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**Governor Bredesen Announces Enhancement Grant for Sumner County
*Grant to Fund Restoration of Douglass-Clark House***

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen joined TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely and state and local leaders today to announce the award of a \$693,809 transportation enhancement grant to Sumner County for the restoration of the Douglass-Clark House.

The Douglass-Clark House Restoration Project will create a tourist information and interpretive center, which will function as the main trailhead for the 2.5 mile Station Camp Creek Greenway in Sumner County. The home, which sits on 8 acres of land, represents a relic of Sumner County's once rural landscape. The project will utilize the existing historic structure, with the first floor encompassing the public/tourist guest reception area as well as display and meeting space.

"Projects like this allow Tennessee communities to preserve important pieces of history for future generations and educate visitors," said Bredesen. "I'm pleased the state can invest in this important renewal of such a historic structure."

"This home served as Sumner County's first courthouse in the late 1700's," said Representative Mike McDonald. "The restoration of the Douglass-Clark House will help create a unique trailhead and greenway experience for residents and visitors and I'm pleased to see the state providing these funds for this unique project."

Senator Diane Black added, "Projects like this are an important part of promoting tourism across Tennessee. I thank Governor Bredesen and TDOT for providing the funds necessary to make this improvement."

Representative Debra Maggart also supported the project.

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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