



*Historic Sites Division*  
*Progress Overview*  
*April 2016*



## Key Goals:

- Increase visitation through dynamic programming.
- Increase earned revenue.
- Preserve cultural resources—buildings, archeological resources, and artifacts.
- Tell the real stories of Texas history in a way that engages and educates our visitors.
- Build partnerships, community impact, and support.



## Measures of Progress:

- **Visitation**—Increased from 175,356 in 2008 to 301,971 in 2015, a 72% gain.
- **Admission revenue**—Increased from \$640,556 in 2008 to \$1,267,638 in 2015, a 97% gain.
- **Capital investment**—\$19.5 million invested since 2009.
- **Public support**—Between 2010 and 2015, \$764,000 was donated to the THC in support of projects at the sites by the Friends of the THC and local site-associated Friends organizations.



## STATE HISTORIC SITES BOND PROJECTS

THC's state historic sites bond-funded projects support jobs and generate income and taxes.



**JOBS SUPPORTED**



**MILLION  
IN INCOME  
GENERATED**



**MILLION  
IN STATE TAXES  
GENERATED**



**MILLION  
IN LOCAL TAXES  
GENERATED**

Source: 2007 State-appropriated Capitol Budget, financed using general obligation bonds



## STATE HISTORIC SITES

The THC's historic sites are economic catalysts in Texas.



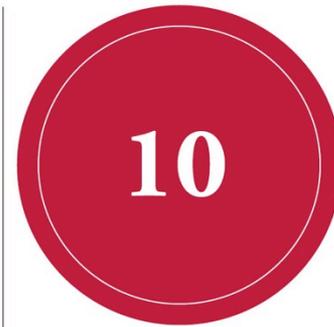
PEOPLE WHO VISITED THE THC'S  
HISTORIC SITES OR PARTICIPATED IN  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS  
IN FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015



