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## Sixty-nine bridges in GLOW region listed as 'poor' or 'structurally deficient'

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The one-lane bridge on Densmore Road in Albion is shown before rehabilitation work last year. A study by a Washington D.C. research group lists the numbers of bridges listed as poor or structurally deficient statewide.

ALBION — A total of 69 bridges are listed as structurally deficient throughout the GLOW region, according to a new report.

The examination of New York's Highway bridges was released last week by TRIP, a non-profit organization based in Washington D.C. which researches transportation issues. It found that about 10 percent of state and locally-maintained bridges statewide are have a poor or structurally-deficient rating.

The Brown Street Bridge — built in 1912 and crossing over the Erie Canal in Albion was listed among the bottom five in the Rochester region, but has been closed for years.

The data was based on the Federal Highway Administration's National Bridge Inventory of 2018.

"A bridge is rated in poor/structurally deficient condition if there is significant deterioration of the bridge deck, supports or other major components," the study reads "Bridges that are poor/structurally deficient may be posted for lower weight limits or closed if their condition warrants such action."

Results by county included:

- Genesee — The county has 166 highway bridges, with 29 listed as poor or structurally deficient. A total of 94 were in fair condition and 43 were in good condition.
- Orleans — The county has 136 bridges, with 10 listed as poor or structurally deficient. A total of 69 were in fair condition and 48 were in good condition.
- Wyoming — The county has 134 bridges, with 12 listed as poor or structurally deficient. A total of 65 were in fair condition and 57 were in good condition.
- Livingston — The county has 162 bridges with nine listed as poor or structurally deficient. A total of 91 were in fair condition and 62 were in good condition.

A lack of sufficient funding at all levels will make it difficult to adequately maintain and improve the state's bridges, according to the TRIP study. The Federal Highway Administration estimates that it would cost \$3.6 billion to replace or rehabilitate all poor or structurally deficient bridges statewide.

"Without a substantial boost in federal, state and local funding, numerous projects to improve and preserve New York's bridges will not be able to proceed, hampering the state's ability to improve the condition of its transportation system and to support economic development opportunities in the state," the study reads.

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