



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT INFORMATION

TOWN OF PORT EDWARDS, 1ST STREET EAST
BRANCH CRANBERRY CREEK BRIDGE, P-71-0916
WOOD COUNTY
PROJECT ID: 6967-00-08

Public Involvement Period:
July 8 – August 8, 2026

Project Team

- Roland Hawk – Highway Commissioner
 - Clark County Highway Department
- Randy Moody – Town Chairman
 - Town of Port Edwards
- Jason Schaeffer – Project Manager
 - WisDOT Local Program
- Brian Udovich, P.E. – Design Consultant
 - Cedar Corporation

Purpose of Public Involvement

The public involvement effort for this project was developed to inform the general public and users of this portion of 1st Street East of the proposed project and potential traffic impacts along the project area during construction. Objectives include:

- Identifying stakeholders which may be affected by the project and include them in the project development process.
- Communication with concerned parties to understand expectations and address issues brought forth by the public and other stakeholders.
- Coordination with local officials and law enforcement to complete the project safely and in accordance with community needs.

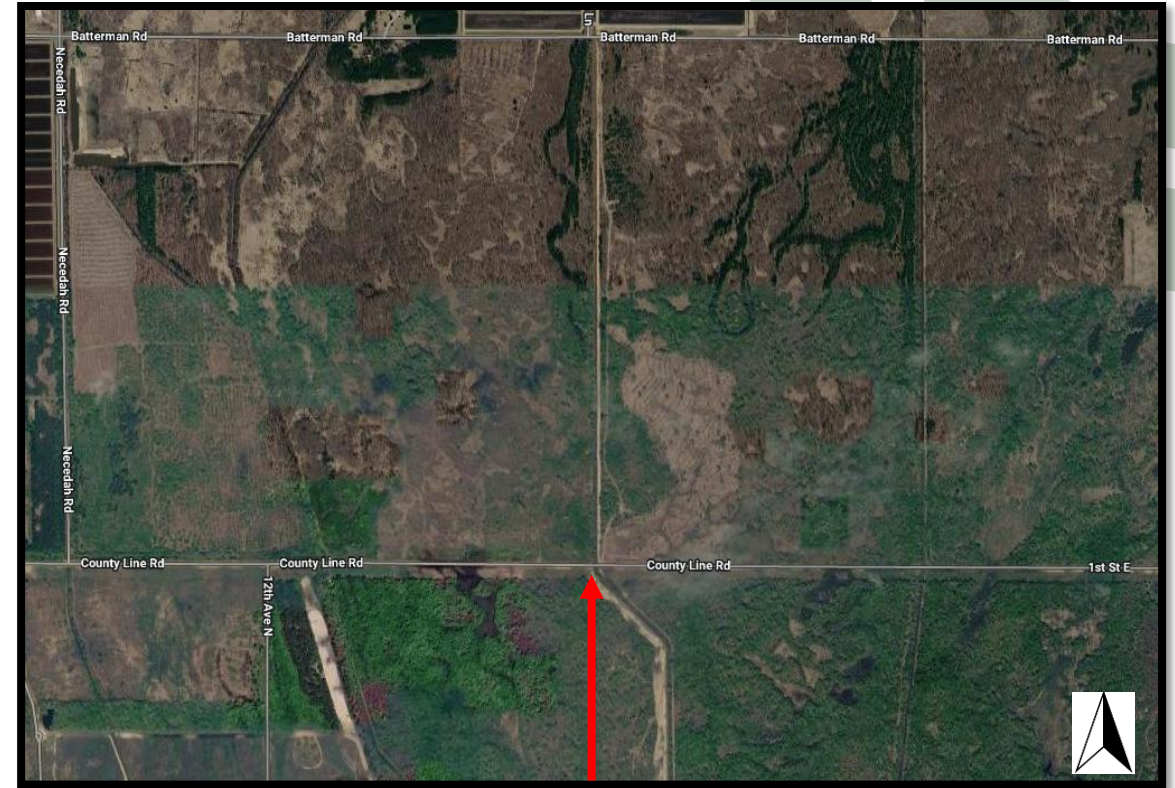
The effort includes developing necessary press releases and sending letters to affected parties.

Objectives

- Project Location
- Project Purpose and Need
- Existing Facilities
- Proposed Improvements
- Real Estate Impacts
- Project Costs
- Project Schedule
- Questions

Project Location

- Project Area:
 - Branch Cranberry Creek Bridge P-71-0916 1st Street East
 - Project length: approx. 170 feet
- 1st Street East
 - Classified as a Local Road
 - Estimated Average Daily Traffic (ADT): 60 vehicles per day (vpd)
 - Two 9-ft gravel travel lanes and 3-ft. gravel shoulders (rural cross section)
 - Speed Limit: Statutory 55 mph
 - Right of way: 66 feet, variable left and right of centerline
 - Land Use within Project Area
 - Woodlands and military use
- Branch Cranberry Creek Bridge P-71-0916
 - Single span steel girder structure with a concrete deck
 - One lane (16.5 ft. wide, 30 ft. long)
 - Gravel surface



Project Location

Project Purpose and Need

- Purpose

The purpose of the proposed action is to maintain a safe and efficient transportation system by addressing roadway deficiencies that affect roadway serviceability/maintainability and could also affect roadway safety.

- Need

The project need which supports the project purpose is identified below:

- **Structural Deficiencies**

- The existing bridge (P-71-0916) is showing signs of deterioration. There is exposed rebar on the concrete deck, which is also characterized by severe abrasion and depressions. The steel girders are covered with approximately 50% rust and the steel columns, abutments, and wingwalls are rusted as well. There is steel missing at the waterline. The metal bridge rail is also rusted and distorted. Currently, the existing approach roadway is settling, allowing water to pool at the bridge.
- The sufficiency rating for the structure was determined to be 65.8 on a scale of 100, per the 2025 bridge inspection.

Existing Conditions



Existing conditions - approach roadway settling;
ponding water



Existing conditions - columns, abutment, and girders
rusting

Proposed Improvements

- The proposed project involves:
 - Removing and replacing the existing deficient bridge structure
 - Reconstruct approaches on either side of the bridge
 - Placing riprap along the abutments
- Construction is proposed for 2027
- Traffic Impacts:
 - The project area would be closed to traffic during construction.
 - Access would be maintained to adjacent properties and emergency vehicles
 - A detour route would not be signed as alternate routes are available.

Real Estate Impacts

- No real estate needs are anticipated.

Project Costs

- Funding for this project is provided in part by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Local Bridge Program.
- Federal funding would cover 100% of the design and construction costs. Wood County would fund any costs related to real estate.
- The total cost for this project is anticipated to be approximately \$474,000; the final cost would be based on final quantities for the project.

Project Schedule



Public Involvement – July 8 – August 8, 2026



Preliminary Plans – May 2026



Environmental Document – July 2026



Final Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) – November 1, 2026



Construction would be scheduled for 2027

Questions?

Comments are welcomed. If you have any concerns, or would like to request additional information, please contact the following individuals:

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Comments can be sent by mail, email, or phone to either of the above individuals. A comment form is provided at <https://www.woodcountywi.gov/Departments/Highway/> and <https://www.townofportedwardswi.org/>

Comments regarding this project may be submitted until: August 8, 2026.