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Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for City of Nashville
Grant to Fund Improvements to Glen Leven Farm Area

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen joined TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and state and local leaders today to announce the award of a \$482,636 transportation enhancement grant to the city of Nashville for the Glen Leven Historic Highway Program.

The Glen Leven Historic Highway Program is designed to create a model cooperative education project that preserves and interprets the Glen Leven Farm, one of the region's oldest and most intact historic landscapes and involves the repair of a historic stone fence and springhouse along Franklin Pike; improvements to the farm's south entrance gate; repairs to the existing farm road from its intersection with Franklin Pike at the south gate to the historic horse barn; and installation of an interpretive kiosk along the farm road that explains the Franklin Turnpike Company story and interprets the significant intersections between the turnpike and historic events associated with Glen Leven such as the Battle of Nashville. The kiosk would complement the planned TN Civil War Trail marker for the Glen Leven house now under development.

"This project presents a unique opportunity to improve access to one of the region's oldest and most intact historic landscapes," said Bredesen. "It will allow us an opportunity to identify, preserve and interpret a historic roadscape that is among the oldest in Tennessee and I'm pleased the state is helping fund improvements to this important link to our past for future generations."

Senator Henry is a strong supporter of the project and added, "This project is important for the historic roadscape along Franklin Pike and the identification and preservation for the traveling public. I'm pleased the Governor and TDOT are providing funds to maintain this important historic link to the state's transportation history."

"A highlight of this project will be a kiosk that explains the Franklin Turnpike Company and the role of this farm in the Battle of Nashville," said Representative Mike Stewart. "This is an exceptional opportunity to preserve this important link to Middle Tennessee's first turnpike company and the Civil War, and I'm pleased to see this project move forward."

The grant is made possible through a federally funded program administered by the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

"Through Transportation Enhancement grants, TDOT has funded approximately \$223 million in non-traditional transportation projects," said Nicely. "Established by Congress in the early 1990's, the program supports activities designed to strengthen the cultural, aesthetic and environmental aspects of the nation's transportation system."

A variety of activities such as the restoration of historic facilities, bike and pedestrian trails, landscaping and other non-traditional transportation projects are eligible for grant funds under the federal program.

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