

PUBLIC NOTICE:
UNDER CONSIDERATION
FOR DEMOLITION

Soria City Elementary School, located at 1906 17th Avenue, Gulfport, Harrison County, is currently under consideration for demolition under the provisions of the Antiquities Law of Mississippi, Section 39-7-3 et seq. of the *Mississippi Code of 1972*, as amended. Soria City Elementary, built in 1959 and designed by Gulfport architect Milton B.E. Hill, is potentially eligible for Mississippi Landmark designation for both historical and architectural significance as an important educational institution in the African American community in Gulfport and as an intact modernist design.

The Antiquities Law provides that if a potential Mississippi Landmark would be adversely affected by public construction, alteration, or demolition, then the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History may act to place that project under consideration for a permit, and accept public comments. After the conclusion of the public comment period, the proposed project and written public comments may be placed on the Board agenda for action. Based on the public comments, the Board may act to approve or deny the permit. If the Board denies the permit due to an adverse effect, it may also consider the property for Mississippi Landmark designation in accordance with the Antiquities Law of Mississippi, Section 39-7-3 et seq. of the *Mississippi Code of 1972*, as amended.

The Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History invites public comment on the proposed demolition of Soria City Elementary School. Comments and requests for more information should be sent to Clay Mapp, Mississippi Landmarks Coordinator, Historic Preservation Division, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS 39205 or mslandmark@mdah.ms.gov, within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication.

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