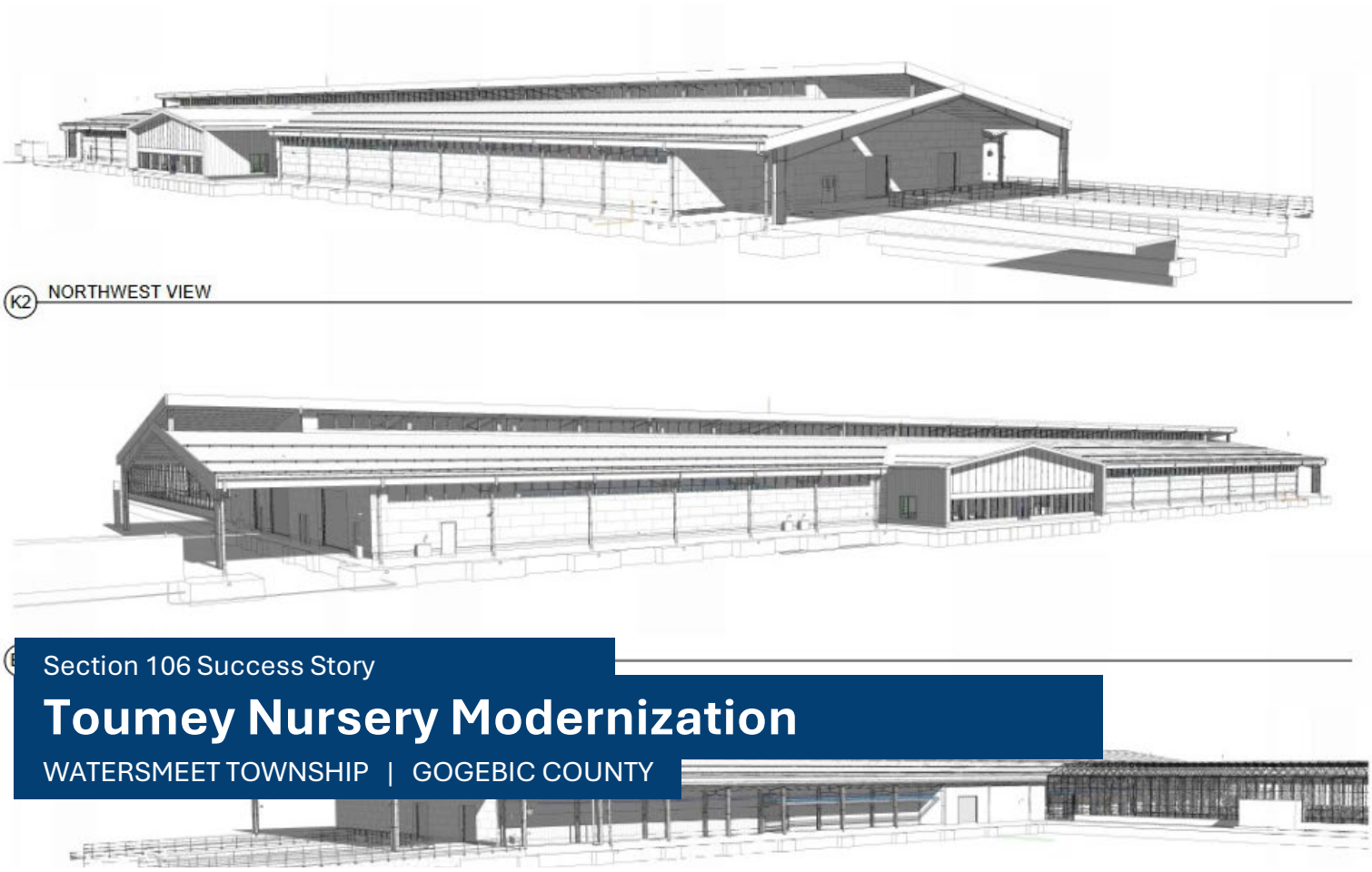


Section 106 Success Story

Toumey Nursery Modernization

WATERSMEET TOWNSHIP | GOGEBIC COUNTY

This success story highlights two parts of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 110 and Section 106.

Under Section 110, federal agencies are responsible for implementing a preservation program. Through this program the Ottawa National Forest identified the J. W. Toumey Nursery Historic District as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The property is significant for its early contributions to seed production in the National Forest and construction by the Civilian Conservation Corps. The Forest submitted its findings to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), who concurred with the district's historic significance and contributing resources.

Then, under Section 106, the Forest consulted with the SHPO on efforts to modernize the nursery with new structures. Historic seed beds and structures would be impacted resulting in an adverse effect. The USFS and SHPO worked together to resolve these through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). Among the MOA stipulations were consultation on design plans for new construction in the district, an interpretive plan for the district to bring the history to the broader community, and a future use plan. The future use plan engaged the Watersmeet Community and Consulting Party Tribes on the future uses of the district, outlining how the district may continue to be a vital resource in Gogebic County.

LOCATION

23985 Old US 2E
Watersmeet, MI

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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FEDERAL AGENCY

United States Forest Service

PROJECT DATE

2023-Present

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