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Metro-North Railroad's Hartsdale Station Building Is Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

MTA Metro-North Railroad is proud to announce that the Hartsdale Station building has joined Grand Central Terminal, Poughkeepsie and Philipse Manor as one of four Metro-North stations to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, recognizing its importance to the history of the railroad, the state and the country.

The designation was announced by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, which recommended the station last fall. The listing occurred July 11, 2011.

The listing makes the station eligible for grants for restoration and preservation work under the New York State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF).

"Metro-North takes seriously its role as a steward of our region's history, and the listing on the National Register recognizes the importance of these buildings and provides them with a measure of protection," said Metro-North President Howard Permut.

Most of Metro-North's historic stations are "eligible" for listing, but only "listed" properties can apply for grants. Several municipal or community-owned station buildings are listed, including Chappaqua, Scarsdale and Tuxedo.

Hartsdale's Tudor Revival-style building of brick, stucco and timber building was built in 1914 to replace an earlier, smaller, wood-frame structure. It was designed by Warren and Wetmore, the same architects who designed Grand Central Terminal. The Hartsdale station, on the Harlem Line in southern Westchester County, is used by about 3,000 people each weekday.



Inside, the building has a red tile floor and built-in wooden benches that are used by the tenant, Starbucks coffee shop. Starbucks invested about \$400,000 in building improvements, including upgrading the restrooms, prior to opening in 2000.

The terms of the net lease assure that railroad customers have access to the waiting area and restrooms whenever the shop is open. Previously the building was open only when the ticket office was open, typically Monday through Friday only from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Now the building is open seven days a week and into the night, providing a great amenity for railroad customers and adding to the vibrancy of the downtown area. In addition, utilities and cleaning of the building are provided by the tenant, reducing costs to the railroad.

Similar net leases also are in place at Tuckahoe and Mount Kisco stations.

In hopes of repeating the retail success of Hartsdale, Metro-North currently is seeking tenants for four other historic station buildings. Bids have been received for Peekskill and Port Chester and bids are due September 16 for Tarrytown and Ossining.