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## OmniTRAX Affiliate to Acquire Winchester & Western Railroad



*Photo via the WW website*

A managed affiliate of OmniTRAX, Inc., one of the largest privately held rail-centric transportation and logistics service companies in North America, and an affiliate of The Broe Group, has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the 101-year-old Winchester & Western Railroad from Covia Holdings Corporation. The \$105 million acquisition is expected to close during the third quarter of 2019 and is subject to customary closing conditions, including Surface Transportation Board review. WW operates in Maryland, New Jersey, West Virginia and Virginia.

The acquisition expands the OmniTRAX-managed short line portfolio into key new distribution locations in multiple east coast markets, providing OmniTRAX's customers with access to 100 million people within a day's transit. *Rome (GA) News-Tribune, July 26, 2019 (excerpt)*

*In the photo above, WW 572, an EMD GP10 originally built in October 1959 as PRR 7237, a GP9 with frame number 5556-A33, leads WW 403, an EMD GP9 built in May 1954 as Texas & New Orleans Railroad 403 with frame number 5323-4.*

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 7 at 8 p.m. at the former B&O Station in Silver Spring, MD, when John Sery will present *Big Boy Back in Steam*.

Following Meeting: Saturday, August 31 at the Walkersville [MD] Community Park for the Joint Annual CRA-WS Picnic starting at 12:30.