

- Because the structure is a covered aqueduct, not a covered bridge, the Duck Creek Aqueduct has experienced more wear and deterioration of historic components than does a typical bridge structure. Its survival has been due to a tradition of careful repairs and restoration, as well as its incorporation into the Whitewater Canal Memorial in 1946 (now Whitewater Canal State Historic Site).
- The structure was most recently rehabilitated in 2005 by J. A. Barker Engineering, Inc., of Bloomington, Indiana, a firm with expertise in the rehabilitation of historic covered bridges.
- The bridge remains at its original site and still carries horse-drawn canal boats carrying tourists. The structure's picturesque and historic setting possesses the feeling of a nineteenth-century industrial village, which includes residences, a commercial district, and a working grist mill

Owner of Property: State of Indiana, Department of Museums and Historic Sites

Acreeage of Property: Less than one acre

Origins of Nomination: The *Covered Bridges NHL Context Study*, as well as this nomination, originated with funding from the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program. The Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) documented 75 historic covered bridges from 2002 to 2004 from a list suggested by a national committee of covered bridge experts. This aqueduct, along with the Brown Bridge, are being nominated subsequent to the designation of the Humpback Bridge and Knight's Ferry Bridge in 2011.

Potential for Positive Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program:

- Designation would recognize the importance of covered bridges to the development of transportation and engineering.
- Designation would encourage future maintenance by the State of Indiana.

Potential for Negative Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program: None known

Landmarks Committee Comments:

Landmarks Committee Recommendation: Designation. Dr. Stevens moved, Dr. Allan seconded; unanimous approval.

Public Comments Favoring Designation (received as of 12/04/2013):

Laura J. Minzes, Deputy Director, Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites (owner waiver received)

Jim Barker, J. A. Barker Engineering

Mary E. Kennedy, Indiana Department of Transportation

Mr. Tom Wilson, President, Franklin County Commissioners, Indiana (HEO waiver)

Advisory Board Recommendation: