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National Park Service Announces Rehabilitation of the Historic Noland Home in Independence

INDEPENDENCE, MO—On November 1, 2010, work will begin on the rehabilitation of the historic Noland Home at 216 N. Delaware Street. The Noland Home is located directly across the street from the Truman Home at 219 N. Delaware Street. Both homes are part of Harry S Truman National Historic Site.

The Noland Home played a significant role in the life of Harry S Truman, 33rd President of the United States. Nellie and Ethel Noland were Truman's favorite cousins. He visited them often during trips from the family farm in Grandview. By a happy coincidence, Nellie and Ethel lived across the street from Truman's childhood sweetheart, Bess Wallace. His courtship of Bess began during a visit to the Noland Home in 1910. The home proved instrumental in the nine-year courtship that followed. Harry and Bess were married in 1919, and lived together at 219 N. Delaware for 53 years.

Phase I of the project is to rehabilitate the exterior of the Noland Home, and to prepare the interior for future use as an exhibit space for park visitors. Phase I includes the installation public restrooms and a water fountain for visitors awaiting their tour of the Truman Home. The project will be managed by the Denver Service Center (DSC), which is the centralized planning, design, and construction office of the National Park Service. Phase I is scheduled to be complete by August 2011.

Phase II of the project is to fabricate and install an exciting array of exhibits that relate to the life and significance of Harry Truman. The parlor, living room, dining room, a bedroom and a hall vestibule will be used as exhibit space. The exhibits will focus on such topics as the courtship of Harry and Bess Truman, Truman's unbreakable ties to Independence, and his lifelong balancing act between family and political life. Phase II should be complete by the end of 2011.

For additional information, please call the visitor center at (816) 254-9929 or visit the park website at www.nps.gov/hstr.

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