

Bridge to get \$500K face-lift

GREENE COUNTY — Greene County's Shriver Covered Bridge that spans Hargus Creek in Center Township is going to get a \$500,000 rehabilitation.



Scott Covered Bridge (1885-2011)

U.S. Rep. Mark S. Critz , D-Johnstown, announced Friday that the \$500,000 federal grant is part of the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program.

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Greene County Commissioner Pam Snyder said, "Covered bridges are a big part of Greene County's rich history. All but two of our covered bridges have already been restored, and I'd like to thank Congressman Critz for ensuring that this federal grant was available to rehabilitate the Shriver Covered Bridge."

The Shriver Covered Bridge, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, is one of seven covered bridges that remains standing within the boundaries of Greene County. It is covered with random-width unpainted vertical board siding on both sides and portals, has a sheet metal roof and a deck of crosswise planking.

Fairly wide length-wise openings immediately under the eaves are the only side opening on the bridge. The Shriver is reinforced with steel I beams and rests on cut stone abutments that appear to have been laid dry and has wingwalls of similar material that extend a little above the road level.

This grant funding will be used to rehabilitate the timber truss (replace deteriorated members throughout bridge); install connections between steel beams and truss; install a new deck; rehabilitate abutments and wingwalls; and install scour protection.

The National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program was established by the 1998 Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. The program provides funding to assist the states in their efforts to preserve, rehabilitate or restore the Nation's historic covered bridges listed or eligible for listing on the National Register for Historic Places.