

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Mondeaux Dam Public Utility Area

AND/OR COMMON
 Mondeaux Dam Recreation Area, ^(D.R.A.) or ~~Mondeaux Dam~~

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *Roughly bounded by Mondeaux River and Medford Ranger District Forest Rd. 105*
 Chequamegon National Forest

CITY, TOWN Town of Westboro
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT N/A NOT FOR PUBLICATION Seventh (7th)

STATE Wisconsin CODE 55 COUNTY Taylor CODE 119

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<u>N/A</u> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Public Recreation

4 AGENCY

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)
 USDA-Forest Service, Chequamegon National Forest

STREET & NUMBER
 157 North 5th Avenue

CITY, TOWN Park Falls
 STATE Wisconsin 54552

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Register of Deeds, Taylor County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
 224 South 2nd Street

CITY, TOWN Medford
 STATE Wisconsin 54451

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places

DATE 1984
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS State Historical Society of Wisconsin

CITY, TOWN Madison, Wisconsin
 STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mondeaux Dam Recreation Area is a development which includes four campgrounds, picnic and children's play areas, and a shelter and associated buildings and dam. It is situated adjacent to the Mondeaux Flowage of northern Taylor County on lands administered by the USDA Forest Service, Chequamegon National Forest, Medford Ranger District. The flowage is 416 acres in area, almost four miles in length (trending north/south), and varying in width between 120 feet and 1,900 feet. Development of the Flowage and associated facilities commenced in the winter of 1936-37 and was completed two years later in the winter of 1938. The landscape, structural and architectural design was developed by Forest Service architects and engineers. Actual construction and landscape modifications were done by Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees detailed from Camp Mondeaux River. Local skilled and unskilled workers also assisted in this development under the authority of the Work Projects Administration.

While the various recreational facilities are distributed along the northernmost mile of the Flowage's shores, only the development's buildings, the dam itself and the 6.1 acre grounds within which they are included are treated as the historic district. Modifications through the years to all but the above-mentioned district rendered considerable alterations having degraded the larger area's historic value.

All three buildings fit within the "rustic" architectural expression, sharing basic design elements which include single-story wood frame construction, gable roofs, vertical board and batten exterior walls, six over six double hung sash windows and poured concrete foundations. The largest building is referred to as the Bath and Club House, and serves as a shelter and houses a food concession. The second building is the caretaker's/concessionaire's dwelling. The third building is a garage, and is used for tool storage and as a repair shop. The dam itself is a concrete spillway which holds a 14 foot head of water and blocks the northward flowing Mondeaux River. The buildings as well as the dam are in excellent condition and appear almost exactly as they did when originally built. The major exception to the site's present as compared to original appearance is that the buildings' roofs consist of asphalt shingles whereas the architect's plans prescribed cedar shingles or shakes. Site maintenance through the years has done little to alter structural attributes. See Attachments A through G for additional details. Site plans are on file at the Supervisor's Office, Chequamegon National Forest.

There are no important or unique interior features as regards the district's three buildings. However, these interiors, while modified and rehabilitated through the years, are generally in character with their 1930's appearance.

6 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY: WPA, CCC/Recreation)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1938

BUILDER/ARCHITECT USDA-Forest Service

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mondeaux Dam's exceptional significance resides in both its architecture and its historical associative value. While site development (1936-38) was a joint venture which included the efforts of the Forest Service as well as local workers funded through the WPA, Mondeaux Dam was essentially a CCC effort (1603rd Company, Camp Mondeaux River) - it is the singly most important recreation development to date on the Chequamegon.

WPA/CCC/Conservation/Recreation

In November of 1933, the Chequamegon National Forest was established, and several weeks later the Forest Service began to acquire land along the Mondeaux River. In April of 1935, Archie and Kay Campbell sold to the Government land on which the Mondeaux Dam would be constructed. About this time, Archie Campbell worked as a mechanic at the nearby Mondeaux River CCC Camp. He approached the camp superintendent about what he felt was a potential opportunity for public recreational development. The idea was viewed favorably; and in 1936, Forest Service architects and engineers began work on this proposed landscape, architectural and engineering development.

The creation of the Mondeaux Dam Recreation Area took over two years to complete. In the winter of 1936-1937, flowage basin clean-up commenced, and here CCC enrollees began their work. Timber was cut, skidded and hauled; slash and brush was burned. Surface modification such as cutting and filling was also in progress. By early 1937, the WPA provided local workers to join in the project; and in May of that year, construction of the dam itself had begun. Late in 1937, the construction of the three buildings was in progress. Correspondence on file at the Medford Ranger Station noted that on February 16, 1938, 104 WPA men and 30 CCC enrollees were involved in the project. In late 1938, the dam and buildings were completed, and the flowage basin was ready for flooding. In the spring of 1939, the first concessionaire/caretaker of the Mondeaux Flowage was selected; and appropriately enough, it was Archie Campbell. The Mondeaux Recreation Area has operated as a public use facility for the last 45 years.

The most immediately recognizable values are tied to its recreational function; however, to the people of Taylor County this site evokes a very special feeling which recalls an era of accomplishment in the face of adversity--a local expression of national determinism. The personnel of Taylor County's CCC camps (Camp Perkiinstown and Camp Mondeaux River) planted trees to reforest areas ravaged by over-harvest and aftermath fires, and provided the basis for a forest products industry of growing

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bruhy, Mark E.

1983 Mondeaux Dam Recreation Area: Cultural Resource Evaluation. Manuscript on file at the Supervisor's Office, Chequamegon National Forest.

Throop, E. Gail

1983 A Characteristic Expression, A thematic Evaluation of Forest Service Depression-Era Administrative Buildings in the Pacific Northwest. Contract Abstracts and CRM Archaeology, Volume 3(2):123-128.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 6.1 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A

1	5	6	9	9	7	5	10	5	0	2	2	9	5	10
ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

B

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING							

C

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING							

D

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

(See continuation sheet)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
N/A			
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mark E. Bruhy, Cultural Resource Specialist

7/9/84

ORGANIZATION

USDA-Forest Service, Chequamegon National Forest and Nicolet National Forest

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

68 South Stevens Street

TELEPHONE

(715) 362-3415

CITY OR TOWN

Rhineland

STATE

Wisconsin 54501

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

Jeff Plau
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is National State Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

Erin J. McBlair

TITLE **AGENCY PRESERVATION OFFICER**

DATE **JUL 9 1984**

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE **8/21/84**

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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importance to Taylor County's economy. Soil conservation, water quality protection, improved wildlife habitat, road development and certainly the developed recreational resource are all part of the CCC's impact on Taylor County. However, with the passage of time, many of these accomplishments are not easily discerned, and as such, Mondeaux Dam serves as a dramatic reminder of area history, one of immense interpretive potential.

Architecture

Most government Depression Era architecture in northwestern Wisconsin was either temporary in nature, such as the CCC camps, or administrative facilities that have been or may soon be removed because of changing management needs and structural deterioration. Here Mondeaux Dam differs in that it was conceived and developed as a long-term recreational facility. There is only one other recreational site with standing structures of this era in northwestern Wisconsin, that being Copper Falls State Park, Ashland County. However, these buildings, constructed by the CCC under the authority of the State of Wisconsin, are log structures stylistically dissimilar to Mondeaux Dam. Moreover, a recent study has noted that "each Forest Service Region developed a characteristic expression of the rustic style that was particular to its geographical area" (Throop 1983:124). Clearly, Mondeaux Dam Recreation Area is "one of a kind" in northwestern Wisconsin, though in a broader perspective, the degree to which the site is architecturally unique must be the focus of future research. At this time the sanction of National Register eligibility would support preservation of one example of this type of architectural expression, an example deeply enriched by its associated historic value.

