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Sen. Frank Barnitz Announces Historic Preservation Fund Grant Award for Cuba

JEFFERSON CITY – State Sen. Frank Barnitz, D-Lake Spring, announced today that the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, has awarded the City of Cuba a matching grant of \$3,758 from Missouri's fiscal year 2006 allocation of federal Historic Preservation Fund monies. The grant, contingent upon final approval by the U.S. Department of the Interior, will fund an architectural and historic survey of the sites within the original 1857 plat of the City of Cuba.

The City of Cuba and the Cuba Historic Preservation Commission will hire a consultant to survey the sites within the original plat, including Uptown and Old Town South, the locally named Recklein Historic District, Washington Street/U.S. Route 66, sites outside of these previously-named districts that are of architectural and historic significance, and sites that the consultant may discover during the survey. Construction dates within the proposed areas range from the late 1800s to the mid-1900s.

"I am thrilled that the City of Cuba and the Cuba Historic Preservation Commission were able to secure this grant," said Sen. Barnitz, who represents the 16th Senatorial District. "Tracing our cultural heritage is important, and it appears that the good people in Cuba are committed to discovering their past. I hope that they are able to uncover many things of historical significance."

The surveying plan will identify potential sites to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places, as well as identify other significant resources in the community. Maps and narrative descriptions to guide future identification and registration activities are also planned.

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