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**PRESERVATION TEXAS NAMES SANTA FE RAILWAY DEPOT IN SNYDER  
TO ITS EIGHTH ANNUAL LIST OF TEXAS' MOST ENDANGERED HISTORIC PLACES**

*Sites in Bexar, Donley, Ellis, Fayette, Harris, Lubbock and Scurry Counties  
Join Three Sites in Rio Grande Valley Area on 2011 List*

AUSTIN, TEXAS...The Santa Fe Railway Depot in Snyder is one of 10 sites that Preservation Texas, Inc. has named to its eighth annual list of *Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places*.

Preservation Texas officials announced the selections on the steps of the Texas State Capitol on February 9.

Located at 954 College Avenue, the 1911 Santa Fe Railway Depot in Snyder is one of the first sights when coming to the city. The station was an important establishment in the growth and development of the city, providing easy connection for the transportation of people, mail, and resources. The Snyder Depot was one of four Santa Fe Railroad stations designed by Kansas City, Missouri architect Louis Curtiss (1865-1924) during 1909-1911. Of the four Texas depots, only the Snyder and Post depot buildings remain.

The Snyder Depot was constructed with reinforced concrete, which was also used in the architectural ornamentation. The design of the four railway depots was based on one architectural design that was altered slightly per location of depot.

Currently the depot is boarded up and is slowly deteriorating. As the Santa Fe Railway Depot turns 100 years old in 2011, the community of Snyder hopes that the birthday will help bring attention and resources to the aid of the building.

"Texas is a state with enormous diversity and significant historic resources," said Jim Ray, president of Preservation Texas, Inc., a statewide partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. "Yet each year, more and more of the state's historic properties fall victim to commercial development, neglect or suburban sprawl."

'The Santa Fe Depot represents the railroad heritage that was once one of our state's most important economic generators," continued Ray. "And, like the other structures on our 2011 endangered list, the depot reflects the increasing awareness across our state of the importance of preserving structures that have played important roles in the history of our state. By calling attention to them now, we want to encourage residents to act while there's still time."

The Texas' Most Endangered Places program is at its heart a grassroots effort designed to elevate the cause of historic preservation and to increase the capacity of local groups and individuals to preserve the historic resources in their communities.

Preservation Texas, Inc. is a statewide nonprofit organization that advocates for preserving the historic resources in Texas. Preservation Texas named its first list of endangered historic sites in 2004. For several sites, inclusion on the list of *Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places* has resulted in energized conservation efforts, commitments for restoration, and additional funding. Among the sites that have recently benefited are Heritage Plaza, part of the City of Fort Worth's 112-acre Heritage Park, and built as a project of the Fort Worth Bicentennial Committee (2009 list), and the Austin Woman's Club, designed by San Antonio architect Alfred Giles (1853-1920) in 1874 with a history of strong ties to Austin's political and cultural growth (2010 list).

The 2011 list of *Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places* includes:

**Blas Herrera Ranch**, San Antonio, Bexar County

**Duval County Courthouse**, San Diego, Duval County

**Lodge Building**, 441 East Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Waxahachie, Ellis County

**Lubbock Post Office and Federal Building**, 800 Broadway, Lubbock, Lubbock County

**Mulkey Theatre**, 108 South Kearney Street, Clarendon, Donley County

**Noah Cox House**, 101 Main, Roma, Starr County

**Olivewood Cemetery**, 1300 Court Street, Houston, Harris County

**Piano Bridge**, One Piano Bridge Road near FM 1383, Schulenburg, Fayette County.

**Roma-Cuidad Miguel Aleman International Suspension Bridge**, Spur 29, off of U.S. 83, Roma, Starr County

**Santa Fe Railway Depot**, 954 College Avenue, Snyder, Scurry County

Preservation Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places program is funded by generous grants from the Burdine Johnson Foundation and the Summerlee Foundation. By providing statewide awareness through media coverage, the Most Endangered Places program is a marketing and educational tool that recognizes the importance of specific sites while promoting the cause of historic preservation in Texas.

For more information on *Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places*, visit our Web site at [www.preservationtexas.org](http://www.preservationtexas.org), or phone Preservation Texas, Inc. at 512-472-0102.

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