

CE-1037  
Plum Creek Bridge  
near Elkton  
public

c. 1890-1910

The Plum Creek Warren truss is a common bridge type for the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Each iron truss consists of five triangular divisions which are strengthened by intermitant vertical supports. All the main structural members are joined by riveted connector plates and stiffened by small lattice braces. Additional support for each truss is provided by a series of lateral diagonal braces which extend outward form the vertical plane of the truss. A date plack has not remained on any of the diagonal posts, but the structural features and local histories suggest an 1890-1910 date.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Plum Creek Bridge

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Oldfield Point Road 2.5 miles south of Elkton

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Cecil County Commissioners

Telephone #: 398-0200

STREET & NUMBER

Room 101 Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21921

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Plum Creek Bridge spans Plum Creek, a tidal Elk Neck tributary of the Elk River. The bridge is located two to three miles south of Elkton along Oldfield Point Road.

The single lane Warren truss is approximately 15 to 20 yards long. It rests on poured concrete bank abutments and all the structural members are joined by riveted connector plates. A series of five triangles comprise each truss and are divided by smaller vertical members. Each truss member is braced by small diagonal cross lattice supports. Additional bracing for each truss is provided by lateral angle braces. The braces are attached to the upper chord and extend on a diagonal from the vertical plane of the truss. This diagonal brace rests on a horizontal member that extends underneath the wooden roadbed. A date plack has not remained on any of the diagonal posts.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1890 - 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The exact date of construction for the Plum Creek Warren <sup>truss</sup> has not surfaced. Structural features and local histories suggest an 1890-1910 date. While this is a relatively early date for the county's iron truss bridges several others remain as better examples of the type with more historical and industrial significance. Due to the increased development and travel on Oldfield Point Road the bridge has suffered structural damages and will not withstand the continual heavy use it now receives.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul Touart Hist. Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

3/30/81

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Court House

TELEPHONE

398-0200

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

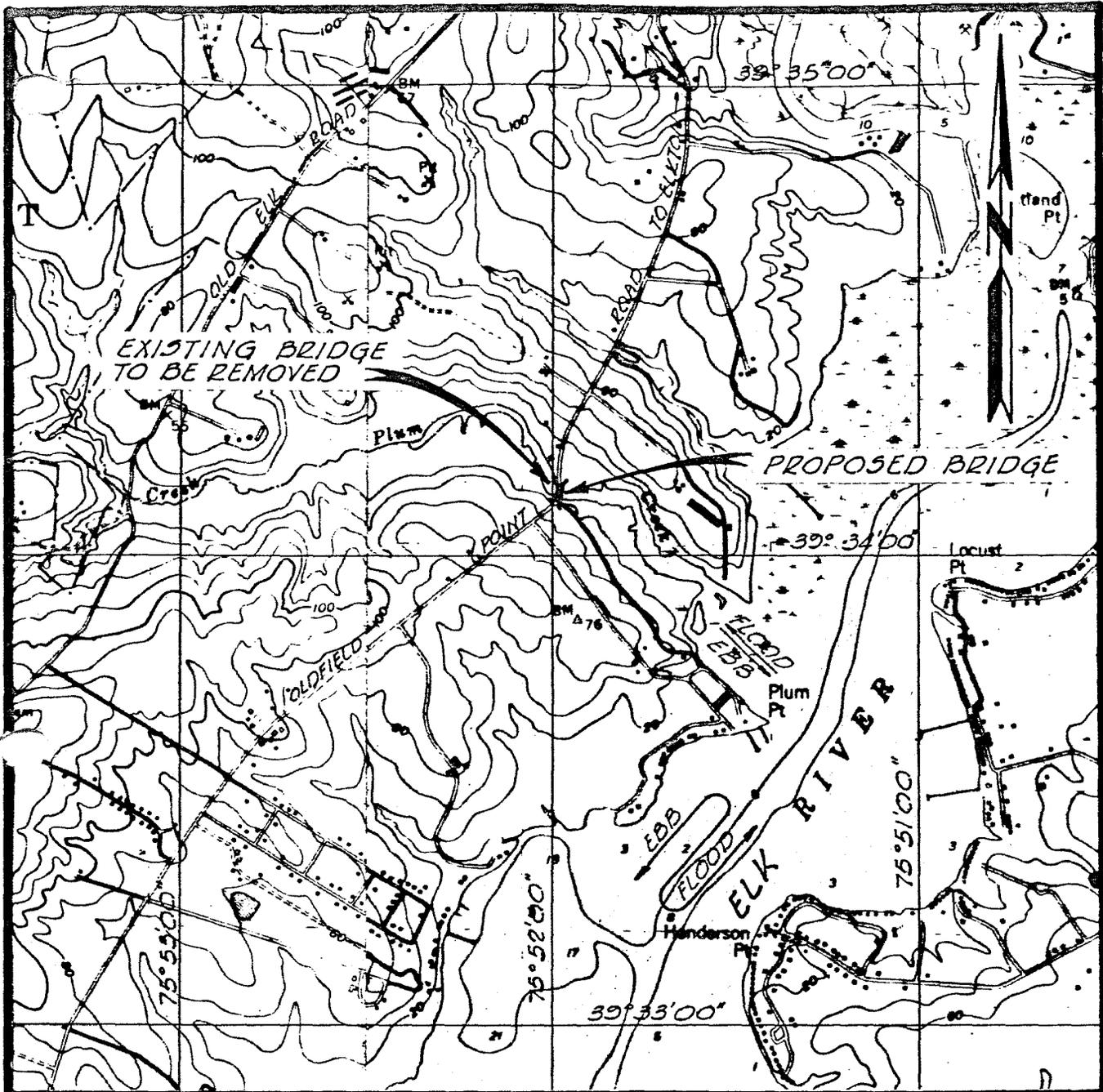
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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## LOCATION MAP

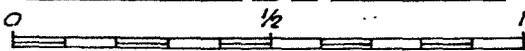
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PROPOSED BRIDGE TO BE LOCATED  
0.59 MILES ABOVE THE MOUTH  
OF PLUM CREEK.

PROPOSED BRIDGE  
 OLD FIELD POINT ROAD OVER  
 PLUM CREEK  
 CECIL COUNTY  
 APPLICATION BY  
 COMMISSIONERS OF CECIL CO.  
 CECIL COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
 OF PUBLIC WORKS  
 ELKTON, MARYLAND      FEB, 1981  
 SHEET 1 OF 4

LOCATION MAP REPRODUCED FROM  
U.S.G.S. MAPS: "NORTH EAST" &  
"ELKTON" QUADRANGLES.

SCALE OF STATUTE MILES





PLUM CREEK BRIDGE CE-1037

SOUTH ELEVATION

NEAR ELKTON

3/81 PBT

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Plum Creek Bridge

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South Elevation

Near Elkton

2/181 PBT

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Plum Creek Bridge

South Elevation

Near Elkton

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Plum Creek Bridge

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East Elevation

Near Elkton

2/81 PBT

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South Elevation

Near Elkton

2/48 PBT

NEG/MD. Hist. Trust



Plum Creek Bridge

East Truss

Near Elkton

2/48 PBT

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