

# Tennessee Preservation Trust



**2008 "Ten in Tennessee"  
Endangered Sites List**

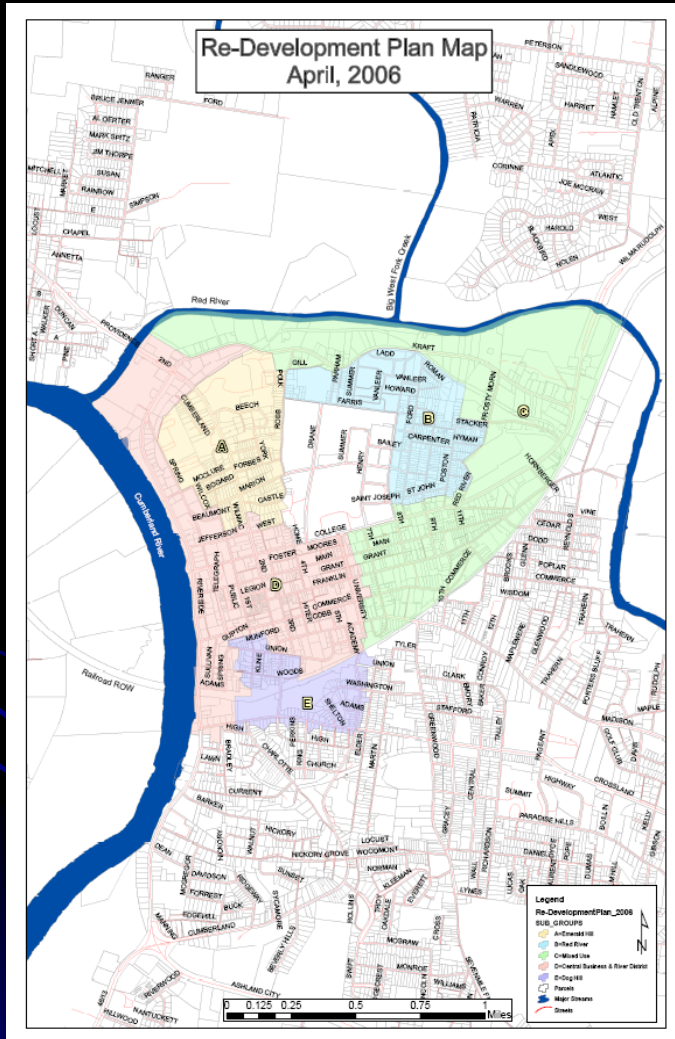
# Clarksville Historic Districts

## Montgomery County

- Properties in the Downtown, Dog Hill and Emerald Hill historic districts are threatened by recent *Downtown Redevelopment and Urban Renewal Plan*, which would designate two square miles of the historic downtown as “blighted” and give the city power to use eminent domain to condemn and demolish structures for redevelopment.
- National Trust for Historic Preservation calls situation “the most significant eminent domain threat to historic districts” it has encountered.



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# Tipton-Rosemark Academy

## Shelby County

- Built in 1912 as public school for the community of Rosemark, north of Memphis; became private school in 1970.
- School has constructed new high school next door and is vacating historic structure this month. School's board has decided to demolish original structure in June of July.
- Community activists and school alumni seeking solution to save the historic structure.



# Tipton-Rosemark Academy



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# Fleming Hall, Battle Ground Academy

## Williamson County

- Built 1911 as primary structure for private school, the successor to Harpeth Academy dating to 1811. Largest educational building in Williamson County.
- Abandoned after construction of new campus and purchased by Williamson County. County has not maintained structure and it is deteriorating rapidly.
- Community activists and school alumni hope county will preserve structure and reuse it for offices.



# Fleming Hall, Battle Ground Academy



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# Murfreesboro Old City Cemetery

## Rutherford County

- Original cemetery for former state capital city of Murfreesboro, and contains archaeological remains of the original First Presbyterian Church.
- Cemetery's wonderful architectural elements and tombs suffering from neglect and improper maintenance.
- Preservation plan and professional conservation of tombs and elements needed.