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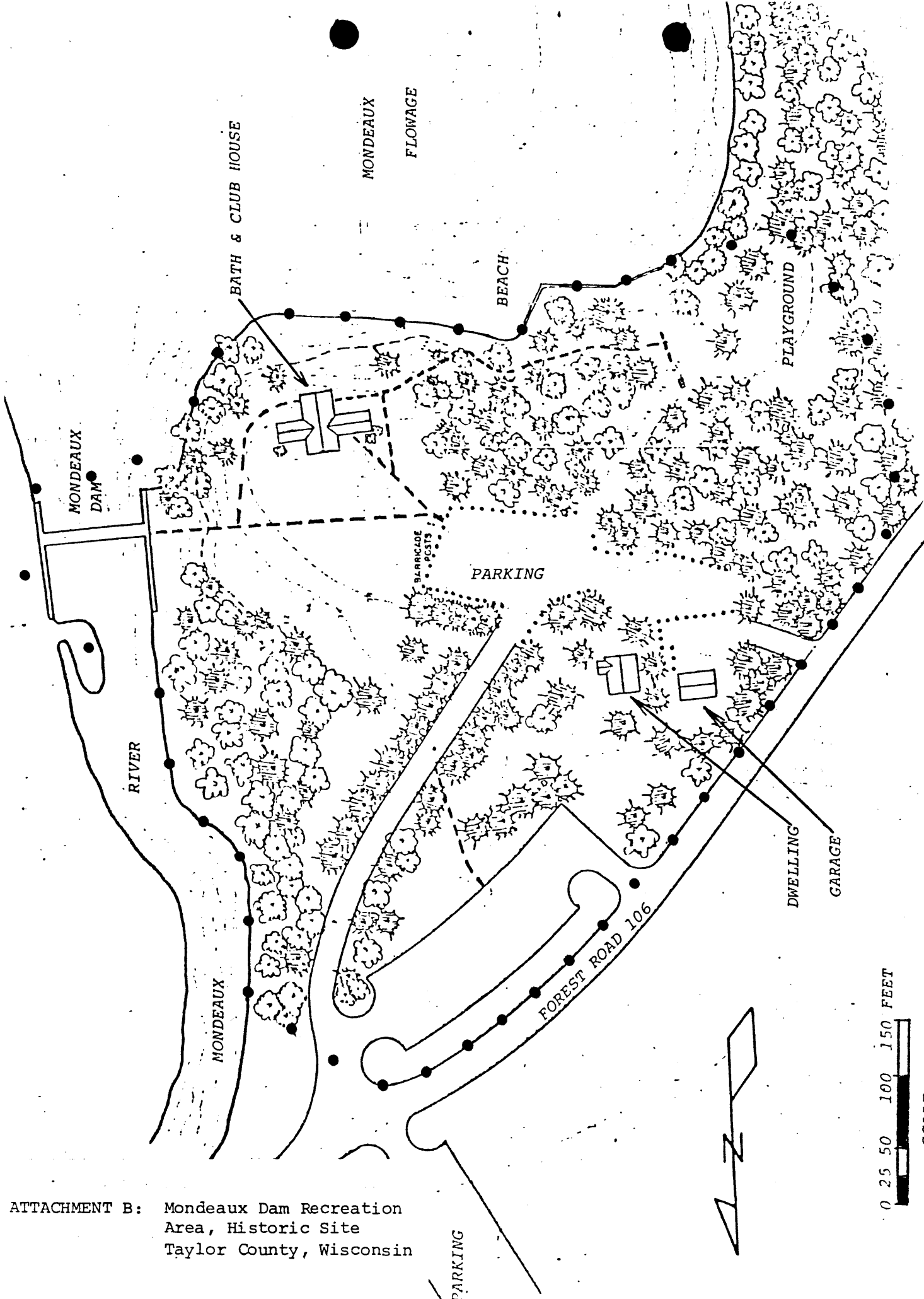
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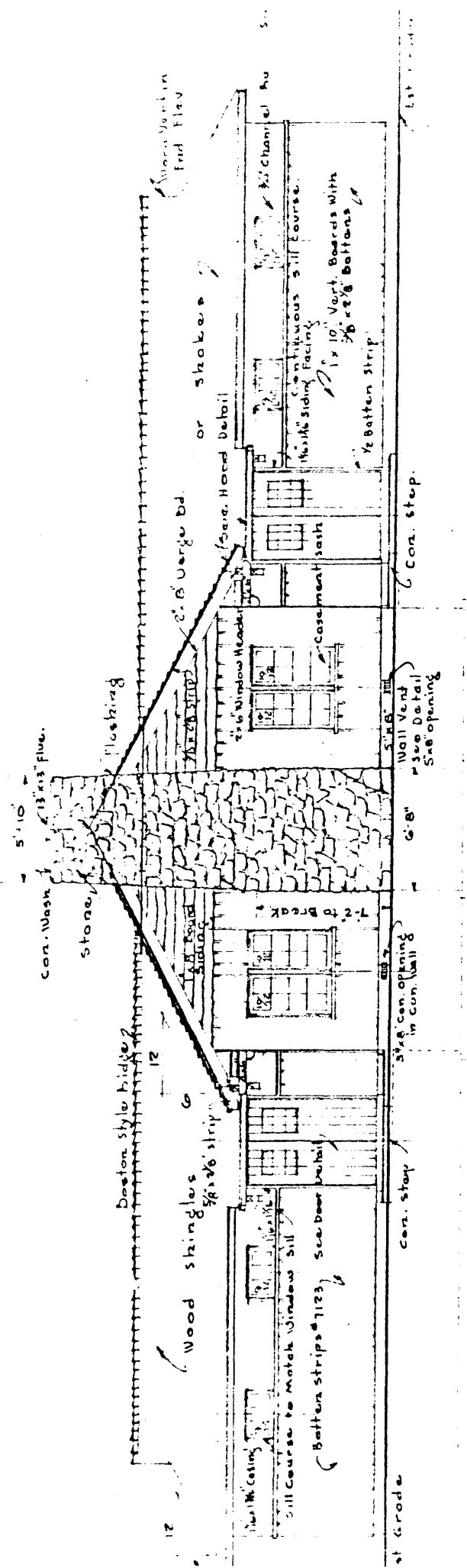
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The district is roughly trianguloid in plan with the apex to the north at a point where the Bath and Club House parking lot driveway intersects with Forest Road 106. The eastern boundary, approximately 500 feet in length, is for the most part the western bank of the Mondeaux River. However, this boundary diverges from the west bank to include but not exceed the eastern abutment of the dam. The southern boundary is an irregular line approximately 1,000 feet in length following for the most part the shore of the Mondeaux Flowage. The eastern terminus of this boundary line is the southern end of the dam's eastern abutment, and the western terminus is a point due west on the shoulder of Forest Road 106. The entire western boundary, then, is the eastern shoulder of Forest Road 106. The district includes a corner common to sections 13, 14, 23 and 24, T33N, R1W, however this corner is not marked and we cannot with precision relate district boundaries to section lines.



