



Ohl Street Bridge Removal Project, Greenville Borough, Mercer County

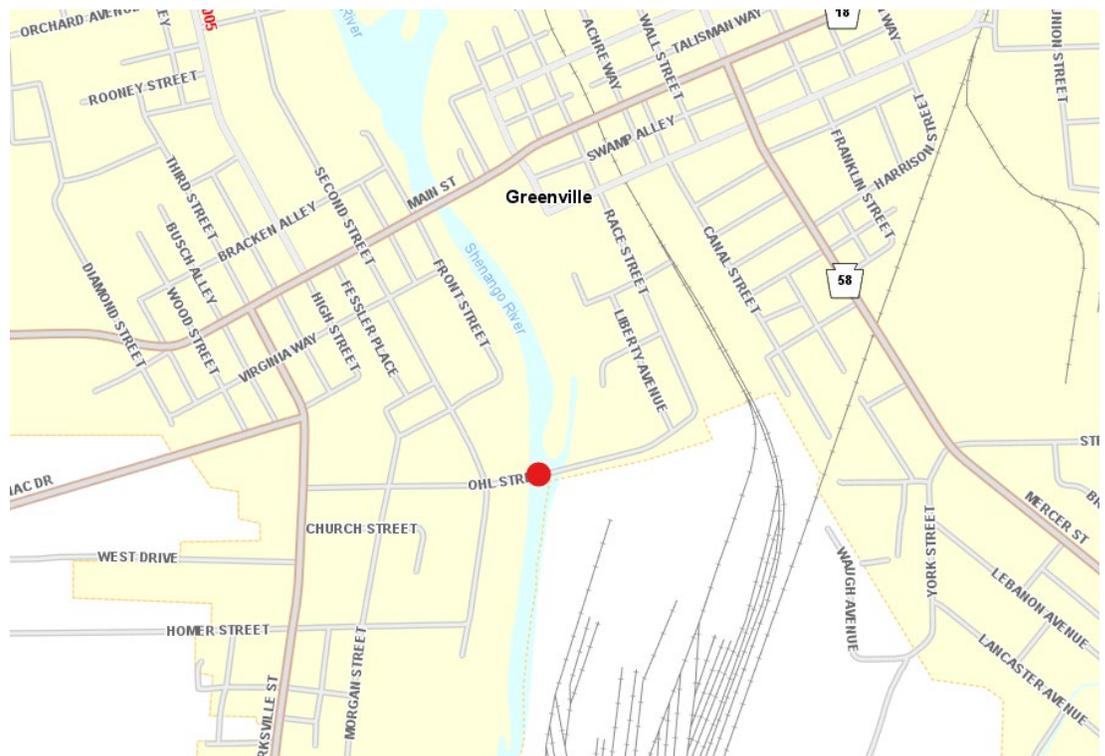
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a proposed project to remove the bridge that carries Ohl Street over the Shenango River in Greenville Borough, Mercer County. The bridge, which is owned by Mercer County, will not be replaced.

The existing Pratt through-truss bridge was built in 1908. It is rated in poor condition and was closed in 2009 due to deterioration. In 2025, the river under the bridge was closed to the public due to safety concerns.

PROJECT AREA

The Ohl Street Bridge to be removed is located approximately 1,200 feet east of the Ohl Street intersection with Route 18 (Clarksville Street).



PROPOSED PLAN

The plan includes the creation of a temporary causeway, removal of the bridge deck, trusses, and pier. As part of the construction project, permanent protective safety barriers and signs will be installed on the east and west approaches. The bridge abutments, or support walls, will remain in place.

The proposal includes temporary construction easements and acquiring right-of-way to facilitate the removal of the bridge and pier.



4(F) RESOURCES

Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966 requires transportation projects take into consideration the effects the project may have on public parks and recreational lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites that are eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

Three [Section 4\(f\)](#) resources are present in the project area:

- Ohi Street Bridge – Classified as historic; removal of the bridge constitutes a Section 4(f) use of the bridge; conversations are ongoing with local historical societies about possible preservation of parts of the bridge.
- Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Greenville Shops – Classified as a historic location; there will be no use of the property.
- Upper Shenango River Water Trail – Designated water trail; currently closed in the area surrounding the bridge and will be reopened to boating at the conclusion of the project.

ANTICIPATED CONSTRUCTION

A contract for the work is scheduled to be awarded in 2026.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

No detours are expected in connection with the project – as there will be no alteration of existing traffic patterns associated with the project.

CONSTRUCTION FUNDING

A contract will be paid for with 80 percent federal funds and 20 percent state funds. The estimated construction cost for the project approximately \$500,000 to \$1 million.

CURRENT PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The purpose of the public comment period is to introduce the project and receive input regarding any questions or concerns with the project. It is also an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the project's potential effect upon Cultural Resources pursuant to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's 36 CFR Part 800 regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The project documents can be made available in alternative languages or formats if requested.

Comments and questions can be submitted to PennDOT Project Manager Greg Lindsay at grlindsay@pa.gov, 814-678-7365, or 255 Elm Street, Oil City, PA 16301. An online comment form for the Ohi Street Bridge Removal is also available at www.pa.gov/DOTdistrict1.