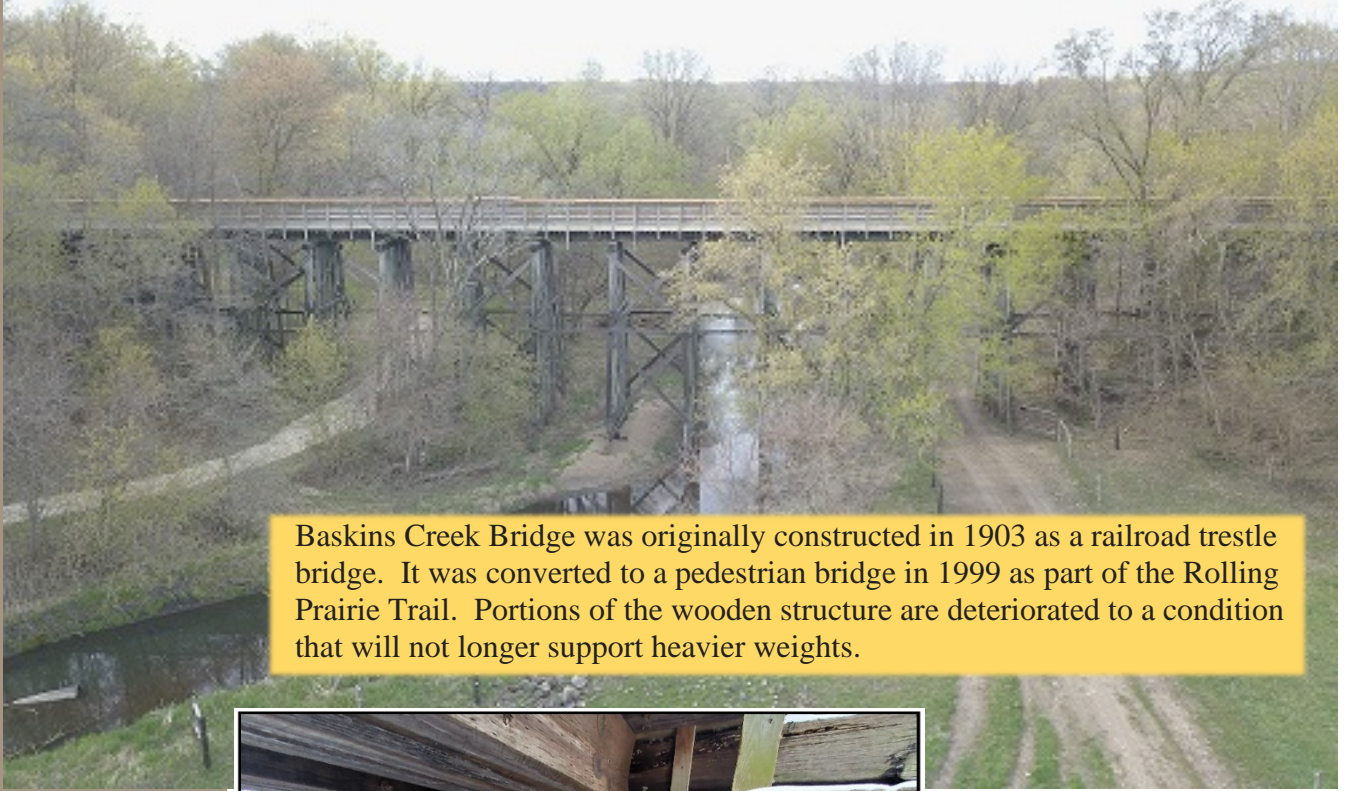


Baskins Creek Trail Bridge Replacement



Baskins Creek Bridge was originally constructed in 1903 as a railroad trestle bridge. It was converted to a pedestrian bridge in 1999 as part of the Rolling Prairie Trail. Portions of the wooden structure are deteriorated to a condition that will not longer support heavier weights.



This photo shows the deteriorated piles on the east abutment of the bridge.

Why Reconstruction?

The trail bridges need to be able to handle the heavy weight of City equipment and vehicles, which use the bridge to provide maintenance along the trails. The bridges also serve as an access route for emergency vehicles.

Background Information

During budget discussions in January 2023, the Council agreed to start gradually replacing the rail-trail bridges. Baskins Creek was selected as the first for replacement due to having the most significant restrictions identified during the recent bridge inspection. At this time, the bridge is only rated as safe for a light-duty pickup to cross.

Demolition

Demolition of the bridge is scheduled to begin on April 29th. That portion of the Rolling Prairie Trail will be closed to the public.

Signs identifying the closure will be located along the trail. There are no official bike detour routes during construction.



Timing

The Council decided to move forward with the project now due to favorable bidding conditions.

Construction

Construction of the new trail bridge will start after the demolition and clean-up are complete. The construction is estimated to take up to 15 weeks. Watch the City of Waverly Facebook page for pictures of the progress.