

- Most-at-risk list
- A preservation emergency database
- Centralized databases of existing railroad resources and preserved resources
- Technical publications

*NRHS will **educate** regarding preservation and rail history*

Through a variety of venues and techniques, NRHS will provide scholarly and experiential learning opportunities for the entire range of railway history participants from the professional to the casual visitor.

Examples of activities and tactics under this goal:

- NRHS *NEWS* or its equivalent
- Bulletin or its equivalent
- Conventions
- RailCamp
- Advocacy for community restoration, revitalization, or adaptive reuse of railway infrastructure
- Establish internship relationships and docent relationships with existing formal education systems from elementary to postgraduate.
- Preservation awards

NRHS will **enable** preservation of rail history

NRHS directly provides resources designed to enhance the financial positioning of organizations whose mission furthers the cause of railway history preservation, education and outreach

Examples of activities and tactics under this goal:

- Railway Heritage Grants
- Collective preservation priorities selected by a panel of experts representing organizations with a railway preservation mission
- Collective determination of preservation grant activities coordination with other granting agencies
- Organizational capacity building services— templates, professional services, and/or in-kind help regarding activities for donor acquisition, cultivation, fundraising, strategic partnerships, and management advisement for affiliated organizations.
- Parts, manuals and fabricators recommendations exchange for restoration workers