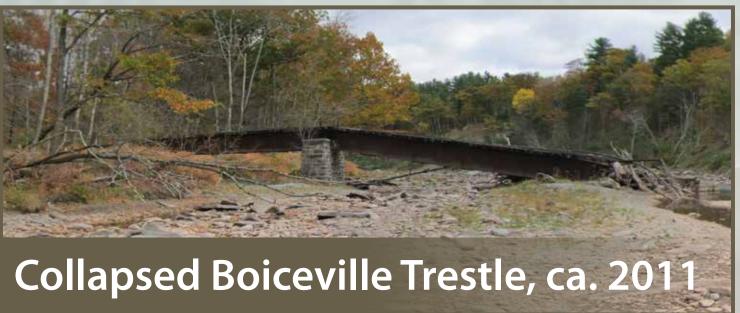
## BOICEVILLE TRESTLE



## **RAIL TO TRAIL**

The Boiceville Trestle, which was built on this site ca. 1870, carried the Ulster & Delaware Railroad across the Esopus Creek. The bridge spanned 294 feet and consisted of a four-span steel-plate girder trestle on stone piers and abutments. Damage from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in 2011 caused the collapse of the Boiceville Trestle. In order to construct the Ashokan Rail Trail, a new bridge was built in 2019 to replace the former trestle. The current bridge, a three-span continuoussteel girder bridge is 7 feet higher and 60 feet longer than the original structure, and is designed to accommodate a larger capacity of stream flows Collapsed Boiceville Trestle, ca. 2011 during future storm events.



The small hamlet of Boiceville was located here until construction of the reservoir forced residents to relocate. Stone walls and foundations relating to the settlement are still visible in this area. In 1875, the hamlet included several houses and stores, a blacksmith shop, a wagon shop, and a tannery—as shown on this F.W. Beers map.





