

Wood Battle Road over Cobb Creek (BIN 3340150)  
Town of Harrisburg, Lewis County

Bridge Offer



Lewis County is seeking interested responsible parties in taking ownership of (including removing and reusing) the Wood Battle Road Bridge. This bridge is eligible for inclusion in the New York State and National Register of Historic Places. The primary significance of this bridge is for exhibiting features common to the specific bridge type.

The bridge is a two-lane, single span, Camelback truss having a total length of approximately 110 feet with a skew of 53 degrees. The structure is supported on concrete abutments and concrete cribbing wingwalls. The bridge currently provides a rail-to-rail travel width of 20 feet measured between the box beam guiderail attached to the truss members.

The bridge is structurally deficient with advanced deterioration noted to critical components of the structure which has resulted in multiple reduced load postings, and is currently posted for 13 Tons. The primary deterioration includes corrosion of the steel deck, stringers, and floorbeams.

Bridge superstructure removal cost is estimated at approximately \$200,000. The bridge foundations would be removed separately by an independent contractor.

Interested parties are required to meet certain conditions, which include:

- Provide a comprehensive written plan for the preservation and future use of the bridge, including any desired modifications, and the estimated cost of rehabilitation. It is required that the new owner be able to use the entire truss superstructure.
- Maintain the structure and the features that give it historic significance according to prescribed standards.
- Assume all future legal and financial responsibility for the structure, including “hold harmless” agreements to the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Post a performance bond.
- Provide proof of ability to assume the financial and administrative responsibilities of bridge ownership throughout its existence.

At the time ownership of the bridge is transferred for reuse, the transfer deed will include a preservation covenant that requires the new owner to maintain the bridge in accordance with the “Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings.” This covenant will remain with the bridge if it is transferred to a third party.

Agencies, jurisdictions, organizations or private owners interested in obtaining ownership of the bridge for aesthetic, historic, recreation or other uses should contact Tim Hunt, Lewis County Highway Superintendent, at 315-376-5350 or [timhunt@lewiscounty.ny.gov](mailto:timhunt@lewiscounty.ny.gov). This response must be received no later than close of business on 5/20/2024. Funding to assist with relocation or rehabilitation may be provided up to the estimated cost of bridge removal. If an interested party secures its own federal funding, it is noted that any bridge preserved with federal funding shall thereafter not be eligible for any other highway funds pursuant to Public Law 100-17, Section 123(f) (Historic Bridges).