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I was extremely disappointed to hear that this bridge was slated for removal in the next few years and to find it barricaded this spring was a shock.

Over the years I have enjoyed being able to use it to cross the river on my back road bike rides. It has meant that I can spend less time on busy, (and getting busier), main roads and keep more to the safer gravel roads such as Middelbrook Place/Weisenburg Rd. (Township Rd 60)

In my crossings, I have discovered a lot people enjoying the bridge and river. The bridge makes the wonderful trails along the Grand River so much more accessible.

It seems counterintuitive to cut off this recreational route given the increasing population and increasing use of recreational facilities in the area. Tax dollars would be well spent on restoring this bridge for use a footbridge and bike path and enhancing it as a recreational site.

The historical significance of the bridge is also a factor. Once such bridges are gone, they just can't be replaced.

Thank you and your team for the work you are doing to save this bridge from demolition. I certainly hope the townships reconsider their plans after listening to our collective pleas.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] Robinson and family