



The first Bloomfield Bridge was built in 1914 by the Fort Pitt Bridge Works and was 2,100 feet (640 m) long.

The original bridge was closed in 1978 and demolished in 1980. The replacement crossing was erected in 1986, after the previous bridge was deemed deficient after years of heavy use by trolleys and cars.





In 1914, the Bloomfield Bridge was the longest, the highest and one of the most expensive structures in the region.



Joseph Conrad Winebiddle, a German immigrant, founded Bloomfield in 1850 and divided the land and sold to other Germans. Annexed by Pittsburgh in 1968, Bloomfield was mostly farmland and dairies. Around 1900, Italians from the Abruzzi region began to move into the neighborhood on and around Lorigan Street. As Italians continued to immigrate to Bloomfield into the 1940s, German families moved east towards Friendship.



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