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National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Waterside Street Bridge
other names/site number _____

2. Location

street & number Waterside Street ☐ not for publication N/A
city, town North Little Rock ☐ vicinity N/A
state Arkansas code AR county Pulaski code 119 zip code 72114

3. Classification

Ownership of Property

- ☐
- private
-
- ☒
- public-local
-
- ☐
- public-State
-
- ☐
- public-Federal

Category of Property

- ☐
- building(s)
-
- ☐
- district
-
- ☐
- site
-
- ☒
- structure
-
- ☐
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
_____	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
<u>1</u>	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
Historic Bridges of ArkansasNumber of contributing resources previously
listed in the National Register N/A

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of certifying official

Date

Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. ☐ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- ☒
- entered in the National Register.
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- ☐
- See continuation sheet.
-
- ☐
- determined eligible for the National Register.
- ☐
- See continuation sheet.
-
- ☐
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
-
- ☐
- removed from the National Register.
-
- ☐
- other, (explain:)

Entered in the
National Register6/14/90

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/ Road-Related/ Bridge

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

TRANSPORTATION/ Road-Related/ Bridge

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
walls Fieldstone

roof

other

OTHER: Closed-Spandrel Masonry
Deck Bridge

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

☒ See continuation sheet

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Continuation Sheet**

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Summary

Located toward the eastern end of one of the scenic man-made lakes in the heart of the historic Lakewood subdivision of North Little Rock, the Waterside Street Bridge is a small, single-span masonry bridge faced with unfinished fieldstones.

Elaboration

Like the Lake No. 1 Bridge at the opposite end of Lake No. 1 - all within the Lakewood subdivision of North Little Rock - the Waterside Street Bridge is a masonry, closed spandrel deck bridge faced with unfinished, uncoursed fieldstone. Unlike the Lake No. 1 Bridge, however, the smaller Waterside Street Bridge features a rectangular water channel beneath the roadway that is of much smaller scale. The top of the opening is ornamented with random-cut stone voussoirs. Low, raised stone parapets run along the roadway and are embellished with unfinished stones of random size which are cemented vertically to the tops of the parapets. A small, rectangular hole drains the road deck through the parapet wall above the center of the rectangular opening below.

The bridge allows Waterside Street to run over a small slough which fills only when the level of the lake rises during storms and heavy rainfall; the channel for the water runs perpendicular to the direction of the roadway. The Waterside Street Bridge is in good condition and is used for vehicular traffic.

8. Statement of Significance

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

☐ nationally ☒ statewide ☐ locally

Applicable National Register Criteria ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

COMMUNITY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Period of Significance

c. 1935

Significant Dates

c. 1935

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Carmean, Frank

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

☒ See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

See "Historic Bridges of Arkansas," Multiple Property Documentation Form,
Section H.

☐ See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67)
has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings
Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering
Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State historic preservation office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property Less than one

UTM References

A

1	5	5	6	8	9	8	5	3	8	4	9	0	6	0
Zone			Easting					Northing						

C

Zone			Easting					Northing						

B

Zone			Easting					Northing						

D

Zone			Easting					Northing						

☐ See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

☐ See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

This boundary includes all the property historically associated with this resource.

☐ See continuation sheet

11. Form Prepared By

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Summary

Criteria A and C, statewide significance

Like the Lake No. 1 Bridge at the opposite end of the lake, the Waterside Street Bridge is a rare Arkansas example of a privately designed and constructed vehicular bridge. Built as a masonry bridge whose design followed a rural "Rustic" theme, it was an important part of what was then the most innovative residential development project in the state. Mr. Justin Matthews, a prominent local entrepreneur, financed the construction of the Waterside Street Bridge, as well as the Lake No. 1 Bridge (HAER No. AR-39), the Lakeshore Drive Bridge (HAER No. AR-52) and the Edgemere Street Bridge (HAER No. AR-40). As such, the Waterside Street Bridge is nominated under Criteria A and C with statewide significance.

