

## what **Historical Services Unit** does

- Research and Write Historic Reports
- Determine National Register Eligibility
- Determine Historic Boundaries
- Determine Effects to Historic Properties
- Mitigate Adverse Effects to Historic Properties
- Complete Historic Documentations for Specific Historic Properties
- Historic Turnpike Research and Analysis
- Coordinate with Federal, State, and Local Resource Agencies
- Conduct Public Workshops for Specific Bridge and Highway Projects

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Matoaka Bridge No. 1



Matoaka Bridge No. 2

matoaka 1 and 2  
**bridges**  
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Matoaka Bridge No. 1 carries West Virginia Route 10 over Widemouth Creek in the community of Matoaka, Mercer County. The bridge is located approximately 32 feet north of the WV 10 and CR 10/4 (Cemetery Hill Road) intersection in the community's commercial district. It is a single span, wide-flange, steel stringer beam bridge. J.M. Francesa and Company of Fayetteville, West Virginia, built Matoaka No. 1 Bridge for the West Virginia Highway Department in 1948. The bridge deck consists of reinforced concrete parapet walls, with open-arched balustrade and newels. The span length is approximately 55 feet, with an overall bridge length of 59 feet. In some places, reinforced, full-height, concrete breast walls and abutments were built on stone foundations from an earlier, demolished bridge.

Matoaka Bridge No. 2 carries West Virginia Route 10 over Widemouth Creek in the community of Matoaka, Mercer County. The bridge is located approximately 20 feet southwest of the WV 10 and CR 10/11 (Old Matoaka Road) intersection at the southern edge of the community's commercial district. A church stands adjacent to the bridge. The bridge is a single span, wide-flange, steel stringer beam bridge. Acme Construction Company built Matoaka No. 2 Bridge for the West Virginia Highway Department in 1949. A disused railroad bridge of the Norfolk & Western Railway's Bluestone Branch (MC-1926) crosses Widemouth Creek upstream of Matoaka Bridge No. 2. The span length of Matoaka Bridge No. 2 is approximately 66 feet with an overall bridge length of 72 feet.



Matoaka Bridge No. 1



Matoaka Bridge No. 2

## Matoaka Bridge 1 & 2 History

Both bridges have been determined eligible to the National Register of Historic Places for their contribution to the Matoaka Historic District.

Bridge 1

**Location:** WV 10 over Widemouth Creek at Matoaka  
**Type:** Single Span, Wide-Flange, Steel Stringer Beam  
**Length:** 59 feet  
**Year constructed:** 1948  
**Contractor:** J.M. Francesa and Co., Fayetteville, WV

Bridge 2

**Location:** WV 10 over Widemouth Creek at Matoaka  
**Type:** Single Span, Wide-Flange, Steel Stringer Beam  
**Length:** 72 feet  
**Year constructed:** 1949  
**Contractor:** Acme Construction Co., Oak Hill, WV