

## **HISTORIC SARANAC LAKE STATEMENT ON THE PRESERVATION OF THE RAILROAD**

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We support the preservation of the New York Central Railroad, Adirondack Division, corridor. We believe that all of the contributing features listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places, including the railroad tracks, should be preserved.

Historic Saranac Lake was founded in 1980 as an Architectural Preservation organization. For 31 years, it has been an essential part of our mission to advocate for the preservation of the built environment. Our membership base and many people in the community at large understand and value this role that we play. It should come as no surprise that we oppose the demolishing of an historic structure.

We support the the multiple public and nonprofit use of the corridor as described in the 1996 management plan. We respect the fact that differing opinions exist on the best use of the tracks going forward. However, we believe that the tracks should stay in place, because their removal will diminish this historic resource.