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## GOODNOW HOUSE STATE HISTORIC SITE TO RECEIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

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TOPEKA, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced that Goodnow House State Historic Site will receive \$148,400 in Transportation Enhancement funding from the Kansas Department of Transportation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The funding requires a match of \$37,100 for the \$185,500 project. The Kansas State Historical Society, Inc., is currently seeking \$30,000 in matching funds. Goodnow House is located at 2309 Claflin Road in Manhattan.

The project will complete major restoration work on the two-story farmhouse to ensure the long-term preservation of the property and to provide for the public's safety. The work will encompass: completion of major repairs to the masonry walls and foundations, the wood floor and ceiling components, and the wood stairs; repair of the interior plaster, replacement of wallpaper, and the application of new paint or stain finishes to the wood doors, windows, and trim; reworking of the interior exhibits to better maximize the visitor experience and to address the needs of today's audiences.

Built in 1861, Goodnow House represents the beginnings of the city of Manhattan. Isaac and Ellen Goodnow were abolitionists who in 1855 organized a company of 200 antislavery men and women and established the town. Isaac Goodnow founded Bluemont College, which he successfully transformed into the Kansas State College of Agriculture and Applied Science, now known as Kansas State University.

Goodnow House State Historic Site is one of 16 state historic sites operated by the Kansas Historical Society, who operates the site in partnership with the Riley County Historical Society. The house is open for tours 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday – Friday and 2 - 5 p.m. Saturday – Sunday, subject to staff availability. There is a suggested contribution of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Contributions to Goodnow House State Historic Site or the Kansas Historical Society can be made through the Kansas State Historical Society, Inc., the non-profit organization, which supports the Historical Society through fundraising. The Kansas Historical Society, organized in 1875, was established at the outset as a public-private collaboration.

The Kansas Historical Society does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs. The Historical Society requests prior notification to accommodate individuals with special needs or disabilities.

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