

PUBLIC NOTICE:
UNDER CONSIDERATION
FOR DEMOLITION

Eudora Welty Library (Former Sears Department Store), located at 300 State Street, Jackson, Hinds 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. The Eudora Welty Library, built as the Sears Department Store in 1946, is a contributing element of the Spengler's Corner Historic District, and is potentially eligible for Mississippi Landmark designation for its local significance in the area of Commerce and its architectural significance as an Art Moderne suburban department store.

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 the Eudora Welty Library. 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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