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Missouri's Most Endangered Historic Places List Announced

Lexington, MO-Missouri Preservation announced its Most Endangered Places List for 2010 on Tuesday, May 18, 2009. In observance of National Preservation Month, the slate of endangered sites was unveiled at a Missouri Preservation Press Conference held at the Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church in Lexington, Missouri, which is on the 2010 List of Most Endangered Historic Places.

The Most Endangered Historic Places List, one of Missouri Preservation's most visible programs, brings much needed attention to the threatened historic resources throughout the state. Modeled after the highly successful program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Most Endangered Program annually spotlights historic resources that are "at risk." Each year Missouri Preservation solicits nominations from around the State, evaluates the merits of the submissions, and announces the "Most Endangered." Throughout the year, Missouri Preservation provides technical assistance, advocacy, and planning support for the listed properties. Chairperson for the Most Endangered Historic Places Program, Marion Smith of St. Louis noted that "Even in these difficult financial times, especially with the continued attacks on our State Historic Tax Credits, the need to protect our cultural and historic heritage has not diminished."

Five listings were held over from the 2009 List, as they are still considered endangered and continue to need support to save them from destruction or deterioration. Eight new listings representing nine new properties are new to the 2009 list.

The 2010 List of Missouri's Most Endangered Historic Places is as follows:

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| 1. | Chariton County Jail and Sheriff's Residence | Chariton County |
| 2. | Cole County Jail and Sheriff's Office | Cole County |
| 3. | Historic Bridges of Missouri
(Route 66 Bridge, St. Louis County)
(Riverside Bridge, Christian County) | Statewide |
| 4. | James Collier Marshall Home(<i>Fairfax</i>)
And the Rock Hill Presbyterian Church | St. Louis County |
| 5. | Lexington Municipal Auditorium | Lafayette County |
| 6. | Former Missouri State Penitentiary Complex | Cole County |
| 7. | Odessa Public School Building of 1912 | Lafayette County |
| 8. | Pierce City R-VI Middle School | Lawrence County |
| 9. | Rock Mechanics Laboratory/Former Missouri
Trachoma Hospital Building | Phelps County |
| 10. | The Russell Hotel | Mississippi County |
| 11. | St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railroad Depot | Madison County |
| 12. | Wheatley-Provident Hospital Building | Jackson County |
| 13. | Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church | Lafayette County |

On the 2010 Watched Properties List:

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| African-American Schools Across Missouri
(Banneker School in Platte County)
(Lincoln School of Vandalia/Audrain County) | Statewide |
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