Significant bridge types

Bridge types can be distinguished by basic form, structural materials, and support system. Historic bridges in New York include examples of arch, beam, girder, truss, cable-stayed, and suspension bridges.

Responsible project execution

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BIN 3300010, West Shore Road over Mill Neck Creek (Bayville Bridge), Town of Oyster Bay, Nassau County, built 1938.

This movable bridge is eligible for its significance to the local community. In addition, it exhibits features common to the double-leaf bascule bridge type, and has a decorative operator’s house and lighting.

BIN 3306120, County Route 4 over Mettawee River, Town of Granville, Washington County, built 1889.

This Baltimore truss bridge is eligible because it exhibits common features of the bridge type, including a through truss arrangement with subdivided panels.

BIN 2240640, Roosevelt Island Bridge over East River, City of New York, Queens County, built 1955.

This bridge, one of three eligible lift bridges identified in the state, is notable for its high artistic value evidenced by its masonry veneer, decorative parapet, and decorative stone arch fascia.

BIN 3348210, Midland Avenue over Bronx River, City of Mount Vernon, Westchester County, built 1926.

This bowstring arch bridge represents the work of the King Iron Bridge and Manufacturing Company. It also demonstrates the individuality or variation of features within this bridge style.

BIN 3341470, Spile Bridge Road over Black Lake Outlet, Town of DePeyster, St. Lawrence County, built 1890.

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BIN 3322060, Baxter Mill Road over Ischua Creek, Town of Ischua, Cattaraugus County, built 1893.

This is a significant example of a common bridge type, a Pratt truss, that pre-dates the period of standardized design.

BIN 2216570, Wood Road over Cohocton River, Town of Campbell, Steuben County, built 1890.

This early example of a Baltimore truss bridge is notable for its iron construction, pinned connections, and decorative portal.

BIN 1023380, State Route 34B over Salmon Creek, Town of Lansing, Tompkins County, built 1930.

This multiple-span, open spandrel steel deck arch bridge is significant to the local community for its historic association. The spandrels support the steel floor system and concrete deck.

BIN 2219110, Owego Street over Cattaraugus Creek, Village of Spencer, Tioga County, built 1904.

This Warren truss bridge pre-dates the period of standardized design for this common bridge type.

BIN 2226120, East Clinton Street over Chenango River, City of Binghamton, Broome County, built 1936.

This open spandrel concrete deck arch bridge gains significance for its association with Depression-era work relief programs. High artistic value can be seen in the decorative lighting, parapets, and added features. Its open form also demonstrates individuality within the bridge type.

BIN 3348210, Park Road over Lansing Kill, Pixley Falls State Park, Town of Boonville, Oneida County, built 1940.

This concrete slab bridge with masonry veneer and decorative parapet is significant for its association with Depression-era funding.

BIN 3300010, State Route 436 over Genesee River, Town of Portage, Livingston County, built 1920.

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