VOLUNTEER HOURS CONTRIBUTED  
AT THE THC'S HISTORIC SITES  
IN FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015



MAJOR MAINTENANCE  
PROJECTS COMPLETED  
IN FISCAL YEARS 2014-2015

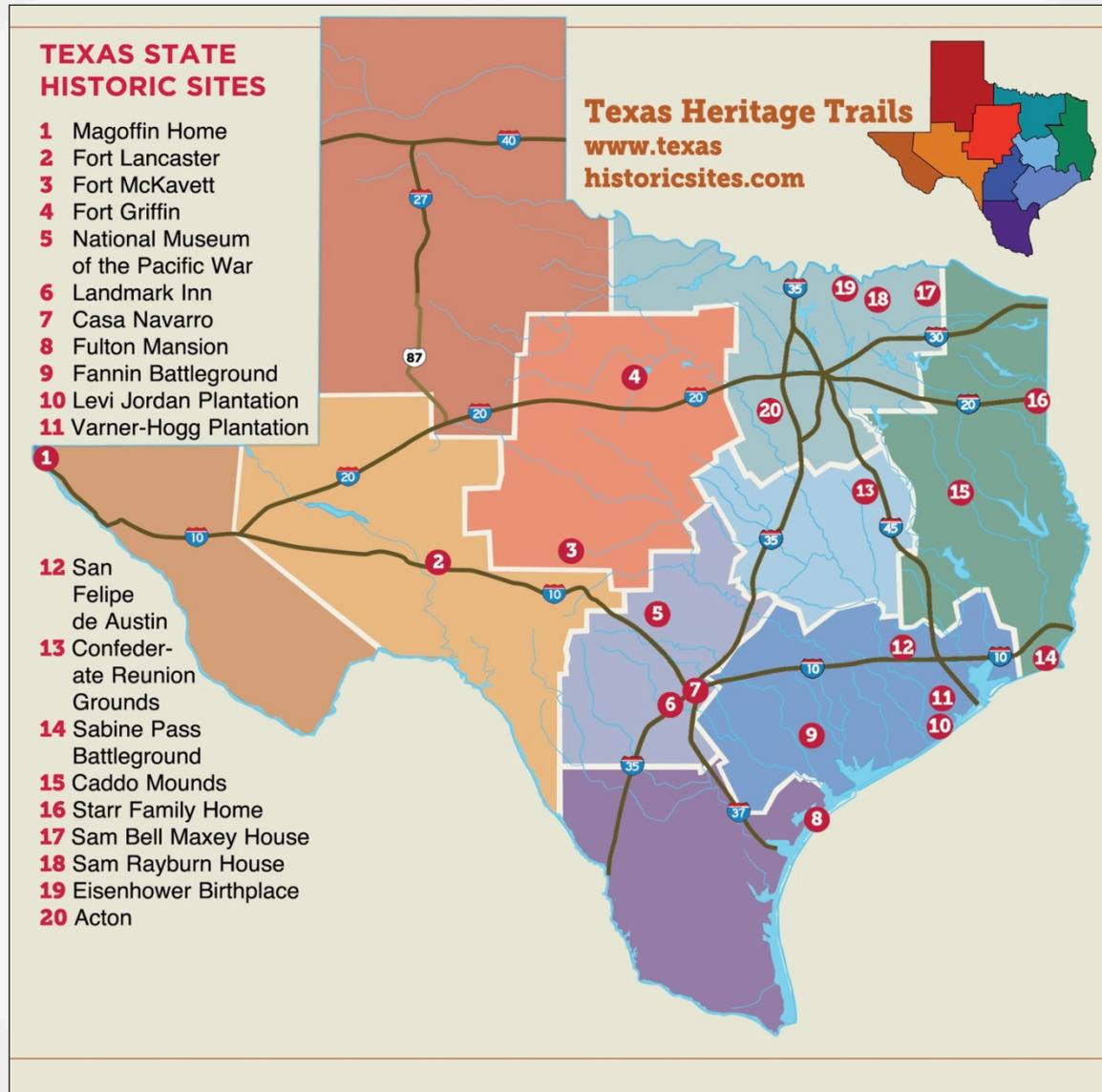


ACTIVE FRIENDS GROUPS  
SUPPORTING STATE HISTORIC SITES  
STATEWIDE

Source: THC Quarterly Report



# Historic Sites Division





# Historic Sites

## Texas Historical Commission State Historic Sites

Each of the THC historic sites has received:

- New site signage with THC branding
- Accessibility improvements
- Updated interpretive exhibits
- A new website with comprehensive site information
- Cataloging of all held-in-trust collections
- Extended hours of operation



# Caddo Mounds State Historic Site

Near Alto

- Renovated and enlarged museum
- New immersive exhibit and orientation film
- Acquisition of Forest Service property to safeguard additional ceremonial mound
- Enhanced El Camino Real interpretation

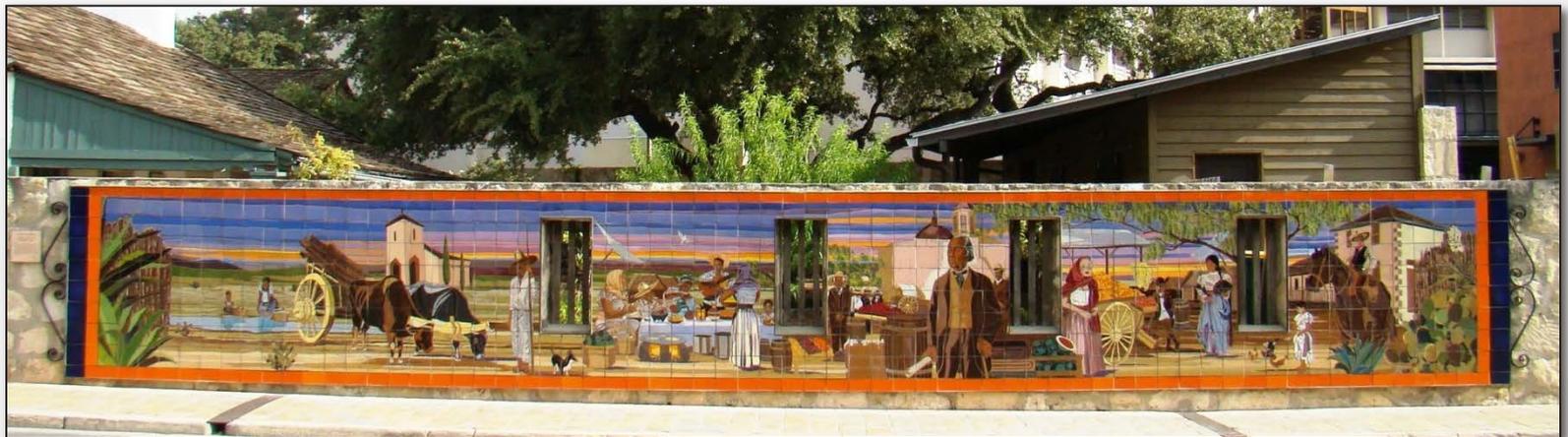




# Casa Navarro State Historic Site

San Antonio

- Preservation of the three original structures
- New exhibit on the life and influence of José Antonio Navarro
- Mural of *Laredito* district by noted artist Jesse Treviño

