



RAILROAD BREAKS GROUND ON NEW EDUCATION/ADMINISTRATION CENTER



Left to right: David Ludlow, Executive Director, Wilmington & Western Railroad; Horace Wahl, immediate past President, Historic Red Clay Valley Inc.; Peter Lane, President, Historic Red Clay Valley Inc.; Chris Coons, New Castle County Executive
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Earlier today, the Wilmington & Western Railroad broke ground on a new 5000-sq.ft. building which will provide educational and administrative space.

A new Education/Office building was included as part of the railroad's \$10 million Campaign to Rebuild after the railroad was destroyed by the remnants of Tropical Storm Henri in 2003. Construction of the new building was delayed until the 10.2-mile line was completely rebuilt from Greenbank to Hockessin, Del., and other essentials were completed. The new building has been under active planning for more than three years.

The new education/administration center will be adjacent to the yard where the railroad's locomotives and cars are stored and serviced. It will provide classroom, meeting and display space in addition to a new office area. With these facilities in place the organization will be able to provide new services to members and to the public that have not been possible, such as special lectures, events and behind-the-scenes tours.

The new building is being made possible by generous contributions of foundations, individuals, corporations, passengers, volunteers and state and national funding during the Campaign to Rebuild.

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The Wilmington & Western Railroad operates steam- and diesel-powered tourist trains on 10-miles of track through Delaware's historic Red Clay Valley. Our vintage railroad equipment, combined with the scenic beauty of the Red Clay Valley, allows our passengers to experience 1920s branchline railroading in the 21st Century. For more on the Wilmington & Western Railroad, visit our Website at www.wvrr.com.

Historic Red Clay Valley Inc. (HRCV) is the non-profit owner/operator of the Wilmington & Western Railroad. It is the mission of Historic Red Clay Valley Inc. to preserve and interpret the natural, cultural and railroad heritage of northern Delaware, and specifically the features of the Red Clay Valley, for the education and enjoyment of the public.