



From 1909 to 1931, the Rochester, Syracuse, and Eastern Railroad, an electric trolley line, ran through Perinton on its route between Rochester and Syracuse, stopping at ten stations between Baird Road in the east and Pannell Road in the west.

All the small rural stations were of the same design and provided passengers with a warm place to await the trolley. The picture shows the Egypt stop which was located approximately where the Egypt fire house stands today. The photo, looking southwest, shows Loud Road and Route 31 just behind the trolley station with Nelson's Store behind the trees. Today, one of the two remaining small trolley stops serves as the dockmaster's office on the canal in Fairport village. The larger village trolley stop has been remodeled over the years and now houses *Sew Creative*.

Trolley accommodations were quite luxurious and were often referred to as "club cars for the masses." The 62-passenger dark green cars were furnished with two rows of front-facing leather seats separated by an aisle. A single wooden bench in the rear of the car was for workmen, and a small section up front, separated by a sliding door, was set aside for smokers. Regulations noted that no one under 15 was allowed in the smoker unless accompanied by an adult and that all dogs had to be leashed and muzzled.

These trains, especially the locals, made it relatively easy for formerly isolated rural communities and farms to have contact with the larger towns and cities for a modest fare. A round trip ticket from Fairport to Rochester cost 35 cents (25 cents on the weekends). The trip took about 20 minutes.

In the early decades of the 20th century, as people turned more and more to the automobile and bus for travel, and as the Great Depression spread, the interurban trolley systems was unable to compete and closed down. Today the old trolley bed is known as the HikeWay-BikeWay and is part of Perinton's extensive trail system.