

# Minnesota Individual Property Inventory Form

Please refer to the *Historic and Architectural Survey Manual* before completing this form.

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## General Information

Historic Name: Concrete box culvert

Other Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventory No.: WN-SCT-015

Associated MN Multiple Property Form (Name and Inventory No.): \_\_\_\_\_

New or Updated Form: New

Review and Compliance No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Extant: Yes

Agency Proj. No.: SP 8508-38

Survey Type: Intensive (Phase 2)

Grant No.: \_\_\_\_\_

## Location Information

Street Address: 5,000 feet south of St. Charles Township Road 9 on TH 74

County: Winona

City/Twp: St. Charles Township

If Multiple, List All Counties:  
\_\_\_\_\_

If Multiple, List All Cities/Townships:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total Acres: N/A

### UTM Coordinates:

Datum: NAD83

USGS 7.5 Quad Name(s): St. Charles

Township: 106 Range: 10 E/W: W Section: 7

| UTM Zone   | Easting       | Northing       |
|------------|---------------|----------------|
| <u>15T</u> | <u>574590</u> | <u>4871446</u> |
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| _____      | _____         | _____          |
| _____      | _____         | _____          |
| _____      | _____         | _____          |

QtrQtrQtr: \_\_\_\_\_ QtrQtr: SW Qtr: SE

Township: 106 Range: 10 E/W: W Section: 7

QtrQtrQtr: \_\_\_\_\_ QtrQtr: SE Qtr: SW

### Urban:

Subdivision: \_\_\_\_\_

Block(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Property Identification Number (PIN): \_\_\_\_\_

## Previous Determinations

### Previous Individual Determination:

- National Register Listed
- NPS DOE
- State Register Listed
- CEF
- SEF
- Locally Designated
- Not Eligible

### Previous District Determination:

- District Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Within a National Register-Listed District  
Contributing Status: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Within a State Register-Listed District  
Contributing Status: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Within a CEF District  
Contributing Status: \_\_\_\_\_

- Within a SEF District  
Contributing Status: \_\_\_\_\_
- Within a Locally Designated District  
Contributing Status: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Classification

Associated Properties (Name and Inventory No.): TH 74, Elba to St. Charles Segment, XX-ROD-033

Property Category: Structure

Number of Resources on the Property:

Buildings: 0 Structures: 1 Sites: 0 Objects: 0

## Function or Use

### Historic:

Function/Use Category: Transportation

Function/Use Category (if other): \_\_\_\_\_

Function/Use Subcategory: Road-Related(vehicular)

Function/Use Subcategory (if other): \_\_\_\_\_

### Current:

Function/Use Category: Transportation

Function/Use Category (if other): \_\_\_\_\_

Function/Use Subcategory: Road-Related(vehicular)

Function/Use Subcategory (if other): \_\_\_\_\_

## Description

*Provide full Narrative Description on Continuation Sheet.*

Architectural Style: Other

Architectural Style (if other): Culvert

Exterior Material: Concrete

Exterior Material (if other): \_\_\_\_\_

## Significance

*Provide full Statement of Significance on Continuation Sheet.*

### Applicable National Register of Historic Places Criteria:

Criterion A: Property is associated with significant events.

Yes  No  More Research Recommended

Criterion B: Property is associated with the lives of significant persons.

Yes  No  More Research Recommended

Criterion C: Property has significant architectural characteristics.

Yes  No  More Research Recommended

Criterion D: Property may yield important information in history/prehistory.

Yes  No  More Research Recommended

Criteria Considerations?  No  Yes

*If yes, describe in Statement of Significance on Continuation Sheet.*

Area of Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional or Other Area(s) of Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

Period(s) of Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) Constructed: ca. 1941

Other Significant Construction Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

*Discuss in Statement of Significance on Continuation Sheet.*

Date Source(s): Construction Project Log

Architect/Builder/Engineer: State of Minnesota, Department of Highways

Architect/Builder/Engineer Documentation: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Bibliography

Complete Bibliography on Continuation Sheet.

