



Between Joliet (east) and Dwight (west)

Note:  
The distance between the IL 53 route (green/red) and the I-55 route (orange) has been compressed to fit both alignments on the map. Actual distance at this point is 3 miles.

Alignments on this Map  
 Green/Red: Original and first paved route.  
 Orange: 1939 upgrade. The original route became Alt. US 66 at this time.  
 Blue: Lanes added to create 4-lane US 66.  
 Turquoise: Lanes added in the 1940s to (then) Alt. US 66.

Bridges in Wilmington  
 Forked Creek: Built in 1981. Replaced a 1922 bridge.  
 Kankakee River Mill Race: Built in 1988. Replaced a bridge built in 1944.  
 Kankakee River: The first US 66 bridge was built in 1913, and stood along the north side of its replacement, built in the 1930s (green). That bridge was replaced in 1987 (red).

Note:  
The dashed gray line represents a ramp that once allowed WB I-55 traffic to access IL 129.

Note:  
The 1939 mainline route (orange) transitions from the path of east-bound I-55 to continue in a straight line onto IL 129. A short section of this 2-lane was later kept as part of the I-55 frontage road (arrow). In the Mid-1950s, two additional lanes were added (blue), creating a new pathway from this point to Gardner (Map 20).

Note:  
Space constraints resulted in omitting approximately one-half mile of I-55 between the end of this map and the beginning of the next. The 1950s 4-lane continued to follow this pathway.