



Flood Control - Stop Logs

The Bridge Street Bridge was built in 1937 and serves as an important link for transportation between the City's North and Southsides. The deck of top of the bridge abutments are approximately 3-4 feet below the protective flood control levee, leaving the city vulnerable during high water events. In order to protect the city during flood stages, the Public Works Department would install hundreds of sand bags which was a long and time consuming process.

During the renovation of the bridge in 1999, the City had a "stop log" structure designed for each end of the bridge. These stop logs are aluminum beams which can be rapidly installed to take the place of sand bags and provide increased reliability during high water events. The Public Works Department practices the installation of these stop logs on an annual basis.

These protective structures are part of the flood management efforts in the city to protect public safety, investment and the environment.