

B&ORHS Now Has New Potential Archives Building

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Fellow Society Member:

It is my pleasure to announce to all who are interested in the history and legacy of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Historical Society has made an offer, which has been accepted, for a 9,600 square foot building in Eldersburg, Maryland to be the new home to the society's archives and headquarters operations starting in 2016.



In addition to the building, the lot covers over two acres of land, with 45 off-street parking spaces. The paperwork and financing is now in the process of being negotiated and agreed to by the appropriate government offices and the society. The purchase price will be \$240,000 plus settlement cost. Some modifications and other building work will be necessary before we can begin to move in, but in nearly all other respects, the building will meet our needs for the immediate future and for many years to come.

To help with the purchase costs and furnish the facility we are instituting a donor recognition program for the whole building and its component spaces. **NOW** is the time to assist in building upon our continued successful publications and programs and secure future of our organization.

Other fund raising efforts will be announced in the near future. Any contribution to the society for the building is tax deductible. (In fact you can still donate for 2015 if you submit your donation by December 31st.) A list of currently available spaces and the donation amount associated with naming rights is below. If you have additional fundraising ideas, please don't hesitate to contact the society.

We know that not everyone can write a check large enough for many of these amounts. Donations of all sizes are welcome and appreciated. This building is for **ALL** members of the B&O Historical Society and we are grateful for any assistance at any level that our members and their friends can provide. Everyone who contributes will be recognized by the society and if you want to make a donation in memory of a family member, friend or favorite railroader, we will happily note that when we publish a list recognizing all donors and their contributions.

Naming Categories

Building	\$100,000
Auditorium	60,000
Library	50,000
	<i>(Spoken For Already)</i>
Research Rooms @ \$15,000/room	45,000
Archives	30,000
Company Store	25,000

Display Hall	20,000
Conference Room	10,000
	<i>(Contribution Already Made)</i>
Executive Restroom5,000
Reception Lobby5,000
Picnic Area5,000
Total	\$355,000

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