

# Why? Heritage At Risk!

## Our Goals At HistoricBridges.org



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Historic Bridges .org  
Promoting the preservation of our transportation heritage.

Formerly Historic Bridges of Michigan and Elsewhere, Historicbridges.org offers photos, information, and maps for historic bridges. While various structure types are represented, emphasis is placed on metal truss bridges. With Michigan origins and focus, website coverage also Ontario, Pennsylvania and many other places. From rural concrete bridges in Michigan, to the movable truss bridges of downtown Chicago, this photo-oriented website is also a resource for information, while at the same time discussing the risk of demolition that many of these bridges face, as well as political problems that arise regarding historic bridges.  
[Click Here For The Latest Website Update \(11-6-09\)](#)

**November is Historic Bridge Awareness Month!**  
Approximate Time Remaining Until All United States Historic Metal Truss Bridges Not Preserved Are Demolished:  
4802 days, 23 hours, 4 minutes, 38 seconds

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Photographers/Field Team: Nathan Holth, Rick McOmber and Luke Gordon.

**Historicbridges.org Features**

**Bridge Spotlight:**  
Miami Bridge

**Bridge Browser**  
Featuring historic bridge photos, maps and information, the Bridge Browser is the main feature on this website. Maps, photos, and a discussion are available for every bridge. Numerous 640x480 photos detail each bridge's construction. Full-size wallpaper photos for greater detail or use as a desktop background are also provided.

## Promote Preservation

# Photo-Document Historic Bridges: Focus On Recording "Doomed" Bridges

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Photo Courtesy Missouri Department of Transportation

The fate of the vast majority of historic bridges is demolition!



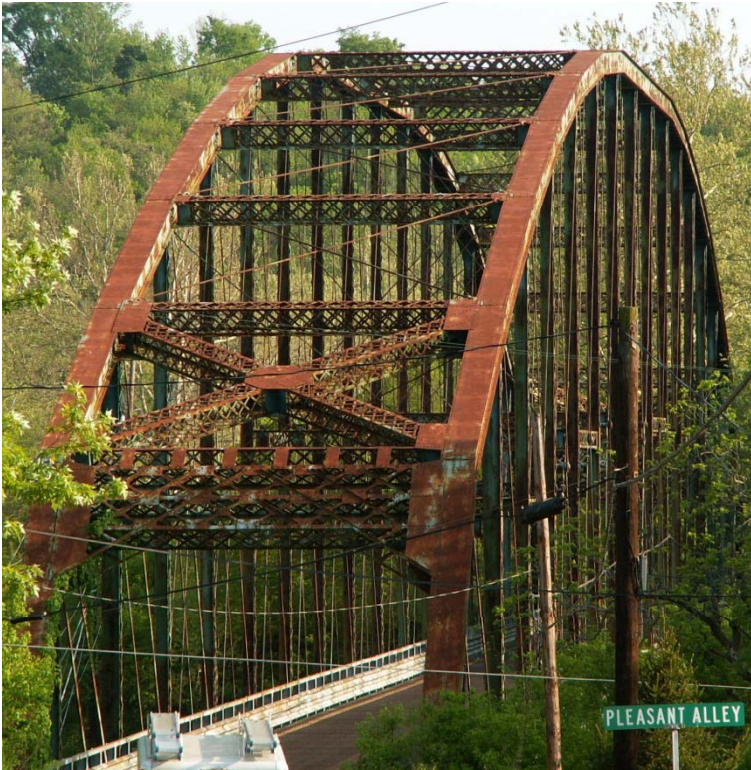
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Between 2003 and 2009,  
HistoricBridges.org has photo-documented  
108 bridges that are now demolished.



