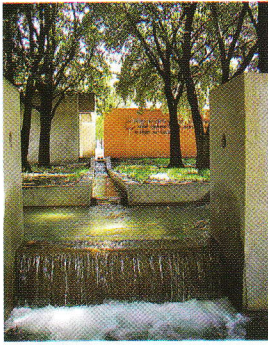


## A Piece of Heritage



**FORT WORTH IS IN DANGER OF LOSING A PIECE OF ITS HERITAGE—HERITAGE PLAZA THAT IS.** Its fountains are dry, and its walls and walkways have not been maintained since it was closed by the City of Fort Worth Parks and Community Services Department in summer 2007. The trees and paintings within the plaza reveal years of neglect, adding to the perception that the park is an unsafe habitat.

Once a meditative space for locals, Heritage Plaza's unfortunate situation has caught the attention of Preservation Texas, a statewide nonprofit organization that advocates for preserving the historic resources in Texas, and was placed on the organization's sixth annual list of Texas' Most Endangered Historic Places. Created in the 1970s by Lawrence Halprin, a master of landscape architecture, this urban water park was built as a project of the Fort Worth Bicentennial Committee in commemoration of the city's rich history and its natural and scenic wonders. With positive action and community assistance, Heritage Plaza can once again be cherished as a community asset.