

what **Historical Services Unit** does

- Research and Write Historic Reports
- Determine National Register Eligibility
- Determine Historic Boundaries
- Determine Effects to Historic Properties
- Mitigate Adverse Effects to Historic Properties
- Complete Historic Documentations for Specific Historic Properties
- Historic Turnpike Research and Analysis
- Coordinate with Federal, State, and Local Resource Agencies
- Conduct Public Workshops for Specific Bridge and Highway Projects

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The Linkous Park Bridge was located on County Route 16/49 in McDowell County, West Virginia, and crossed the Tug Fork River. Linkous Park Bridge was estimated to be built in 1920 by an unknown contractor. The bridge was the only vehicular connection between downtown Welch and Linkous Park.

The bridge consisted of one riveted steel plate and angle through girder span. The bridge was supported by two stone masonry abutments. The overall length of the bridge was 65'-3" and the deck width was 15'-10 1/2". The bridge had a concrete deck and no wearing surface, but did have concrete curbs on both sides.

The Linkous Park Bridge is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places as an uncommon bridge type in West Virginia. The steel girder and floorbeam system bridges were in use in West Virginia from 1890-1955, with the early period of use from 1890 to 1919.

Linkous Park History

In 1991, four floorbeams were replaced along with the deck over these floorbeams and the crane rail stringers. In 1992 state forces removed the lumber from the bottom of the deck, replaced five floorbeams, added a stringer, and applied primer and a rust inhibitor. In 1995, Norfolk Southern Railway added floorbeams and replaced the deck. In 1999 the railroad added stringers, welded angles to the ends and center of the floorbeams, poured a new deck over the repaired floorbeams, and removed 24" of sidewalk to increase roadway width. Construction of a replacement bridge is scheduled to begin in 2014.

Location: County Route 16/49 in Welch, WV. Bridge spans Tug Fork River

Type: Riveted Steel Plate and Angle Through Girder Span

Length: 65 feet - 3 inches

Year constructed: 1920

Contractor: Unknown Contractor