

# CLAYMONT TRAIN STATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN KICK-OFF MEETING



**June 25, 2008**

# Project Scope

- Evaluate existing conditions - **complete**
- Issues, opportunities and constraints analysis – **complete**
- Prepare master vision plan - **complete**
- Develop traffic circulation, access and parking - **complete**
- Implementation plan – **in process**
- Final report – **draft report under review**
- Public outreach, stakeholder meetings and workshops - **ongoing**

Claymont Station building, 1905;  
Destroyed by fire in late 1980s



# Issues

- Context – Planning and an Involved Community
- Station location – Is there a better place?
- Improving transportation function – What is needed?
- Architecture and aesthetics
- Connection to community

# Issues

- Recreation
  - East Coast Greenway
  - Northern Delaware Greenway
  - Fox Point State Park
- Retail
  - What can be supported?
  - Restaurant
  - Coffee shop and magazine stand
- Residential development opportunities?

# Existing Conditions



# Station Ridership

- 2007 Statistics

- Weekdays, 35 trains, 475 riders
- Saturdays, 12 trains, 75 riders

- 1990 Statistics

- Weekdays, 34 trains, ridership n/a

- 1979 Statistics

- Weekdays, 36 trains, 250 riders
- Saturdays, 22 trains, ridership n/a
- Sundays, 16 trains, ridership n/a

# Community Input

- Create an improved train station with more amenities
- Keep station close to community and improve pedestrian access to encourage walking and biking
- Design station to fit in with community design and architecture
- Add parking for future growth; create a second access point to relieve traffic on Myrtle Avenue
- Encourage development in station area, utilizing vacant land to connect to riverfront

# Station Concept



## Preferred Alternative

- Relocate platforms closer to Myrtle Avenue
- New Entrance with separate bus lane and waiting area
- Preferred parking for carpool and carshare users
- 4000 sq ft station building with waiting room
- Ticket sales and coffee shop
- Pedestrian concourse over tracks
- Two sets of stairs and elevators
- ADA Compliant, high-level platforms
- Full length canopies
- Station plaza with landscaping and public art
- Potential for parking deck



# Design Options



New Shore Line East commuter station,  
Guilford, Ct.

Front façade of Saratoga Springs  
Train Station, NY



# Potential Funding Sources

- Delaware Greenways
- Public / Private Partnerships
- Claymont Steel Property Developer
- Member Agencies

# Implementation

**Implementation will take persistence and diligence**

- **Step 1 - Publicize and build support.**
- **Step 2 - Incorporate the vision into official plans**
- **Step 3 - Early implementation improvements**
- **Step 4 - Seek funding from varied sources**
- **Step 5 - Preliminary design**
- **Step 6 - Implementation**

# Public Outreach

- Stakeholder Outreach

- *May 2006* - Kickoff Meeting
- *Summer/Fall 2006* - Stakeholder Interviews

- Public Meetings

- *June 2007* - Craft a vision
- *December 2007* - Station design options
  - CRDC, CCC, DRAC
- *February 2008* - Station design options
  - Community, Station users
- *June 25, 2008* - Seek community support
  - Claymont Train Station Improvement Plan
  - Chosen design option

# Questions?

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