## Additional Documentation

For all properties, the following additional documentation must be submitted with the inventory form. Refer to the *Historic and Architectural Survey Manual* for guidance.

1. Photographs
2. Maps

## Preparer's Information and Recommendation

Preparer Name and Title: Sebastian Renfield, Historian/Jacob Noble

Organization/Firm (if applicable): Mead & Hunt, Inc./MnDOT

Date Inventory Form Prepared: 12/9/2019/April 2020

Recommended Individual Evaluation:

Recommended District Evaluation:

- Eligible for the National Register  
 Not Eligible for the National Register  
 More Information Needed for Evaluation

Within a National Register-Eligible District

Contributing Status: contributing

District Name: TH 74 St. Charles to Elba Segment

District Inventory Number: (XX-ROD-033)

- Eligible for Local Designation  
 Not Eligible for Local Designation  
 More Information Needed for Local Designation

Within a Locally-Eligible District

Contributing Status: \_\_\_\_\_

District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Minnesota Historic Preservation Office Comments (MnHPO Use Only)

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Individual Recommendation (NRHP)

- Concur       Does Not Concur       More Information Needed

### Historic District Recommendation (NRHP)

- Concur       Does Not Concur       More Information Needed

### Contributing/Noncontributing Status Recommendation

- Concur       Does Not Concur       More Information Needed

Comments:

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**Narrative Description**

The structure is a ca.1941 small concrete box culvert that runs beneath Minnesota Trunk Highway (TH) 74 and carries runoff between drainage ditches on either side of the highway. The culvert head walls and wing walls are built up above the concrete structure with coursed, roughly dressed ashlar masonry that does not appear to be integral to the structure. The culvert is located in a rural, agricultural area in St. Charles Township approximately 5,000 feet south of St. Charles Township Road 9.

This is an update to the inventory form in April 2020 - This culvert is contributing to the Trunk Highway 74 – St. Charles to Elba (XX-ROD-033) linear corridor historic district, which extends from Elba to the north, through Whitewater State Park, and terminating in St. Charles. The highway is eligible under Criterion A in the areas of Entertainment/Recreation and Politics/Government and the period of significance for the highway is 1936-1942.

**Statement of Significance**

The structure was inventoried as part of the field survey and evaluation of the segment of TH 74 between Elba and St. Charles (XX-ROD-033), which was recommended eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (National Register) under *Criterion A* in the areas of Entertainment/Recreation and Politics/Government. As the structure was built to carry TH 74, this abbreviated inventory form was prepared to document the culvert as a component of the eligible segment. A complete historic context for TH 74 segment can be found in the Phase II evaluation and inventory form for XX-ROD-033.

The structure was individually evaluated under *Criteria A, B, and C*. Although likely constructed as part of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) project that built this portion of the highway in order to improve access to Whitewater State Park, the culvert is one of multiple such structures and does not represent an individually significant effort in this regard. Thus, the property is not individually eligible under *Criterion A: History*. Research did not reveal potential significance for this property under *Criterion B: Significant Person*. While drainage structures carrying TH 74 within and immediately adjacent to the boundary of Whitewater State Park were typically constructed in the Rustic style using elaborate stone masonry, the subject structure is one of several undistinguished concrete box culverts that carry the roadway south of the State Park and does not reflect the Rustic design aesthetic. The structure does not display character-defining features of any other architectural style, nor does it represent an unusual feat of engineering. The culvert does not represent distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction; high artistic value; or the work of a master. Therefore, the property lacks significance under *Criterion C: Architecture*.

**Recommendation**

Although part of the National Register-eligible TH 74 segment between Elba and St. Charles, this property is individually recommended not eligible for the National Register. No further work is recommended.