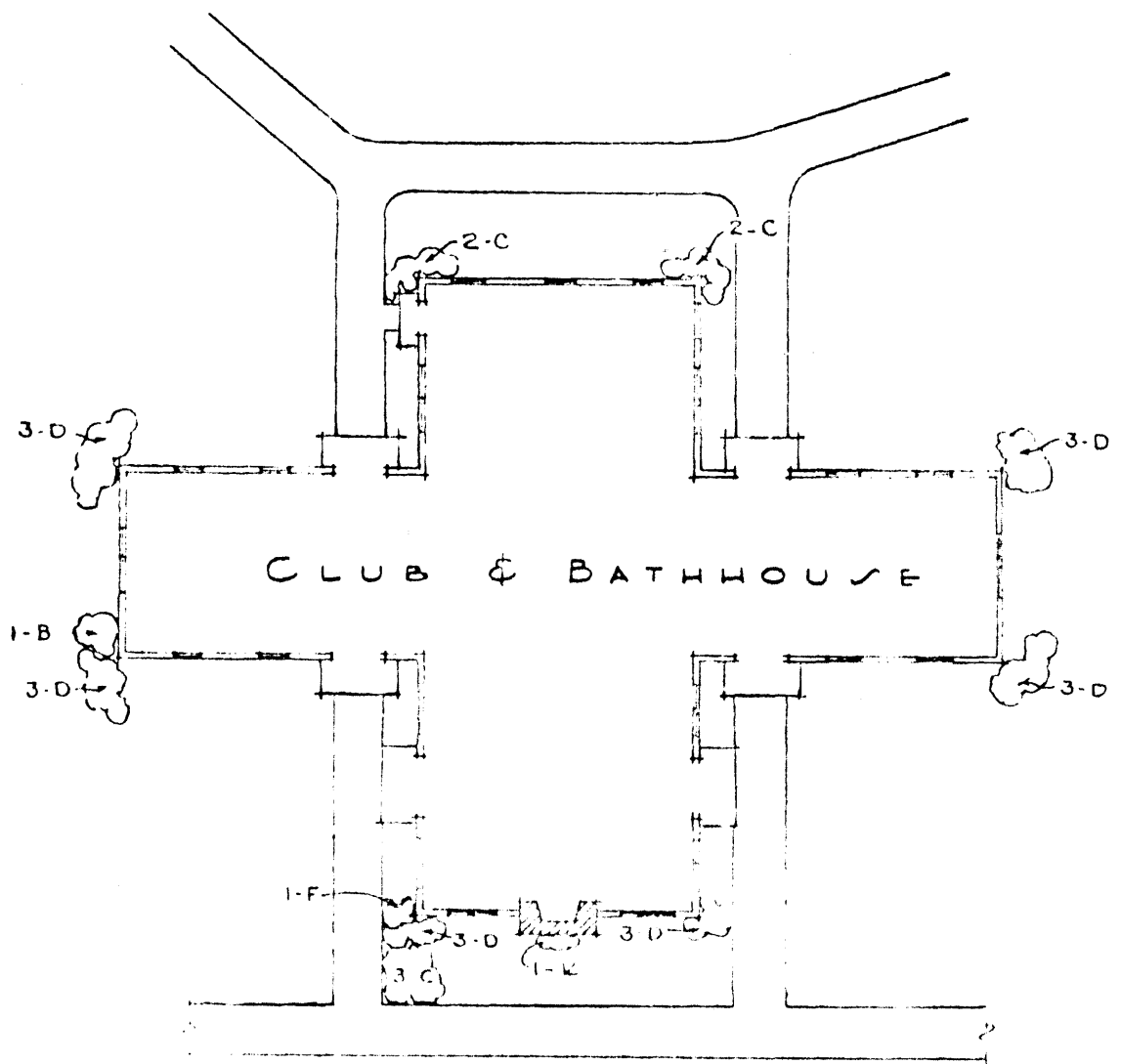
ATTACHMENT B: Mondeaux Dam Recreation Area, Historic Site Taylor County, Wisconsin

