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P. Joseph Lehman Inc. Inspects Bogert's Covered Bridge



HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA - P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers was selected by the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania to inspect the historic Bogert's Covered Bridge. The inspection took place on December 29th and 30th of 2015.

Bogert's Covered bridge is a single-span, enclosed, timber burr truss, with a total length of 175'-0". The bridge carries Bogert's Covered Bridge Road over Little Lehigh Creek in Allentown, Lehigh County. The bridge is closed to vehicular traffic but is an integral part of the city's trail system and is frequented by walkers, runners and cyclists.

The bridge was built in 1841 on the Bogert's family farm. The bridge was severely damaged by two separate vehicular incidents, in 1956 and 1957. City officials are discussing additional measures needed to preserve



this landmark with Lehman Engineers, including performing a complete rehabilitation of the historic structure. Currently the bridge serves pedestrian and bicycle traffic only. The Bogert's Covered Bridge is the

oldest covered bridge in Lehigh County and among the oldest in the country. The bridge is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

P. JOSEPH LEHMAN, Inc., Consulting Engineers has completed work on over 25 historic covered bridge projects throughout Pennsylvania. This preservation work is done to meet the standards set forth by the Secretary of the Interior for rehabilitation of historic structures. Lehman Engineers completed an in-depth inspection of the bridge to evaluate the condition of the structure. They are currently designing the rehabilitation of the nearby Dreibelbis Station Bridge located 25 miles from Bogert's Covered Bridge near Lenhartsville, Berks County.

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