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## **Chester County closes Hallman's Bridge in East Pikeland**

*Bridge could be out of service for more than a year*

**WEST CHESTER** \_ Chester County closed Hallman's Bridge on Pickering Road on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, due to a combination of deterioration and traffic weight restriction violations. The bridge is currently under design for replacement, which could take between one and two years to complete, according to the County government's engineering firm McCormick Taylor, Inc.

The bridge is over the Pickering Creek and due to its condition, had already been recommended for replacement and received state funding for design and construction. Previously, the County lowered the bridge weight limit to three tons, but during a routine inspection, additional deterioration was discovered and a vehicle over the three-ton weight limit was observed using the bridge.

The bridge, known as Chester County Bridge 315, was closed earlier than planned by order of the Chester County Commissioners, given its condition and the threat of continued weight restriction violations.