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## Cumberland County's Historic Ramp Covered Bridge Opens to Traffic

**Carlisle, PA** – The county's last operational covered bridge, located between Newville and Shippensburg in western Cumberland County, is now open to motorists after being closed for repairs and renovations. Ramp Covered Bridge crosses the Conodoguinet in Hopewell Township on Covered Bridge Road. Ramp Bridge which dates to the 19<sup>th</sup> century, carries 250 vehicles a day and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

The bridge was slated for a full rehabilitation in the fall of 2020 to address deterioration and damage from natural causes and vehicular accidents on the bridge. However, an accident on the bridge in September 2020 led to its immediate closure and it remained closed until today, Friday, Oct.15 after passing inspection.

The 130 ft long bridge has a 3-ton weight limit and was subjected to overweight loads in the past. With the new approaches, curbing and tighter radius, it will keep overweight vehicles from using the structure.

The covered bridge was built in 1882 using the Burr Arch Truss design. The Burr Arch truss, as the design became known, used two long arches, resting on the abutments on either end, that typically sandwiched a multiple kingpost structure.

Repairs to the bridge were completed by Jay Fulkroad and Sons, McAlisterville at a cost of \$788,777.

For more information on all bridge construction projects, visit the county's Planning Department webpage at [Project Updates](#).

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