**Bibliography**

Mead & Hunt, Inc. *Minnesota Trunk Highways (1921-1954): Historic Context and National Register Evaluation*

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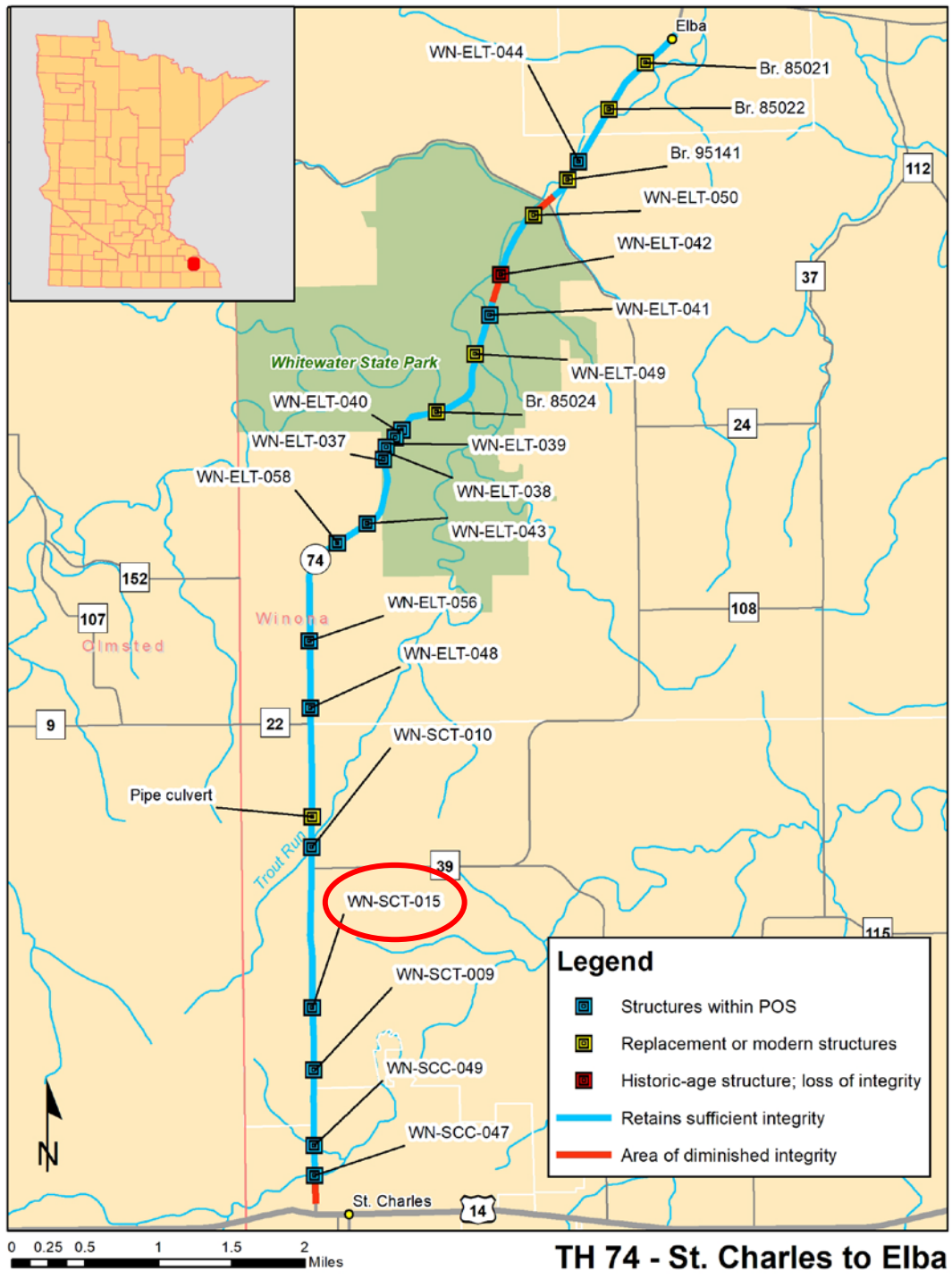
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**Map**





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**Photographs**



WN-SCT-015, August 1, 2019, east elevation of culvert, view facing west.



WN-SCT-015, August 1, 2019, view of culvert from TH 74 roadway, facing north.