

The Ashland Train Station

Submitted by The Ashland Garden Club

The Ashland Garden Club seeks a redesign of the grounds of the historic 1922 Ashland Train Station to provide much-needed additional seating and complementary landscaping for the 20,000 heritage tourists and train enthusiasts who visit this site each year.

Ashland is a small, turn-of-the-century railroad town created, and still defined, by the tracks running past beautiful shady streets and homes. The station is unquestionably the heart and soul of historic downtown Ashland. Currently, the structure serves as the Ashland/Hanover Visitors Center and is an active Amtrak stop.

The paving is crumbling, the soil is so compacted that new plantings struggle to survive, and the seating is an inadequate, unattractive muddle of picnic tables and mismatched benches. Despite three years of watering, planting, mulching and weeding, the Ashland Garden Club realizes that a major overhaul is needed to make this truly the jewel Ashland both needs and deserves.

