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SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR KEMPTHORNE ANNOUNCES BOONE COUNTY TO RECEIVE PRESERVE AMERICA GRANT

Burlington to Receive \$22,500 in Federal Funds for Signage Project

WASHINGTON, DC—Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne today announced the final round of Preserve America grants for 2007, and Boone County was selected as one of the twenty-nine grant recipients. In all there were 29 recipients of Preserve America grants; this final round of funding is set to provide \$2.26 million for projects in 20 states representing all regions of the country.

The Burlington Historic District project will work to install plaques, wayfinding signs, and an informational kiosk describing historic buildings and sites in an effort to create a greater awareness of heritage tourism within the community. Assistant Boone County Administrator, Tim Williams, said, “This is part of a larger effort to improve the historic downtown Burlington community.”

First Lady Laura Bush is the Honorary Chair of Preserve America, a White House initiative that encourages and supports community efforts to preserve and enjoy our nation’s cultural and natural heritage. “In communities across the United States, federal preservation efforts are restoring citizens’ pride in their communities and safeguarding our national treasures,” said Mrs. Bush. “Projects like these use their historic assets to educate visitors and local residents about their towns’ important links to our nation’s past.”

“These Preserve America grants augment the historic preservation goals of the nation by helping communities to preserve their history, culture, and natural settings and to tell their stories,” said U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne. “As more Americans discover and participate in heritage tourism, a community’s past history can become an economic engine for its future success.”

The Preserve America grant program is administered by the Department of Interior’s National Park Service in partnership with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. For more information on Preserve America, including a complete list of grant recipients please visit www.PreserveAmerica.gov .

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