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Cane River National Heritage Area Receives Grant to Stabilize the Texas and Pacific Railway Depot

Natchitoches, LA, August 20, 2012 – Cane River National Heritage Area, Inc. (CRNHA) announced today that the organization received a \$50,000 grant through the State of Louisiana, Division of Administration, and Office of Community Development to assist with the stabilization of the Texas & Pacific Railway Depot located in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

This historically significant depot was built in 1927 in the Italian Renaissance and Spanish revival styles and is one of only four urban depots remaining in Louisiana. Its segregated entrances and waiting rooms are physical manifestations of Jim Crow laws and tell an important part of the African American story in Louisiana. The Depot is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was named to the Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation's 10 Most Endangered Historic Sites in 2006. The rehabilitation project is a partnership with the City of Natchitoches and area stakeholders.

“This is remarkable news for the Texas and Pacific Depot Rehabilitation Project.” remarked CRNHA Executive Director, Cynthia Sutton. “Receiving this grant is very encouraging and underscores the importance of the project.”

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About Cane River National Heritage Area

Cane River National Heritage Area (CRNHA) begins just south of Natchitoches, extending 35-miles along both sides of Cane River Lake. The core of the area is an 116,000-acre district between Interstate 49 and the Red River, which includes most of the historic sites connected to the history of the region. Home to Cane River Creole National Historical Park, six National Historic Landmarks, three state parks, and many other special places, CRNHA is a place to experience the rich cultures that developed out of Louisiana's colorful past.

The heritage area is governed by a 14-member Board of Directors with representatives from the area's historic sites, cultural organizations, businesses, and government. The organization's work is accomplished through local, regional, state, and federal partnerships. For more information, visit www.caneriverheritage.org.