

what **Historical Services Unit** does

- Research and Write History 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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sandyville
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The Sandyville Bridge carries County Route 13 over the Left Fork Sandy Creek in Jackson County. It was built using recycled materials in 1945, by the West Virginia State Road Commission. No original plans were found for the bridge. The bridge is eligible under Criterion A of the National Register of Historic Places for its visible reuse of another bridge during World War II period.

The Sandyville Bridge consists of a riveted steel girder and floorbeam system. It is supported by concrete abutments and two concrete piers consisting of two columns with an arched web wall between them. There is metal rail with metal planking placed on concrete curbs. The bridge is 183 feet long and has a roadway width of 20 feet. The Average Daily Traffic is 700 Vehicles per Day. The structure is in poor condition and showing heavy deterioration (Bridge Inspection Report, 2014).

The Sandyville Bridge was built during World War II using recycled materials from other bridges. The West Virginia Historic Bridge Survey suggests the materials came from a bridge near Sutton, WV. Articles in the Charleston Gazette and Charleston Daily Mail dated September 27, 1944 state the spans and girders came from other dismantled bridges. During the years of World War II, West Virginia scaled back its bridge program as materials such as steel were needed for the war effort. During this time steel from dismantled bridges was sometimes used to construct new bridges.

The State Road Commission replaced the State Road Bureau in 1917, the same year the state began matching federal road funding and maintaining roads built with federal money. In 1970 the name was changed to the Department of Highways and in 1989 it became the Department of Transportation (Melling, 2012). This bridge is scheduled for replacement in summer of 2017.

Sandyville History



Location: County Route 13 over the Left Fork Sandy Creek
Type: Riveted Steel Girder and Floorbeam System
Year constructed: 1945
Length: 183 feet
Contractor: West Virginia State Road Commission