# Murfreesboro Old City Cemetery



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# Kimsey Junior College

## Polk County

- Designed by architect Rueben Hunt and constructed 1932-33 as junior college, but state rejected college application and it became a vocational school and high school.
- Rare example of rural collegiate public school architecture and only architect-designed structure in the Copper Basin.
- Structure is vacant and starting to deteriorate, but City of Ducktown hopes to acquire it for community use.



# Kimsey Junior College



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# Shofner's Chapel Lutheran Church

## Bedford County

- Congregation is oldest Lutheran congregation in Tennessee, and oldest west of the Allegheny Mountains; celebrating its bicentennial this weekend.
- Present church built mid-19<sup>th</sup> century in Greek Revival style; little changed.
- Landscape setting threatened by widening of adjacent US Highway 41A; congregation members want context-sensitive design of nearby bridge and landscape changes.
- TDOT is working with church to accommodate some requests.



# Shofner's Chapel Lutheran Church



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# John Geist Blacksmith Shop & Residences

## Davidson County

- Part of Nashville's historic Germantown community, Geist & Sons was Nashville's oldest business when it closed doors in 2006.
- Lot on busy Jefferson Street is extremely valuable for development, which places structures in danger, and cost of rehabilitating structures is increasing with time.
- Property owner would like to see structures preserved but does not have the financial means; he needs to sell as the property is his main retirement investment.



# John Geist Blacksmith Shop & Residences



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# Beth Salem Presbyterian Church

## McMinn County

- First African-American congregation in the three-county area of McMinn, Meigs and Polk counties; organized in 1866 just after Emancipation.
- Present structure built in 1925; remained in use until 1950s, but annual church reunion and services still held.
- Being mostly vacant, church has deteriorated and foundation needs immediate attention. Descendants of founders, relatives, friends and local churches all want to preserve structure and have started restoration fund.



# Beth Salem Presbyterian Church



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# S. S. Eaves House

## Meigs County

- Constructed 1909 for Samuel S. Eaves, prominent businessman who had mercantile store, ferry and steamboat landing.
- Rare surviving example of “Steamboat Gothic” style of architecture in state.
- House has been vacant many years and is seriously deteriorated. City of Decatur has expressed interest in acquiring house for public use or resale for private or commercial use.



# S. S. Eaves House



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# Franklin P. Blue Municipal Building

## Warren County

- Originally built as mansion in 1839, and was showcase home with tennis courts, flower gardens and grand ballroom.
- Acquired by Board of Education in 1915 and converted to school; became city municipal building in 1977
- City has acquired new property for municipal offices and has not maintained structure; demolition is possible. Community citizens have collected petitions with 2,000 signatures and hope to find investor who will reuse structure.



# Franklin P. Blue Municipal Building



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# *Updates from previous nominations*

*“Ten in Tennessee” Updates to Previous Listings*



# Alvin C. York Agricultural Institute

## Fentress County

- Established by Sergeant York for education of children of upper Cumberland region; later became state school but York was instrumental in continuing support.
- Only state-run high school in state; continued record of academic excellence.
- School has new buildings, but historic structure remains dear to alumni and citizens of area.
- Descendents of Sgt. York, alumni, and preservationists trying to raise money to stabilize and preserve the landmark.



# Spring Hill Battlefield

## Maury County

- Precursor to pivotal Battle of Franklin; adjacent land and buffer for historic Rippavilla Plantation.
- Planned development deal fell through; Tennessee Preservation Trust working with property owner General Motors Corporation and Maury County on acquisition of property.



# Franklin Theatre

## Williamson County

- 1937 Depression-era theatre located in downtown Franklin.
- Closed recently and was threatened with being converted to offices or retail use.
- Purchased 2007 by Heritage Foundation of Franklin and Williamson County for use as community venue; group has raised more than \$3 million for preservation.



# Taylor Home at Sabine Hill

## Carter County

- Ca. 1820 Federal house associated with family of two Tennessee governors, Alfred Taylor and Robert Love Taylor.
- Had been threatened by development.
- Purchased 2007 by State of Tennessee; will be restored and operated as historic site under management of nearby Sycamore Shoals State Historic Site.