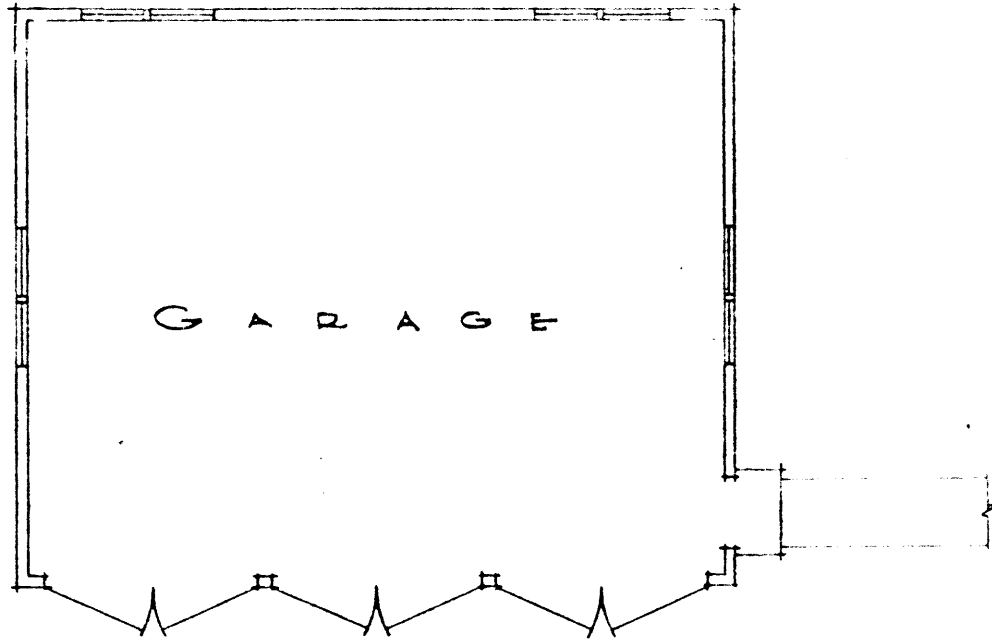
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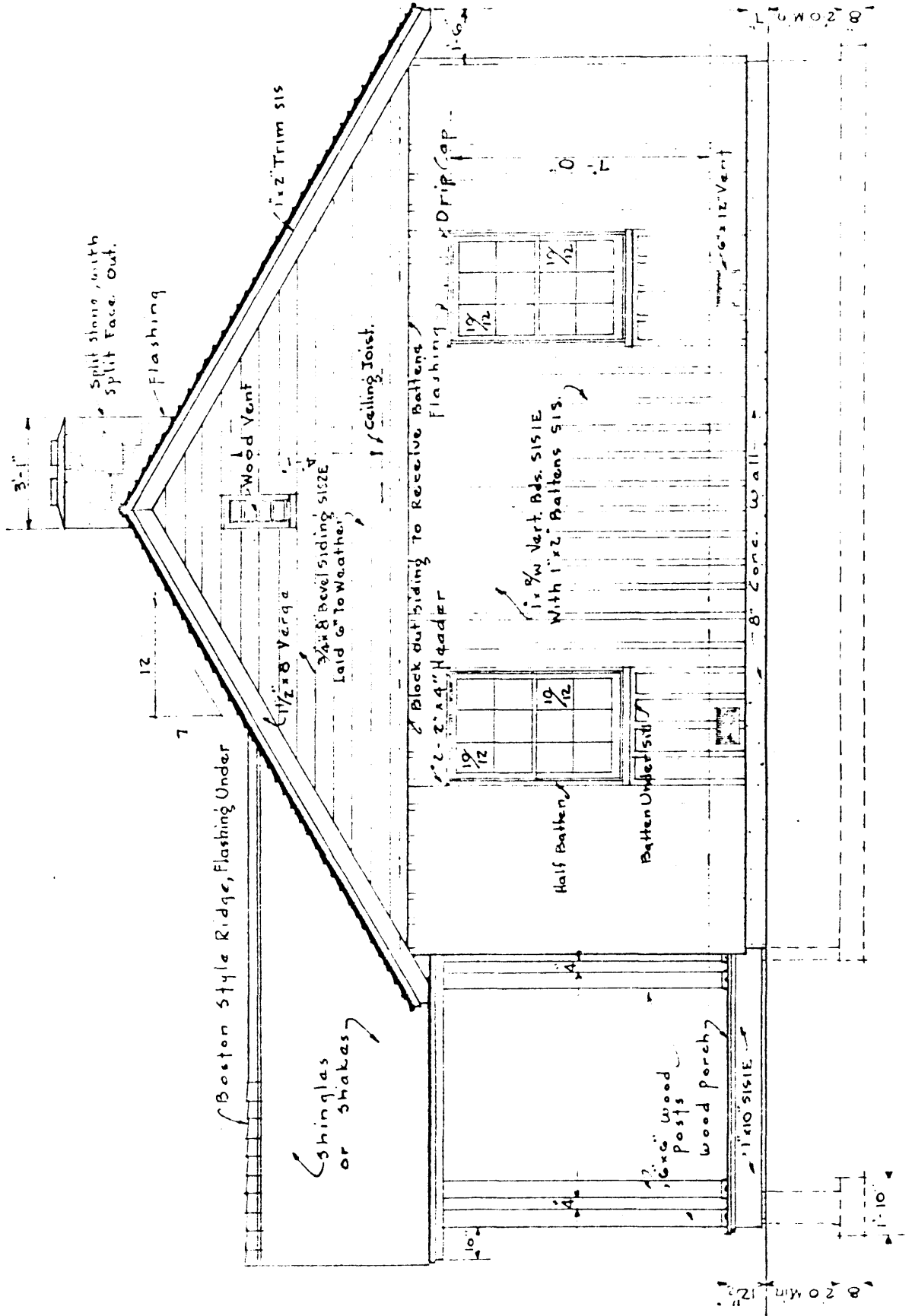
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SCALE 1/8"=1'-0"

