

At the western end of the causeway is a pair of tapering octagonal concrete towers that flank the roadway's entrance onto Bridge 1. These fixtures are topped by lights and resemble lighthouses. The north and south towers are inscribed with the words "Short Way" and "Venetian Way," respectively.

The Henry J. Klutho Bridges over Hogan's Creek, Duval County

Six historic bridges span Hogan's Creek in Confederate and Springfield Parks within the historic Springfield neighborhood of Jacksonville in Duval County. Their aesthetic designs joined to their associations with the historic development of Jacksonville and with Henry J. Klutho, a notable Florida architect, establish the historic importance of these unique and beautiful bridges. Henry J. Klutho gained repute by introducing the Prairie School style of architecture into north Florida during the early 20th century. His designs helped rebuild Jacksonville after a fire destroyed the downtown in 1901. A student of Frank Lloyd Wright and Louis Sullivan, he became one of Florida's most accomplished architects. Working with civil engineer Charles V. Imeson, Klutho prepared plans in 1929 for a city project to transform Hogan's Creek, a waterway that had become little more than an open sewer, into a "Grande Canal" within a large park.

Their plans focused upon beautifying and renewing Springfield, the city's oldest neighborhood and, through Springfield, contributing to the improvement of Jacksonville. However, since the Great Depression followed the project almost immediately, Klutho's hope of generally improving Jacksonville was not fully realized at the time. But what remains of the attempt leaves an impression of sensitivity to the interrelationship between man-made and natural aesthetics. The Robert G. Lassiter Company of Oxford, North Carolina, an important bridge builder in Florida and the Southeast, constructed the project. Ultimately, the project drew praise from the local newspaper as Klutho's masterpiece which involved rechanneling the creek, building locks, lakes, and a pumping plant, and constructing six reinforced concrete bridges for automobile traffic, as well as several pedestrian bridges. The Klutho-designed vehicular bridges over Hogan's Creek are listed in **Table 6-4**.

Table 6-4. Hogan's Creek Improvement Bridges and Associated Resources.

FDOT No.	FMSF No.	Route Carried over Hogan's Creek	Comments
724171	8DU7540	Newnan Street	Operating bridge
724149 (formerly)	8DU7537	Julia Street (W. Second St.)	Now a pedestrian bridge in Springfield Park
724172	8DU7539	Market Street	Operating bridge
724175	8DU7538	Laura Street	Operating bridge
724359 (formerly 724173)	8DU7551	Liberty Street	Operating bridge
n/a	8DU7541	US-1/Main Street	Operating bridge

Collectively, these structures represent a historically important group associated with their role in the historic development of the Springfield and Confederate Park areas of Jacksonville, as well as their relationship to each other. Although the bridges present the standard structural design of concrete girders and slabs, they exhibit the artistic touches of Henry Klutho. He designed all of these bridges in a Beaux Arts/Neoclassical Revival style. The shared decorative elements include solid concrete railings supporting obelisks, urns, decorative lighting, and relief sculptures.

The Julia Street Bridge was determined NRHP-eligible during the 2000 survey; the SHPO evaluated the Market Street and Liberty Street bridges as potentially eligible in 2006; and the Newnan Street, Laura Street, and Main Street bridges are newly recommended as NRHP-eligible under Criteria A and C.

At a length of just more than 46 feet, the **Laura Street Bridge** represents the longest of these ornate bridges across Hogan's Creek. The **Liberty Street Bridge** consists of a small concrete slab structure decorated with the ornamentation characteristic of its five sister bridges in the park. A relief sculpture with the date "1929" inscribed upon it appears on the outside of the balustrade.

The balustrade on **Main Street Bridge** features a sculpted cartouche (**Photo 6-12**). It is also inscribed with "Hogan Creek Improvements" and commemoratively features Klutho, Imeson, the Lassiter Company and the Arnold Stone Company in its text. The most significant alteration to the structure occurred prior to 1991, when a portion of the bridge railing was removed in order to provide space for an adjacent building. The **Market Street Bridge** (**Photo 6-13**) is a 41-foot-long concrete slab with a 40.5-foot roadway. As on the Liberty Street Bridge, the exterior of the railings carry ornamental tablets inscribed with the year "1929."



Photo 6-12. Main Street Bridge.

The **Newnan Street Bridge** (**Photo 6-14**) and the **Julia Street/West Second Street Bridge** each possess many distinguishing aesthetic features such as relief sculptures, urns, and obelisks. Only one resource, the Julia Street/West 2nd Street Bridge, no longer carries vehicular traffic due to a change in the urban grid to accommodate Florida Community College's downtown campus and other establishments.



Photo 6-13. Market Street Bridge (No. 724172)



Photo 6-14. Newnan Street Bridge - Molding (No. 724171)