



January 10, 2011

Ms. Leigh Ivey
Communications Assistant
National Trust for Historic Preservation
1785 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington DC

Re: Nomination for 2011 "America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places"

Dear Ms. Ivey:

The Louisville Historical League strongly supports the nomination of Hogan's Fountain Pavilion in Louisville's Cherokee Park for the "2011 America's Most Endangered Historic Places" list.

The Hogan's Fountain Pavilion is a prominent landmark with the metro Louisville region. Its distinctive upward sweeping shape resembles a Native American shelter, or 'teepee'. Thus, it reflects the park's name: "Cherokee".

This structure is under threat of demolition, and since it is government owned, it may not be protected via the local landmark preservation process. Placement on the National Trust's endangered list will greatly enhance local citizen efforts to save it.

As to this structure's significance within Louisville, most residents can provide directions on how to find it. It is a popular place for birthday parties, family cookouts, group meetings, and other community functions. The design and construction is unique, and which is a remarkable example of the wood laminated beam structural system.

On a national level, placing this pavilion on the 'Endangered List' will highlight the plight of 1950s - 60s contemporary structures that are being demolished in large numbers without community support. Here, the community supports saving this structure and it would be an unfortunate irony if it were to be razed.

Thank you for considering this request to place the Hogan's Fountain Pavilion on the '2011 America's Most Endangered Historic Places' list.

Sincerely,

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