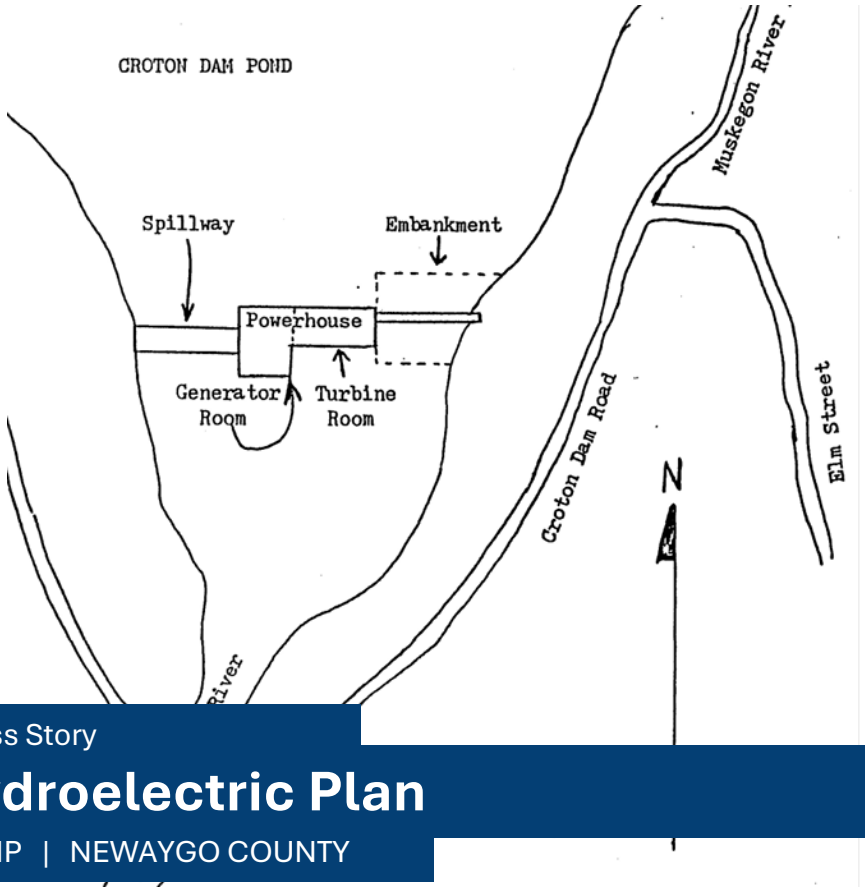


Section 106 Success Story

Croton Hydroelectric Plan

CROTON TOWNSHIP | NEWAYGO COUNTY

The Croton Hydroelectric Plant was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1979, a nationally significant hydroelectric plant as one of the first of its kind in Michigan. The plant requires a license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which lasts for approximately 40 years. Part of FERC's Section 106 consultation responsibilities include ensuring cultural resources are protected through the life of the license. As Croton is a historic facility, the license holder agreed to a Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP), which requires they consult with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on activities that could affect the historic district. Many such plans are held at historic hydroelectric plants statewide, and the SHPO meets regularly with the dam owners on ways to maintain their properties and avoid adverse effects.

Hydroelectric plants around the state are undergoing management and ownership changes. The HPMP ensures that so long as the dam has a license to operate, the facility will undergo review before any changes can occur. The SHPO is frequently contacted by members of the public concerned about the historic hydroelectric dams in their communities. In this way, the SHPO is able to offer some level of oversight and protection to these valuable community resources.

LOCATION

6505 S. Swan Road, Newaygo, Michigan

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