



## CSX bridge project

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### CSX bridge project near C&O Canal, Lakewood From Staff Reports

CUMBERLAND — CSX Transportation contracted OCCI Inc. of Fulton, Mo., to replace the existing railroad bridge over the North Branch of the Potomac River in the vicinity of the intersection of state Route 51 and Uhl Highway S.E.

The bridge being replaced was constructed in 1901. The new structure will comprise three steel girder spans supported by piers and concrete abutments. The new bridge will total 450 feet in length.

The CSX project team worked with regulatory agencies in West Virginia and Maryland as well as the National Park Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to secure all the necessary permits.

The project began in February and is anticipated to be complete by late summer.

Construction is being made possible through two access points; one through private property off state Route 28 near Lakewood and the second in Maryland at Lock 74 of the C&O Canal National Historic Park. The Maryland access was made possible through closure of the Lock 74 parking lot authorized by the National Park Service. Access to visitor parking has been relocated to Lock 75 for the project's duration.

The work is being completed as part of CSX's ongoing investment in rail infrastructure in support of safe and efficient movement of freight throughout its 21,000-mile network