

Volunteers can make a difference

The Lawrence Story





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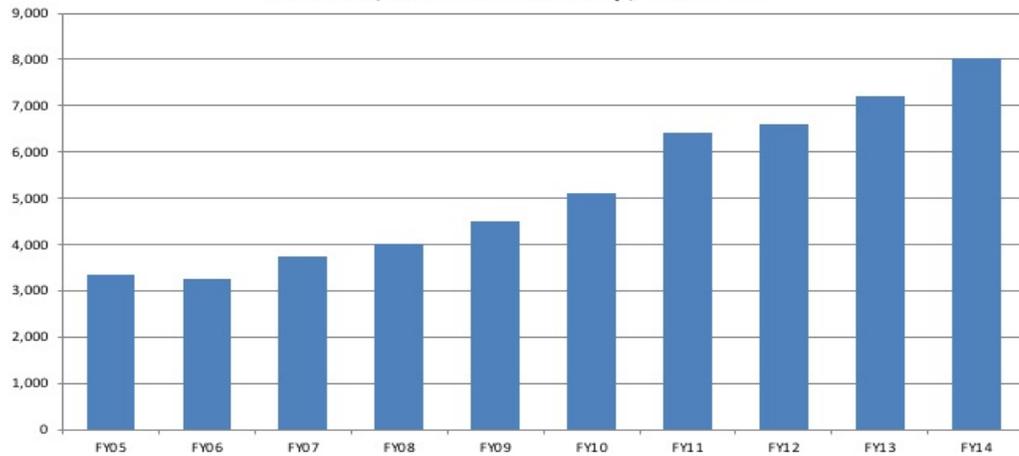
History



Go forward with what you've got

Effective Volunteer Activities

Lawrence, KS Amtrak Ridership, FY05-FY14



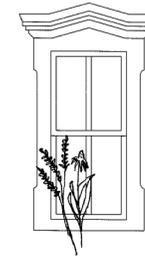
Support from diverse stakeholders make a difference

Community Center
for Volunteer Activities



City of Lawrence

Amtrak regulars



Lawrence
Preservation
Alliance



East Lawrence
Neighborhood Association

Train buffs



US Representative
Dennis Moore

The Challenges

- Caretakers
- Naysayers
- Vandalism and Theft
- Failed Grant Submissions
- *Ownership Transfer*
- Threat to Amtrak's SW Chief

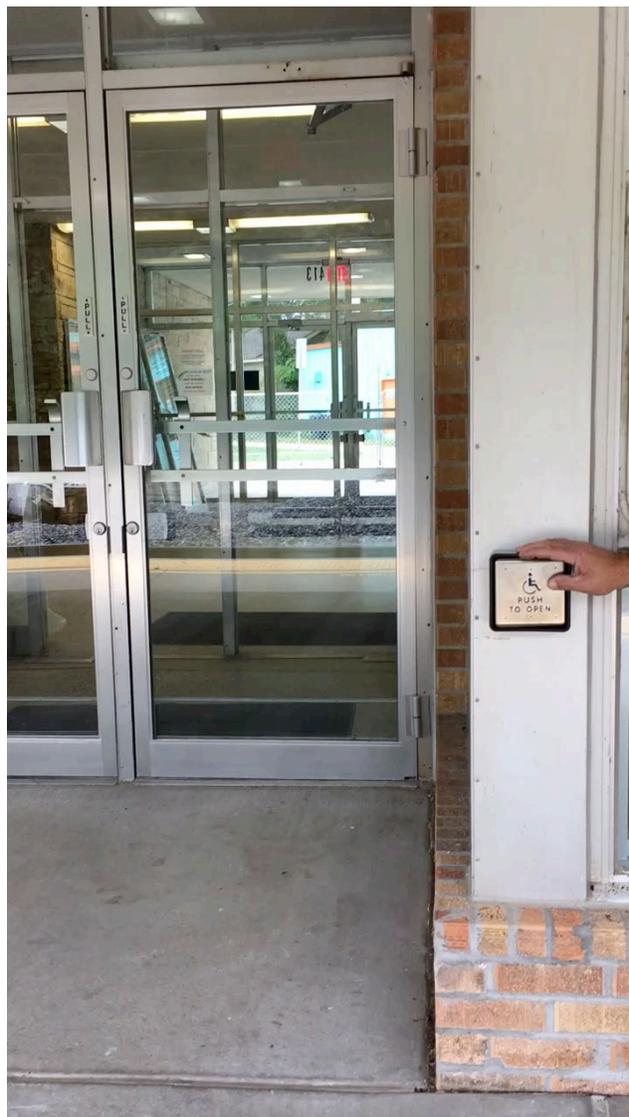




All things come to she who waits ...and works



ADA: When Amtrak is happy, everybody's happy



Criteria for success of volunteer program

- program must be well organized with effective leadership
- volunteer work must be meaningful, fun, not too demanding.
- volunteer pool must be adequate for tasks at hand.



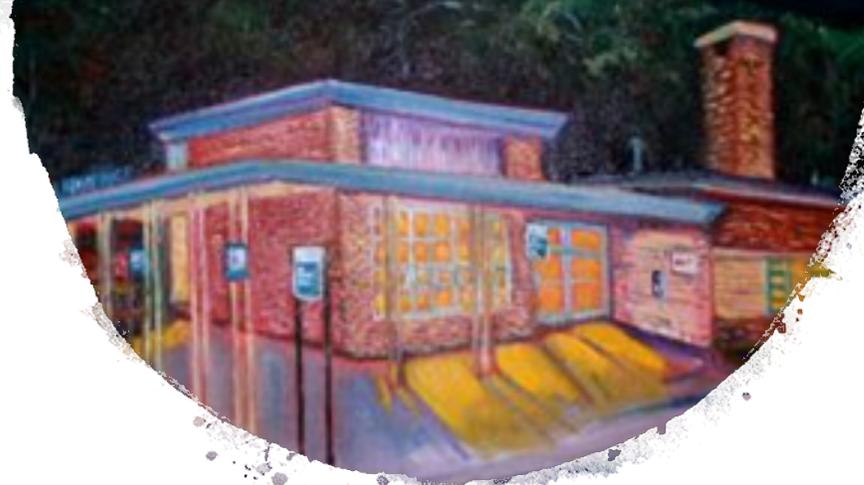
Your depot
speaks volumes
about your
community.

Keep it vital!



Thank you

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What good is an Amtrak station
if the train stops running?



State and local Congressional Representatives defend the *SW Chief*

Sources of volunteers:

- train buffs
- Amtrak regulars (passengers)
- retirees
- depot neighbors
- Community Center for Volunteer Activities
- historic preservation group
- media coverage and speakers' bureau stir interest

Celebrate



Depot Redux

A diversified board of Trustees



Enhancing passenger amenities



What was it about
Lawrence and this
station that made
the project
successful?

Patience
Persistence

