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Historic Garrison Station Sign Restored to Like-New Condition Tender Treatment from Metro-North's Structures Department

A cast iron station sign that long pre-dated the creation of MTA Metro-North Railroad in 1983 has been restored and repositioned in a prominent place more fitting to the significance of Garrison as a cultural, arts and historical destination in the Hudson Valley.

Earlier this year, Putnam County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra sent a letter to Metro-North Railroad President Howard Permut asking if the railroad would "restore it to its former state to again welcome the public to our community that we are all so very proud of."

"It is our great pleasure to be a good neighbor and preserve the historic treasures we are fortunate to have," Permut said. "It was a small job with a big impact."

The sign, rusted and lacking almost all its paint, was removed from its isolated post on the riverside of the tracks at the north end of the inbound platform behind a bench and out of sight.

At the Structures Shop in Croton-Harmon, Metro-North employees polished it, primed it and painted it black, with lettering and outline in gold.

The restored sign was unveiled Thursday in its new location on the brick wall of the east elevator tower facing the front of the station, which is used by about 400 people each weekday. It is also a popular weekend destination for tourists heading to West Point and other Hudson Valley attractions.

"It is a great day for Garrison, and we are grateful to Metro-North and all of those who took part in the restoration process. Due to their efforts, a piece of history has been saved," said Ms. Scuccimarra, who represents Putnam County District 1, which includes Garrison, Cold Spring, Nelsonville and the Town of Phillipstown.

"I'm delighted as I'm sure all Putnam County residents will be when they see this sign. It's marvelous that a little bit of paint can renew your pride in your community," said Robert Bickford, Putnam County's representative to the board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Metro-North's parent agency.

Last fall, Metro-North completed a \$300,000 upgrade of the 291-space parking lot at Garrison to eliminate potholes and puddles and make it easier to clean and plow the lot.

And last month, Metro-North improved train service at Garrison with the addition of three trains each weekday and two additional trains on Saturday and one new train on Sunday.

