



Historic Bridge Adoption Information Packet

Dallas County

Wycliff Avenue at Turtle Creek

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Announcement

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) seeks adopters for the historic bridge detailed below for reuse according to federal transportation and historic preservation laws. The bridge is in Dallas County, on Wycliff Avenue crossing Turtle Creek.

Priority will be given to public entities seeking to reuse the bridge in a public or publicly visible space. Bridges available through this program are not suitable for vehicular service. All rehabilitation work must conform to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation* in consultation with the Texas Historical Commission (THC).

Interested parties may request additional information, indicate interest, or submit a reuse proposal by contacting:

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- TxDOT Dallas District
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Letters of interest and/or reuse proposals will be accepted until 5 p.m. on February 28, 2026.



Bridge Location

- County: Dallas
- Highway or Facility: Wycliff Avenue
- Feature Crossed: Turtle Creek
- Locational Information: -96.799773°, 32.819660°

Bridge Information

- Bridge owner: Town of Highland Park
- Main span type: Concrete pipe culvert
- Main span length: 75 feet (including pavement, culvert is composed of two concrete pipes)
- Roadway width: 30 feet
- Year built: c. 1919, widened 1948
- Builder: Unknown, Town of Highland Park

Historic Significance of the Bridge

The property is a bridge-class culvert system along Wycliffe Avenue that serves as an impoundment dam for Turtle Creek and Connor Park. The bridge-class culvert is a contributing resource to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible Acreage Addition Historic District. The bridge-class culvert and designed landscape of the Acreage Addition are character-defining features of the NRHP-eligible historic district. The present bridge-class culvert, known colloquially as the Wycliff Avenue Dam, is comprised of two horseshoe, concrete culverts, the oldest of which is topped by a stacked masonry retaining wall. The original concrete drainage pipe measures 12 ft in diameter. When the c. 1919 spillway and Dam proved incapable of conveying water during flood events, a second, raised culvert was added. The original spillway was enlarged to its current 40-ft diameter in 1948.

According to the 1948 plans, the second culvert includes a raised channel pipe (10-ft diameter) and retaining wall that extends beyond the original culvert. The culvert, retaining wall, and wing wall are constructed of concrete and masonry.

Condition Description

Costs for converting the bridge to pedestrian use include foundations at the new location, a new rail, and a pedestrian walkway of a width to be determined by an engineering analysis. Finally, the pipes and masonry will need to be moved from the current site to the new location. Costs to the recipient will be dependent on distance to be moved and may be partially or fully covered by the State.

Bridge Photographs



Figure 1 View of the Wycliff Avenue at Turtle Creek bridge. TxDOT



Figure 2 View looking towards bridge structure at street level. The pipe culverts are buried under the street.