

# Visitors Center open house

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010



**The Haney Market as the project started**

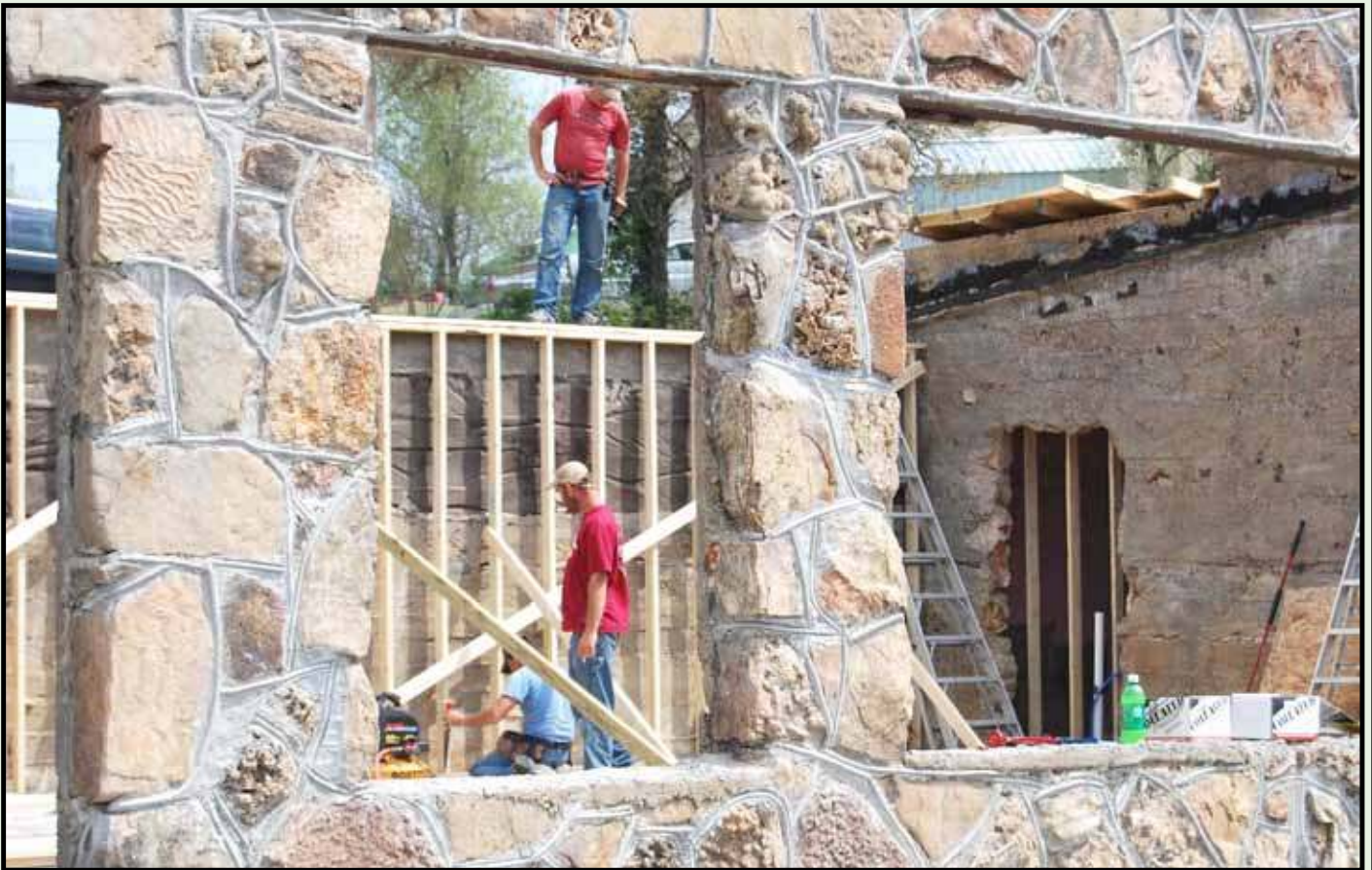


The Houston Visitors Center and the Lone Star Plaza in downtown Houston were made possible through Missouri's Neighborhood Assistance Program. Downtown Houston Inc. secured nearly \$500,000 in private contributions to make both projects possible.

Downtown Houston acquired a nearly two-acre tract and the nearby Haney Market. A grant paid for the planting of wildflowers, shrubs and trees. The City of Houston also made a contribution toward the project, too. The area is included in a walking trail developed by the city with funding from various sources.



At left, a look at what the Haney Market looked like as demolition work began. Right, the inside as work neared completion.



**Work at the visitors center site.**





**The Houston Redi-Mix plant is in the background. In the foreground, apartments are demolished thanks to a City of Houston project.**



**The wildflower project. In the background is the former Haney Market.**

**A walking trail's trail-head is situated at what once was the redi-mix plant.**

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# Lone Star Plaza

Grand Avenue and Pine Street



**A fire-damaged block is transformed into the Lone Star Plaza.**



**A wrought iron fence is installed at the plaza, left. At right, rock work is completed.**