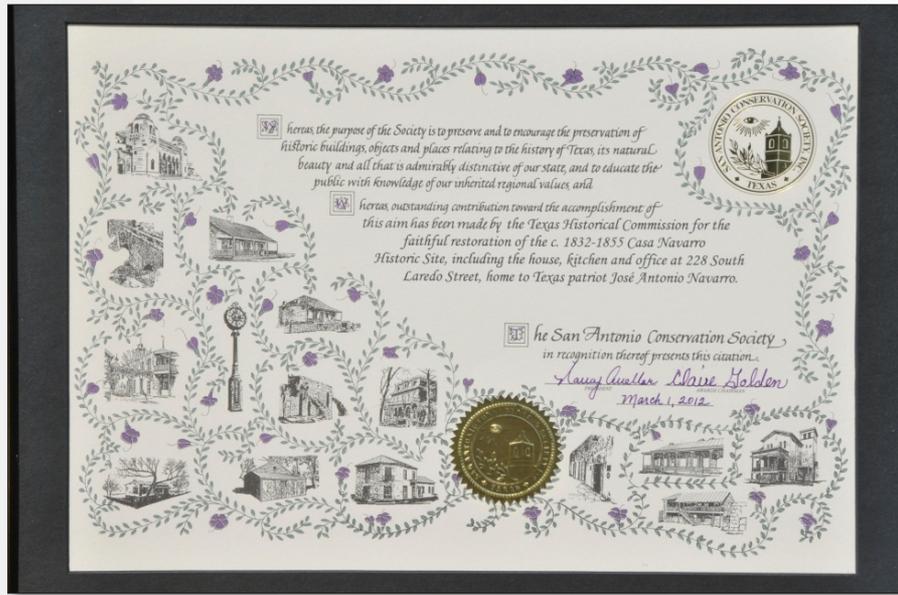




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San Antonio

The project to preserve the site's three historic structures received a 2012 Preservation Award from the San Antonio Conservation Society.





# Fannin Battleground State Historic Site

Fannin

- Preservation of 1928 bandstand (pictured) and 1938 pavilion
- New exhibit on the Battle of Coletto Creek
- New outdoor interpretation of memorials
- New site entrance gateway





# Fort Griffin State Historic Site

## Fort Griffin

- Preservation of historic bakery, powder magazine, well, and cistern
- Renovated and expanded museum
- New exhibit and orientation film
- Restoration of 1936 Centennial Monument





# Fort Lancaster State Historic Site

Near Sheffield

- Renovated and expanded museum and visitors center
- New exhibit and orientation film





# Fulton Mansion State Historic Site

Rockport-Fulton

- Preservation of 1871 mansion
- Construction of new museum
- New exhibits in museum and mansion





# Landmark Inn State Historic Site

## Castroville

- Preservation of five of the site's historic buildings, including the Vance Hotel (pictured)





# Landmark Inn State Historic Site

## Castroville

- New interior and exterior exhibits in progress





# Levi Jordan Plantation State Historic Site

Near Brazoria

- Preservation of 1856 plantation house
- Archeological investigations in progress





# Levi Jordan Plantation State Historic Site

Near Brazoria

- New museum and interpretive exhibits in progress





# Magoffin Home State Historic Site

El Paso

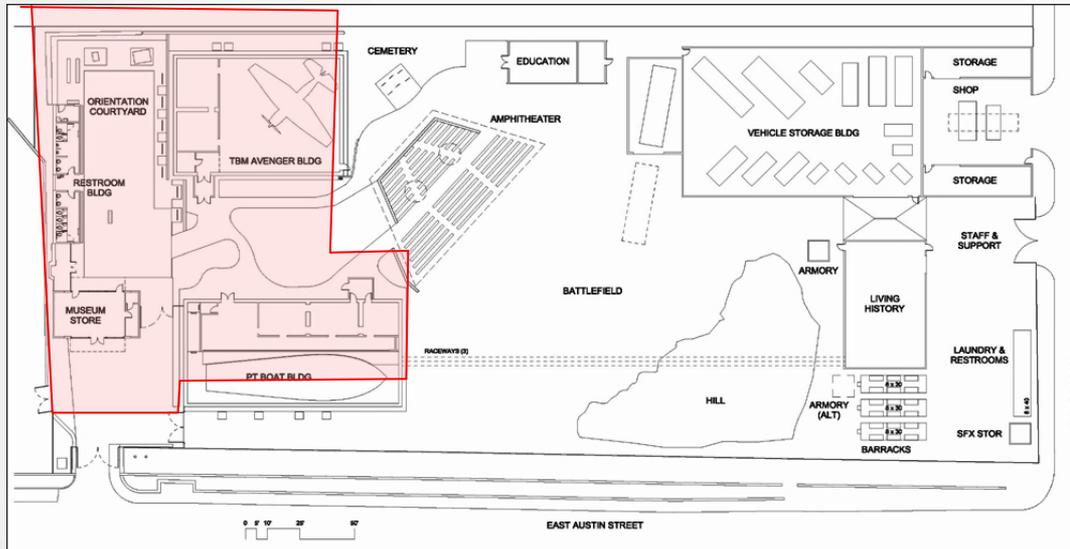
- Preservation of historic adobe home, which received honor award from Preservation Texas for the project
- New exhibits and new interpreted rooms





