

HISTORIC TRUSS BRIDGE OFFERED FOR RELOCATION

Rock County, with assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), is offering the historic Turtleville Iron Bridge free of charge for relocation. The recipient must be willing to: 1) relocate this bridge from its current location on Lathers Road over Turtle Creek in the town of Turtle; and 2) maintain its historic integrity at a new location for a minimum of 10 years. The Turtleville Iron Bridge is a single-span, wrought-iron, pin-connected Pratt through truss. Erected in 1887, the bridge is approximately 142 feet in overall length with a deck width of 14 feet.

The Turtleville Iron Bridge is was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977 under *Criterion A, B, and C* for its significance in the areas of engineering and transportation, and association with the Wisconsin Bridge and Iron Company. Work and repairs on bridges listed in the National Register of Historic Places must be made according to the Secretary of the Interior's *Standards for Rehabilitation* and *Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings* and are subject to approval and review by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and WisDOT.

Additional information on the historic bridge is available at:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/eng-consultants/cnslt-rsrcs/environment/historic-bridges/lathers-road.aspx>

Limited financial assistance – up to \$175,000, the estimated cost of demolition – is available to assist in removal of the bridge from its current location. The recipient of this bridge must agree to relocate the bridge to a suitable location and assume all future legal and financial responsibility for the bridge. Potential recipients include private citizens, nonprofit organizations, and town, city, and county governments. Before a recipient can acquire a bridge, they must prepare and submit a proposal for WisDOT and SHPO review. Proposals should follow guidelines specified in the information package, which includes instructions and deadlines for submittal. Proposals will be evaluated, and the recipient will be selected based on the feasibility of the relocation and funding plan. Ownership of the bridge will be transferred at no cost after review and approval.

An information package on the structure with proposal guidelines and instructions is available. Requests for information packages must be submitted to the address or email below no later than June 16, 2025. Requests received after this date cannot be guaranteed consideration. Proposals will be due 30 days from receipt of the information package.

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