

# Fund to Honor Waverly's 3rd Street SE "Green" Bridge



## About Waverly's 3rd Street SE "Green" Bridge

The 3rd Street SE "Green" Bridge is notable for its role in the development of both Waverly and Bremer County, and additionally for its distinctive place in transportation history within the state of Iowa. Known as the Harmon Street Bridge in early years, this distinctively designed truss bridge was completed in 1917 under the direction of the Bremer County Board of Supervisors.

The bridge met Waverly's need to have a second crossing over the Cedar River due to the expanding population of the city. It provided an alternative route to connect the downtown commercial district to a growing residential neighborhood on the community's south side. Its construction was one of the most significant Iowa pre-World War I transportation improvements and was part of the evolution of the Iowa State Highway Commission's increasing efforts to standardize bridge safety and efficiency throughout the state.

The bridge was painted green in 1962 and became known thereafter as the "Green Bridge." It was accepted for placement on the National Historic Register in 2018. The Waverly City Council has empowered the Historic Preservation Commission (WHPC) to initiate honoring this historically significant transportation landmark. Visit the City of Waverly's website at [waverlyia.com/whpc](http://waverlyia.com/whpc) to learn more about the WHPC.

## Bridge Memorial Project and Fund

A public artwork will become one of the project's primary elements with the assistance of this fundraising campaign. The "Visionary Sightseeing Binoculars" is a public art project by artist Rebecca Hackemann. It consists of what looks like a sightseeing binocular but is in fact a stereoscope containing four historical images showing the past and present of the bridge. The binoculars will be installed in South Riverside Park near the bike trail and playground, facing the bridge's original location across the river. Additional information will be available via an interactive app.

In order to make this project become a reality, your help is needed. This fund was established through the Bremer County Community Foundation and donations will supplement money allocated by the Waverly City Council for signage and plaques. All contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. Gifts of \$100 or more, if received before March 31, 2022, will be eligible for a permanent name listing on site. To learn more, contact the Community Foundation at 319-287-9106 or [info@cfnea.org](mailto:info@cfnea.org).

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