



Historic Forestville Bridge

Preserving Recreational Connections

- Fillmore County, in partnership with the Minnesota Historical Society and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, is requesting \$1,993,000 to preserve the Historic Forestville Bridge (County Road 118).
- The bridge provides primary access to the Historic Forestville historic site, crossing the Root River, a highly significant natural, scenic, recreational and cultural corridor.
- The historic bridge failed inspection and was closed to pedestrians in March of 2023. It had been previously closed to vehicles.
- Without the bridge, there is not a direct connection between the state park and the historic site, requiring a detour of 10 miles.
- Funding will preserve the historic bridge, including abutments and the bridge structure.
- The bridge will be the future river crossing for the extension of the Root River Trail, providing access to the Mystery Cave/Forestville State Park and the Historic Forestville Historic Site.

