

Historic Landmarks Commission Awarded Grant from National Trust for Historic Preservation

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The Jefferson County Historic Landmarks Commission (JCHLC) is delighted to announce it has been awarded \$4,000 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Henry A. Jordan, M.D. Preservation Excellence Fund to fund a topographical survey of the historic Duffields Depot.

Duffields Depot was added to the National Register of Historic Places and as a Jefferson County Historic Landmark in 2007. The depot is the second oldest surviving station on the B&O Railroad and the oldest surviving combined freight and passenger station in the United States.

The JCHLC was gifted the Duffields Depot this past February by Duffields Station, Inc. The non-profit organization purchased the Depot in 2006 but gifted the property after they became unable to maintain it. Since February, JCHLC has been fundraising, submitting grants, and planning to stabilize and rehabilitate the station masters house. This grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation will help the JCHLC to better understand site drainage and structural evaluation. After clearing and securing the building the JCHLC plans to rehabilitate both the interior and exterior of the depot.

The JCHLC is a branch of the Jefferson County government and operates under authority granted to landmarks commissions by the West Virginia legislature. The Landmarks Commission focuses on heritage education and tourism, historic preservation, and historic resource development. JCHLC's primary mission is to preserve historic sites, structures, and rural landscapes within the unincorporated areas of Jefferson County and to educate the public about the county's heritage. For more information about JCHLC programs and activities visit: www.jeffersoncountyhlc.org or the Landmark Commission's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/JeffersonCountyHLC/>