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## 11 Most Endangered Historic Places

### Hialeah Park Race Course

**Year Listed:** 2007

**Location:** Hialeah, Florida

**Threat:** Development

#### Significance

Hialeah Park Race Course, constructed in 1925, is listed on the National Register and eligible as a National Historic Landmark. The site, vacant and unused, is in imminent danger of being lost to development. The race track and park contains a botanical garden that is the oldest of its kind in south Florida. During its heyday, the park was a social Mecca entertaining the likes of Joseph P. Kennedy, Winston Churchill and Harry Truman. Over the years, it has hosted some of the nation's greatest horses—Seabiscuit, Citation and Seattle Slew—and is the oldest and widest turf track course in the country.

The Mediterranean Revival clubhouse has a sweeping formal staircase and broad terraces and a memorable landscape marked by grand rows of trees and tropical gardens. In 1939 the Audubon Society declared Hialeah Park as a Flamingo Sanctuary. The site is an important community resource, hosting events in its ballrooms and providing green space in a crowded and growing area.




The flamingo fountain at Hialeah Park Race Course, Hialeah, Florida.

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