# National Museum of the Pacific War Fredericksburg

- Pacific Combat Zone–Phase 1
- Multi-phase \$7 million upgrade





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Fredericksburg





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## Fredericksburg

- Bush Gallery expanded in 2009 to 64,000 square feet
- Total initial investment in building improvements and exhibits was over \$17 million





# Sam Bell Maxey House State Historic Site

Paris

- Preservation of 1868 mansion, servant's quarters, and stable, which received honor award from Preservation Texas
- Restoration of interior finishes in progress





# Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site

Bonham

- Preservation of 1916 historic home
- Stabilization of outbuildings—smoke house, tractor shed, garage, and barn
- New exhibit in visitors center
- Cultural landscape restoration in progress
- Vehicle conservation in progress





# San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site

## San Felipe

- Conservation of Stephen F. Austin statue
- Rehabilitation of Josey Store as temporary visitors center and installation of temporary exhibit
- Additional portion of original town site purchased by the State of Texas
- Archeological investigations in progress
- Planning for new museum in progress





# Starr Family Home State Historic Site

Marshall

- Preservation of 1871 mansion Maplecroft, the adjacent Blake House, and numerous secondary structures
- Implementation of historic furnishings plan





# Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site

West Columbia

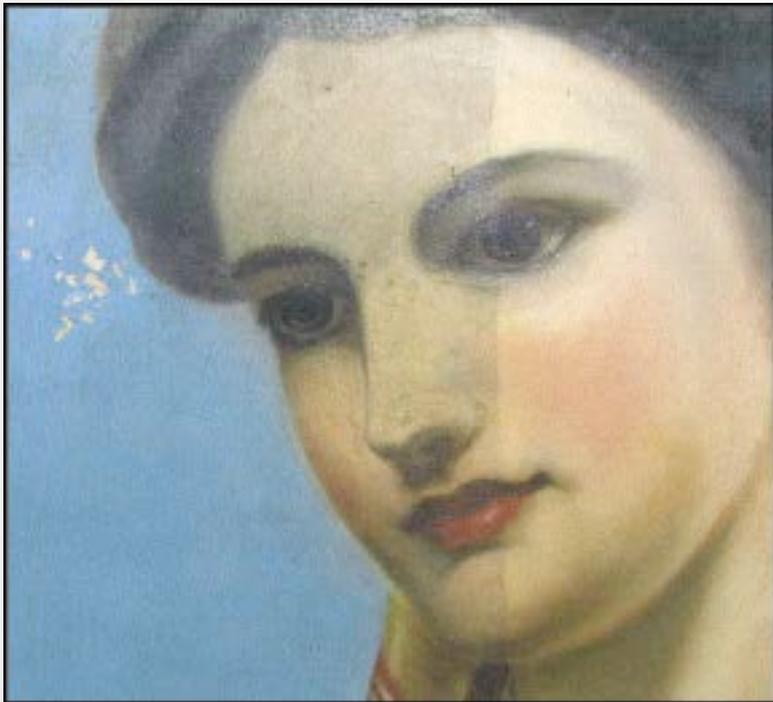
- Rehabilitation of 1920s cottage (pictured) as visitors center, museum store, and exhibit gallery
- Rehabilitation of additional 1920s cottage to hold new exhibits
- Archeological investigations of slave quarters in progress





## Artifact Conservation

Historic items in our collections, such as paintings, architectural items, and everyday objects of special significance, are professionally conserved to ensure their long-term survival.





# Monument Conservation

Numerous historic monuments at our sites have been conserved and are cared for on an ongoing basis, including:

- The statue of Elizabeth Crockett at Acton
- The Eisenhower Statue at Eisenhower Birthplace
- The Lt. Dick Dowling statue at Sabine Pass (pictured)
- The 1936 Centennial Monument at Fort Griffin
- The statue of Stephen F. Austin at San Felipe de Austin



