

2. MEMORIALIZE THE ESMONT DEPOT



Esmont Depot Being Dismantled, 1964

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Esmont Depot was torn down and the railroad tracks were taken up in 1964, leaving the Historic Village of Esmont (the Village) with only a vacant pathway as a reminder of its busy railroad days when soapstone, slate, pulp wood, railroad ties, and mail traveled from Alberene, Esmont, Schuyler and Warren to places around the world.

Friends of Esmont, Inc. plans to memorialize the missing depot on the ground it was built on. The exact location of the building will be determined and a metal marker with the history of the depot and the village of Esmont, in black lettering on a silver background, will be installed. Railroad ties will be incorporated into the memorial possibly in the form of benches or as markers indicating the outline of the former building. Village name signage, like that on the former building, will be placed on the newly renovated trail head building next to Purvis Store Market.

BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY: The Depot Memorial will serve as a resting place alongside the walking trail as well as give a short history lesson to those who visit.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER PROJECTS: The memorial, with its historical marker, will serve as a reminder of the history of the village and the major role it played in the region.

ESTIMATED COST: \$1,000

SUSTAINABILITY OF PROJECT: The memorial will require very little maintenance which can be handled by volunteers.