

5.2 OBSERVED RESOURCES

5.2.1 Downey Bridge

Remnants of the Downey Bridge are present at the project site (Photo 6). While a monument has been erected at this locale designating it as the first bridge across the Green River into Kent, the remaining structural elements have not been formally recorded as an archaeological site. Archival research indicates the original steel bridge was constructed in 1905, upgraded in 1944, and removed in 1951. The field survey identified two remnant concrete footings or piers at the site of the monument, on the south end of the former bridge site, which appear to date to 1905 based on the upgrade design plans. A newer cement wing wall is also visible immediately adjacent to the monument, but appears to have been a later 1944 upgrade to the bridge to replace the original wooden pilings.



Photo 6. Downey Bridge remnants, facing north from monument. In the foreground is the more recent 1944 cement wing wall upgrade. Barely visible in the background (at red arrows) are two cement pilings, probably from the original 1905 construction.