

MINNESOTA ARCHITECTURE-HISTORY INVENTORY FORM

Property Location			
Property Name:	Bridge L8507	Inventory No.	SL-DUL-2403
Address:	Seven Bridges Road over Amity Creek	County:	St. Louis
City/Twp:	Duluth	PIN	N/A
T-R-S:	T51N, R13W, Section 32	Quarters:	NW-SW-NE
USGS Quad	Duluth, Minnesota		
UTM Zone 15	N5190151	E575098	NAD 83

Property Information			
Arch/Eng:	Morell and Nichols	Style:	Naturalistic/rustic
Date Const:	c. 1912	Historic Context:	Urban Centers (1870-1940)
Historic Use:	Bridge	Present Use:	Bridge
Property Type:	Structure	Survey Name:	Skyline Parkway Cultural Resources Inventory
Prepared by:	William E. Stark, Stark Preservation Planning LLC	Survey Date:	May 2, 2011

Segment: Seven Bridges Road

Description:

This is the seventh of the bridges from the Superior Street crossing the Amity Creek on Seven Bridges Road. The reinforced concrete structure has a filled-spandrel, low-rise, barrel-arch with a main span length of 28.0 feet. Above the deck are rustic stone parapets capped with stone coping. The bridge is veneered with rough-ashlar masonry, with a defined arch ring and delineated deck line. The stone veneer is carried across the face of the abutment beneath the springline of the arch. Pilasters define the abutment and the spring line.

History:

This bridge is among the collection of rustic, stone-faced bridges built c. 1912 based on the designs of Morell and Nichols.

Integrity:

The bridge underwent a restoration in 1997, which entailed replacing and resetting loose stones on the wall, pier and pier cap, repointing mortar joints, and patching the concrete arch surface. Apparently earlier repairs resulted in the use of concrete wall caps in some location. The 1997 project specified replacing these with stone. The work successfully restored the appearance of the bridge while maintaining its historic materials.

References:

Historic Bridge No. 6, State Bridge No. L8507 Bridge Restoration Plan. Duluth Department of Public Works, Office of City Architect. 1997.

Mn/DOT Structure Inventory Report for Bridge L8507, 7 October 2009.

Nunnally, Patrick D.

1997 *Jewel of the North: Duluth's Parkway System – A Historic Landscape Evaluation Study*. Prepared for the Duluth Heritage Preservation Commission.



Facing SE



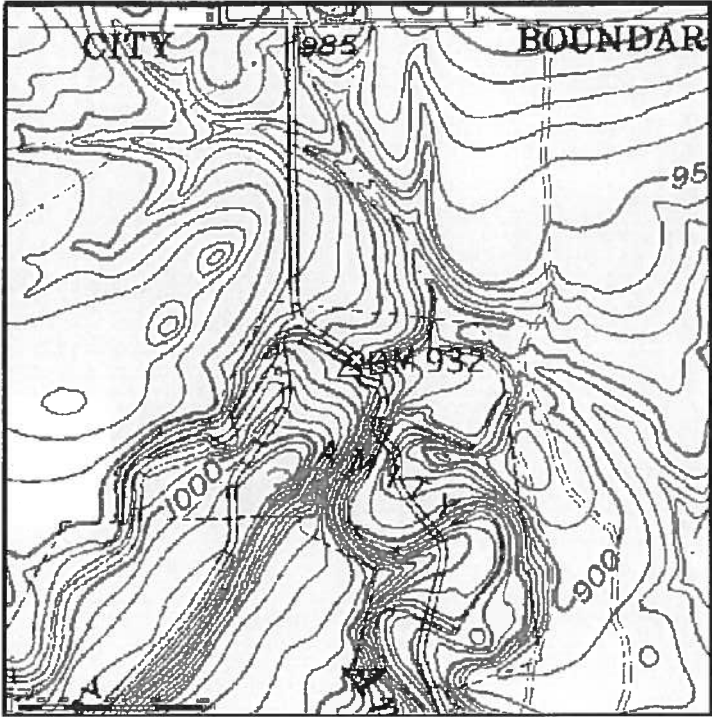
Facing W



Facing SE



Facing N



Location

DULUTH HPC SURVEY__Skyline Parkway_____

Address:

SHPO # SL-DUL-2289-
2403

Historic Name:

Map Key #

Common Name: Bridge #7 L-8507

Photo Key # 012984

Legal Description:

PIN #

Resource Type: BLDG _____
STRUCTURE__X_____
MONUMENT_____
SITE_____
OBJECT_____

Original Use: RESID.____ RECREAT.__X____ HOSP._____
COMMER.____ GOVERN.____ TRANSP._____
INDUST.____ RELIG.____ WATER-REL._____
UTIL.____ EDUCA.____ OTHER_____

Current Use:_____bridge_

Date of Construction:_1910-11

Style:Naturalistic/Rustic__

Architect:Morell & Nichols__

Builder:_City of Duluth_____

Description:

This 60 foot bridge carries a 15 foot roadway. The spandrel walls are marked with decorative stone courses over a concrete arch with concrete capping the columns. Some spalling evident.

Related Buildings:_____



EXCEL



R_____ RUINS__

Historic Contexts: EARLY SETTLEMENT: _____
SHIPPING: _____
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE: _____
COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS: _____
NEIGHBORHOODS: _____
RECREATION: X _____
OTHER: _____

General Background:

This bridge is one of a number designed in 1910-11 by the Minneapolis firm of Morell and Nichols for the re-opening of Snively Road. Stone, except the pink capstones on some of the structures, was locally quarried.

Significant Dates: 1910-11 _____

Significance (Historical and/or Architectural) Duluth's Skyline Parkway is a significant recreational and transportation feature that dates between 1888-1940. It has long served as the _____ backbone of the city's park system and one of its most outstanding attractions. This property is a potentially contributing element of the Skyline Parkway System Historic District.

Eligible for National Register: YES X NO _____ MORE INFO _____

Eligible for Local Designation: YES X NO _____ MORE INFO _____

Sources of Information:

(A) Survey Report, Survey and Preliminary Evaluation, Duluth's Skyline Boulevard. Patrick Nunnally, on file, Duluth Planning Department and Minnesota SHPO.

(B) "Snively's Road" Mark Ryan, Minnesota History, Winter 1994, pp. 146-163.

MHS Review and Compliance No.s _____

Location Info. TWP: 51 R: 13 SEC: 32 ACREAGE: <1

NW-SW-NE

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Form Prepared by: Patrick Nunnally Date: May 1996