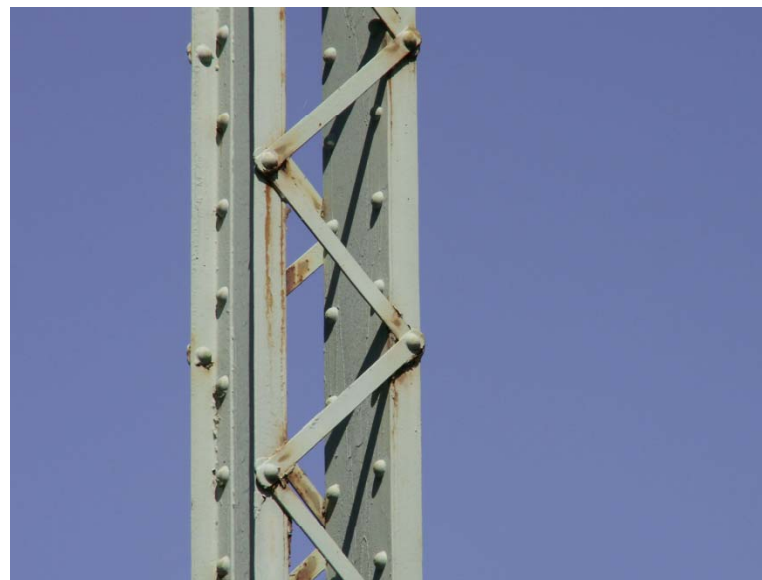
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HistoricBridges.org provides a permanent record of their existence and design.

## A Focus On Details

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A proper photo-documentation of a bridge includes photos that show the bridge as a whole, but also photos which show the many parts and details of the structure.

The Historic American Engineering Record serves as the example that HistoricBridges.org follows.





Historic Bridges.org will sometimes have bridges not considered eligible for the National Register if they retain their original design.





Any old bridge will generally tell a story about our past. Through attrition, it is also expected that the value of these bridges will increase over time.