Elaboration

The Waterside Street Bridge is one of four documented masonry, closed spandrel deck bridges within the Lakewood subdivision of North Little Rock (all of which were constructed during the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department Era: 1923-1939) and the only bridge with a rectangular water channel. This trend-setting residential development project was conceived by Mr. Justin Matthews through his Metropolitan Trust Company of North Little Rock. Matthews was an influential and successful Arkansas businessman and entrepreneur, a past member of the Arkansas Highway Commission and a local residential developer. Seen for the first time in central Arkansas, his new and innovative ideas concerning landscape and recreational philosophy was realized with the construction of the Lakewood subdivision, which included an innovative system of recreational lakes, public sculpture, and open green spaces and parks. Lake No. 1 and its two bridges, the Lake No. 1 Bridge and the Waterside Street Bridge, were a part of his vision. It is likely that the Metropolitan Trust Company's design architect, Frank Carmean, designed the bridge in the rustic architectural theme that was so consistent throughout this development.

The Waterside Street Bridge also retains additional historical significance as a privately conceived, financed and constructed masonry bridge. The majority of masonry bridges constructed at this time were financed and supported with the aid of the federal government. In spite of his Arkansas Highway Commission connections, Matthews and his financial backers preferred to retain total control over both the character of the design and the scale and size of the roadway, keeping all within the larger scheme of this relatively natural yet planned subdivision.

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Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of a line formed by the northern edge of Waterside Street with a perpendicular line running along the western end of the bridge, proceed northerly along said line to the intersection with a perpendicular line running along the northern elevation of the bridge; thence proceed easterly along said line to a point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the eastern end of the bridge; thence proceed southerly along said line to the point formed by its intersection with a perpendicular line running along the southern elevation of the bridge; thence proceed westerly along said line to the point formed by its intersection with the perpendicular line running along the western end of the bridge; thence proceed northerly to point of beginning, comprising in all less than one acre.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Waterside Street Bridge
NAME:

MULTIPLE Historic Bridges of Arkansas MPS
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: ARKANSAS, Pulaski

DATE RECEIVED: 5/18/90 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 5/29/90
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 6/14/90 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 7/02/90
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 90000888

NOMINATOR: STATE

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 6/14/90 DATE Entered in the
National Register

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA _____
REVIEWER _____
DISCIPLINE _____
DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

CLASSIFICATION

___count ___resource type

STATE/FEDERAL AGENCY CERTIFICATION

FUNCTION

___historic ___current

DESCRIPTION

___architectural classification
___materials
___descriptive text

SIGNIFICANCE

Period Areas of Significance--Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

___summary paragraph
___completeness
___clarity
___applicable criteria
___justification of areas checked
___relating significance to the resource
___context
___relationship of integrity to significance
___justification of exception
___other

BIBLIOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

___acreage ___verbal boundary description
___UTMs ___boundary justification

ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTATION/PRESENTATION

___sketch maps ___USGS maps ___photographs ___presentation

OTHER COMMENTS

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to

_____ Phone _____

Signed _____ Date _____

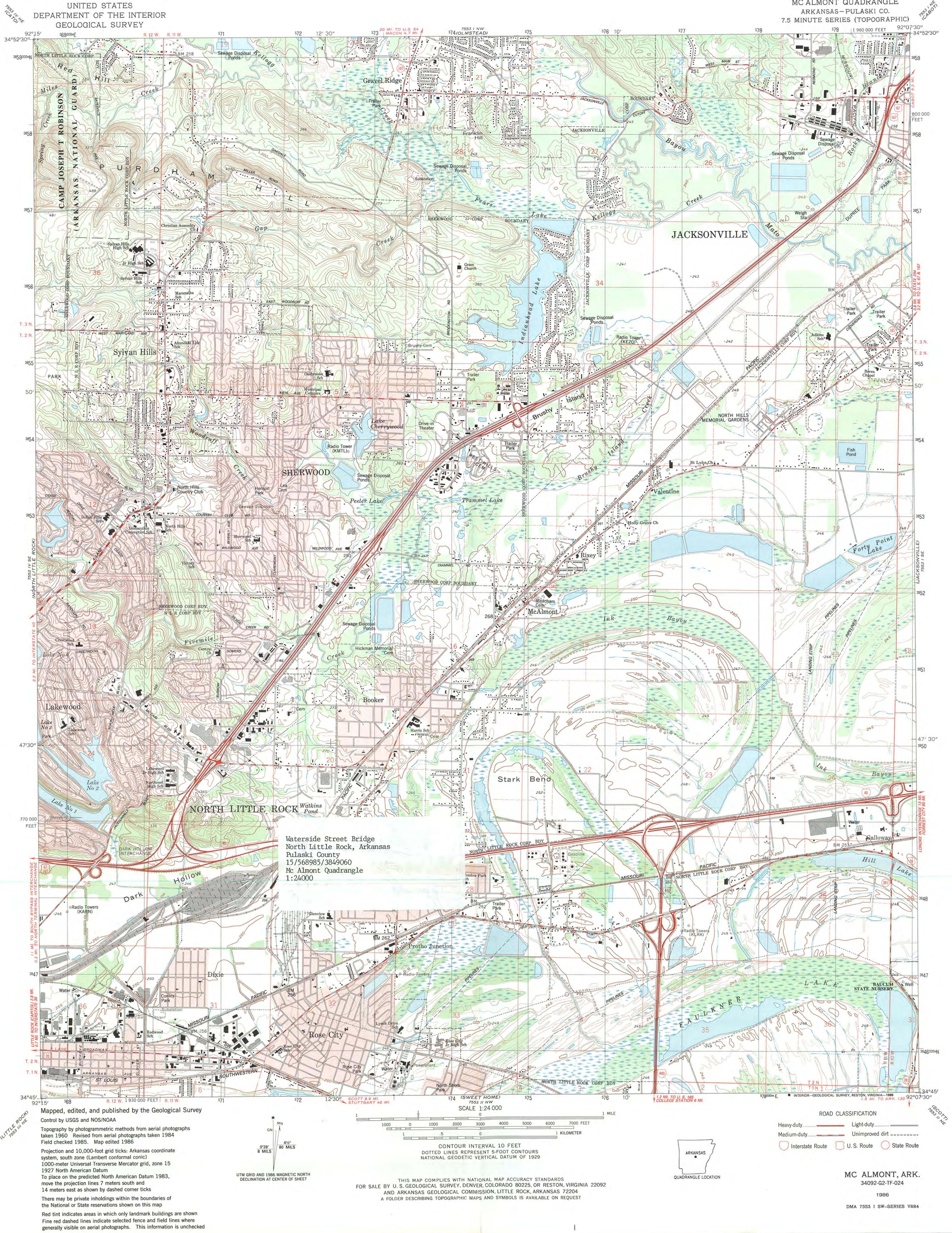


Waterside Street Bridge
North Little Rock, Arkansas
Pulaski Co
Photographed by Randy Jeffery
February 1990
Negatives on File at AHPP
View from North



Waterside Street Bridge
North Little Rock, Arkansas
Photographed by Randy Jeffery
February 1990
Negatives on file at AHP
View From South

Pulaski. ce)



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Waterside Street Bridge
North Little Rock, Arkansas
Pulaski County
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system, south zone (Lambert conformal conic)
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 15
1927 North American Datum
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983,
move the projection lines 7 meters south and
14 meters east as shown by dashed corner ticks.
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

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United States Department of the Interior
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
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Washington, DC 20240

RE: Waterside Street Bridge - Pulaski County

Dear Carol:

We are enclosing for your review the nomination of the above referenced property. The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program has complied with all applicable nominating procedures and notification requirements in the nomination process.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Buford
State Historic Preservation Officer

CB:dq

Enclosures

