

WisDOT Small Bridge/Culvert Program

Local Government Inventory Collection Indication Form

As provided in the 2023-25 Wisconsin State Budget, the State of Wisconsin will begin a program in 2024 to inventory and assess small local bridges and culverts that have a span between 6 and 20 feet. The first phase of the program is the **inventory phase**, where each local government is responsible for locating and identifying qualifying structures. There are three options discussed below that local governments can choose from to accomplish the inventory phase. The second phase of the program will involve inspecting the identified structures to assess condition. The condition information can then be used to help determine reconstruction and repair needs. Towns, cities without certified bridge inspectors, and villages will not be responsible for the second phase. Further information on assessment and inspection is forthcoming.

The inventory phase requires each local government to collect 14 data points. Data collection for the inventory phase can be performed by individuals who have no prior experience with structures, and they do not need to be a certified bridge inspector. Each local government will be reimbursed \$100 per structure inventoried between 6 and 20 feet in span. Keys to the inventory phase include:

- The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will provide a “checklist” to guide those who collect the data.
- The bridge/culvert inventory should be commenced as soon as possible in 2024 as this phase of the program must to be completed no later than December 31, 2024.
- **Local governments can accomplish the** small bridge/culvert inventory phase using one of three methods:
 1. Using workers from their own staff.
 2. Contracting with their respective county.
 3. Contracting with a private vendor.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MUST DECIDE WHICH METHOD AND COMMUNICATE THEIR CHOSEN OPTION TO YOUR COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER AND EITHER THE LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN MUNICIPALITIES (FOR CITIES AND VILLAGES) OR THE WISCONSIN TOWNS ASSOCIATION (FOR TOWNS) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15, 2024 USING THE FORM BELOW.

Circle one: (City/Village/Town) of _____, _____ County

For the Small Bridge/Culvert 6-20ft Program - Inventory Phase, our local government will utilize (check selection below), for the data collection:

- We will utilize our own staff to collect and input data on the 6-20ft bridges and culverts in our jurisdiction.
- We will have our county highway department collect and input data on the 6-20ft bridges and culverts in our jurisdiction.
- We will hire a private vendor to collect and input data on the 6-20ft bridges and culverts in our jurisdiction.

Please sign above – Authorized Local Government Official