

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

Historic Name: Hanover Bridge MAR 5 1979 Common Name: Bridge No. 92366 Owner's Name and Address: City of Hanover Hanover, Minnesota 55341	County: Wright Community: Hanover, Mn. Address/Legal Desc.: 0.1 mile N of Jct. CSAH 19
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Classification: Building _____ Structure <u> X </u> Object _____ District _____	Acreage: Less than one acre.
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Condition: Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair <u> X </u> Deteriorated _____		Verbal Boundary Desc.: T120N, R24W, Sec. 36. S½SW¼ The bridge spans the Crow River between the Wright County Section and Hennepin County Section of Hanover, 0.1 mile North of the crossing of County State Aid Highway 19.
Open to the Public: Yes <u> X </u> No _____	Visible from the road: Yes <u> X </u> No _____	
Occupied: Yes _____ No <u> X </u>	Present Use: Pedestrian Crossing	

History: Date Constructed: 1885 Original Owner: City Architect/Builder: Morse Bridge Co. Original Use: Bridge Ohio	UTM Reference: 15 Rockford Quad. 448000 5000000
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Description: This bridge is a single-span pin-connected Pratt through truss of metal construction with a timber floor. It consists of eight panels for a total length of 231 feet. The single lane roadway is 15.1 feet wide; the bridge has a 13.5 foot vertical clearance. It was built in 1885, last painted in 1940, and underwent minor remodeling in 1965. It retains virtually total structural integrity and is used as a pedestrian bridge; it is closed to vehicles. The bridge's timber deck was replaced in 1965 with a similar wood decking. The bridge was constructed to connect Hanover City, Wright County with Hassan Township, Hennepin County by crossing the Crow River.	Level of Significance: Local <u> X </u> State _____ Nation _____												
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Significance: The Hanover Bridge is significant as a well preserved example of a bridge type once common in Wright County. The bridge was built in 1885 by the Morse Bridge Company of Youngstown, Ohio, and is the oldest metal truss bridge in the county. It remains at its original site of construction. Although there are ten other single lane, prefabricated, metal truss bridges in Wright County--they date from 1889 to 1922--only the Hanover Bridge has not been recommended for removal and replacement because of structural weakness. The Hanover Bridge is presently used as a pedestrian bridge. Vehicular traffic which formerly passed over the bridge now passes over a modern concrete bridge 1500 feet to the west.	Theme/s: Primary <u> Engineering </u> Secondary <u> Transportation </u> Other _____
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