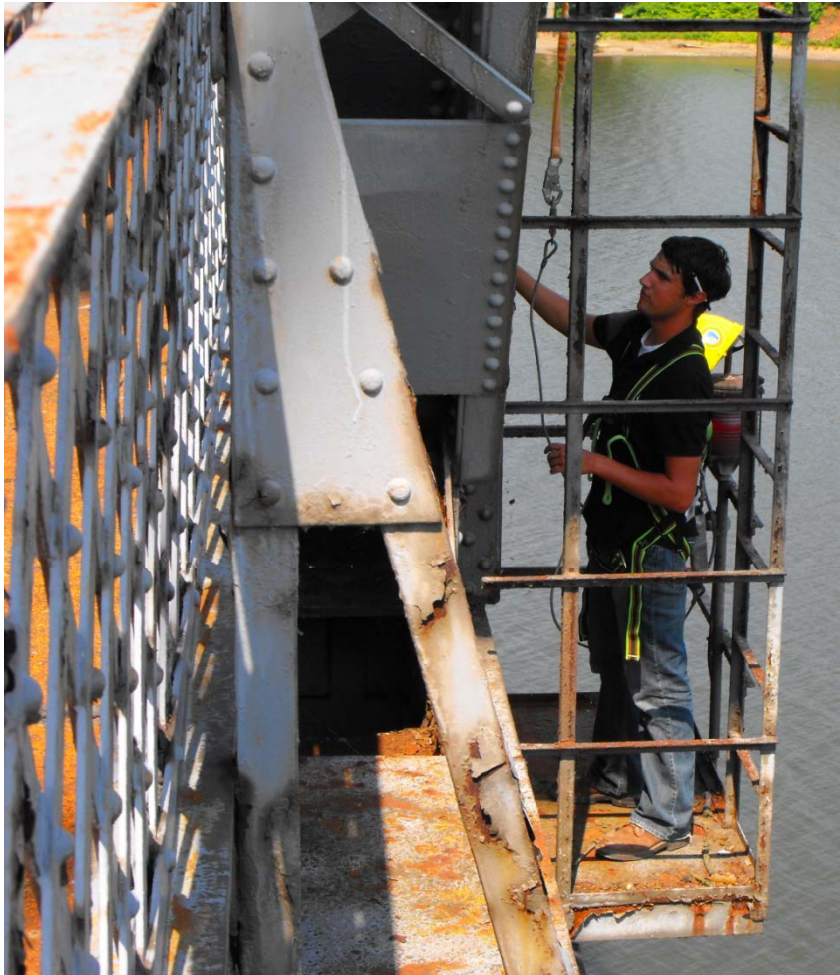
# More Than A Website



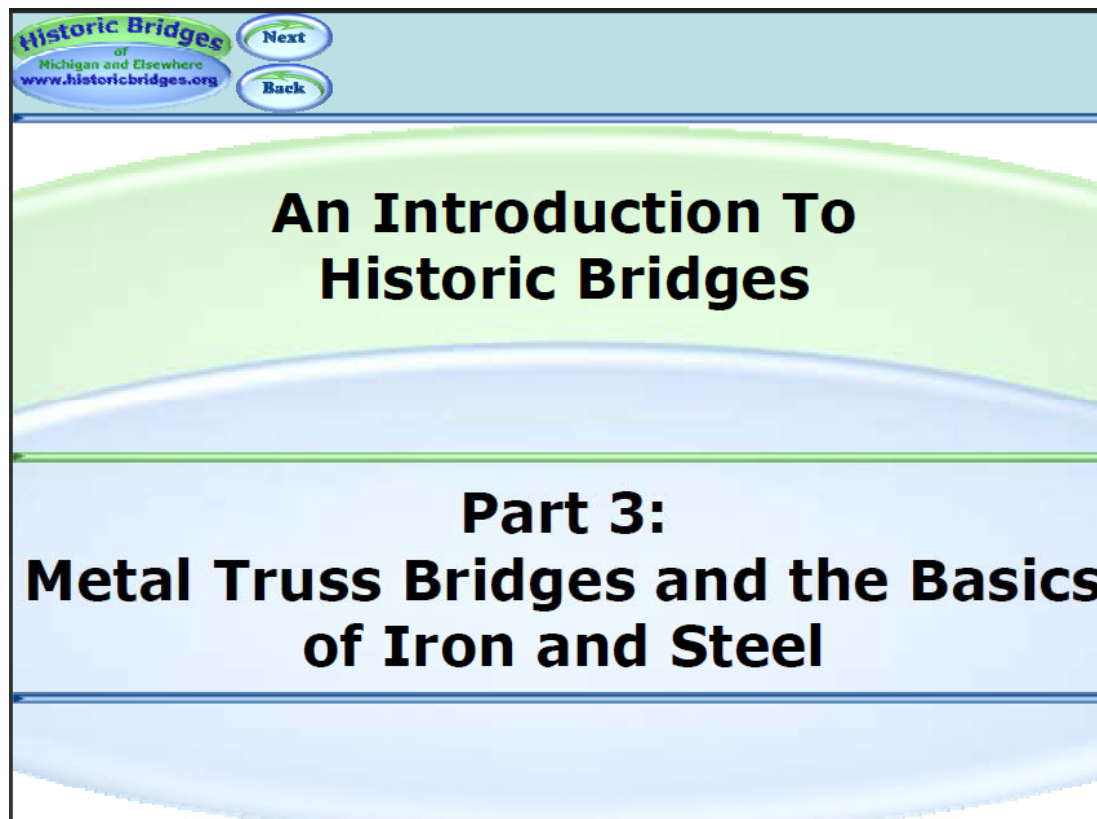
HistoricBridges.org not only offers photos and documentation, it advocates for preservation.



# Consultation



Thanks to the inspection, construction, and engineering background of team member Luke Gordon, HistoricBridges.org can now provide basic, informal consultation about the condition of a bridge and possible preservation options.



HistoricBridges.org can give a variety of presentations such as *An Introduction To Historic Bridges*.