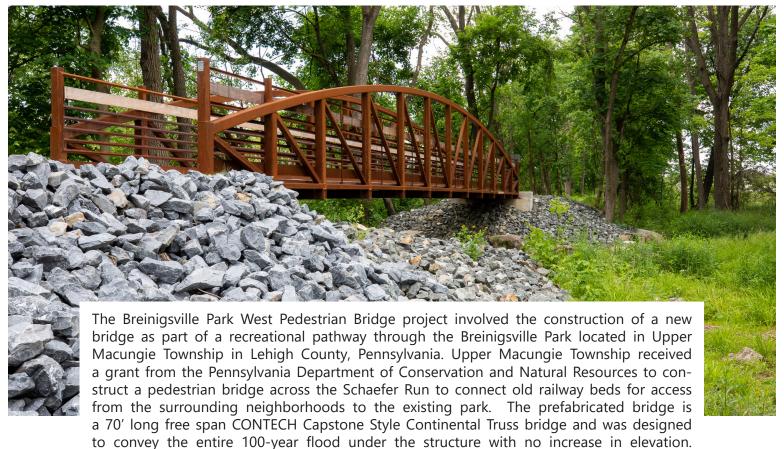


PROJECT PROFILE Breinigsville Park Pedestrian Bridge



To minimize the impact to the environment, the bridge was constructed on old existing rail beds that were part of the Allentown Railroad. This rail line was proposed in the 1850's to connect the Central Railroad of New Jersey at Allentown with the Pennsylvania Railroad's main line across the Allegheny Mountains. Though grading was almost entirely finished, the project was halted by the Panic of 1857 and as a result, track, ballast and railroad ties were never laid on most of the line. Use of the abandoned rail beds allowed the bridge to be set in place without disturbance to the creek.

Location: Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

