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**Missouri's Most Endangered Historic Places List Announced!**

COLUMBIA, MO-Missouri Preservation announced its Most Endangered Places List for 2006 on May 20, 2006. The statewide non profit organization made the announcement in observance of National Preservation Month. The slate of endangered sites was unveiled at a Missouri Preservation Press Conference held on Saturday at the historic George Washington Carver School in Fulton, Missouri, which is currently on the 2006 List of Most Endangered Historic Places. The Most Endangered Historic Places Program is one of Missouri Preservation's most visible programs. Modeled after the highly successful program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Most Endangered Program annually spotlights historic resources throughout the state that are "at risk." Each year Missouri Preservation solicits nominations from around Missouri, evaluates the merits of the submissions, and announces the "Most Endangered." During the year, Missouri Preservation provides technical assistance, advocacy, and planning support for those properties on the Most Endangered List. The program also brings much needed attention to the state's most threatened historic resources.

Five sites were held over from the 2005 list: the George Washington Carver School, The Rotunda, Courthouses Across Missouri, the MKT Railroad Bridge, and the Baker House. These were held over because they are still considered endangered and continue to need efforts to save them from destruction or deterioration. Eight properties are new to the 2006 list.

The 2006 List is as follows:

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| 1. George Washington Carver School        | Callaway County             |
| 2. The Baker House                        | St. Francois County         |
| 3. MKT Bridge                             | Cooper/Howard County        |
| 4. Rotunda                                | Gasconade County/Hermann    |
| 5. Courthouses Across Missouri            | Statewide                   |
| 6. Jazz District, 18 <sup>th</sup> & Vine | Jackson County, Kansas City |
| 7. Linn County Jail                       | Linn County                 |
| 8. Poplar Bluff Historic Depot & Stairs   | Butler County               |
| 9. Odd Fellows Home                       | Clay County                 |
| 10. Martinsburg Jail/City Hall/Firehouse  | Audrain County              |
| 11. Mark Sappington/Arban House           | St. Louis County            |
| 12. Nord St. Louis Turnverein             | St. Louis City              |
| 13. Mullanphy Emigrant Home               | St. Louis City              |

Missouri Preservation, known formally as Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation, is Missouri's only statewide non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, supporting, and coordinating historic preservation activities throughout Missouri.