



### **Historic nature of the bridge**

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Constructed in 1898, the Orange Road Bridge is a Pratt through truss bridge constructed by The Toledo Bridge Company and designed by Delaware County Deputy Engineer John B. Taggart. It is only one of two bridges of its type identified in Ohio and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The engineering significance of this bridge is that it is the only bridge to survive the major flood in 1913 – a flood that damaged or destroyed 26 bridges throughout the county, half of which were on the Olentangy River.

Taggart recognized the Orange Road Bridge was located in a broad floodplain, so he designed 24-foot abutments, which were built higher than normal during that time. The added elevation was enough to save the bridge.

The Orange Road Bridge undoubtedly played an important role in local communications in the wake of the flood.