76.0



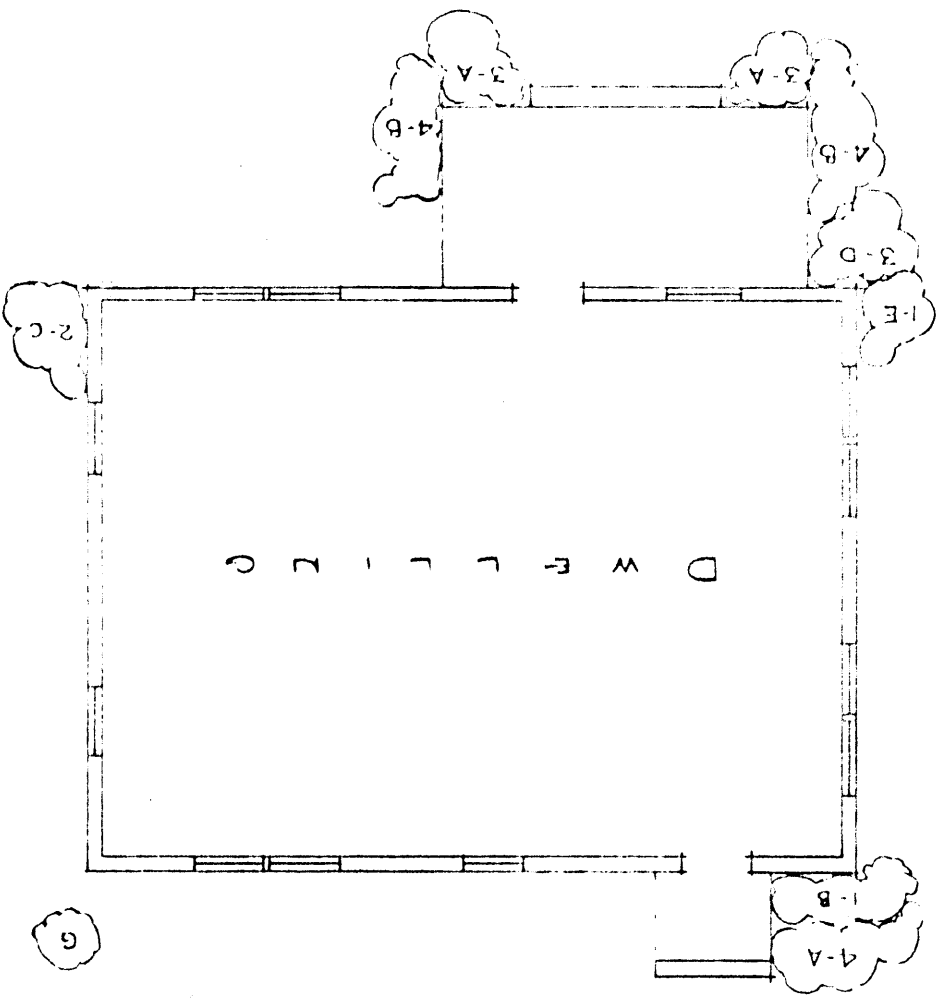


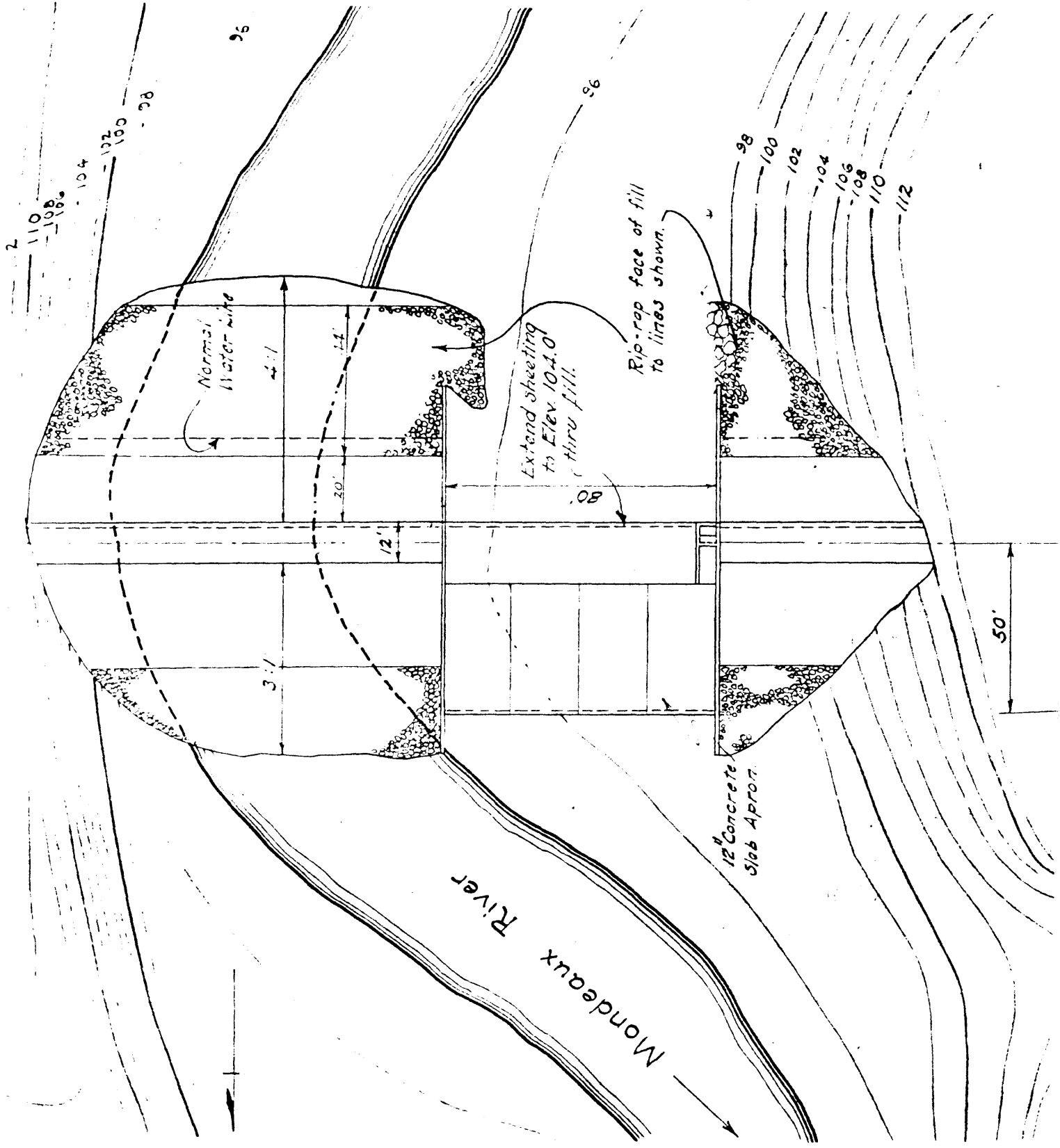
NO FOUNDATION PLANTING AT GARAGE
PLENTY OF TREES IN YARD AND BORDERING WOODS
Scale - $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'-0''$



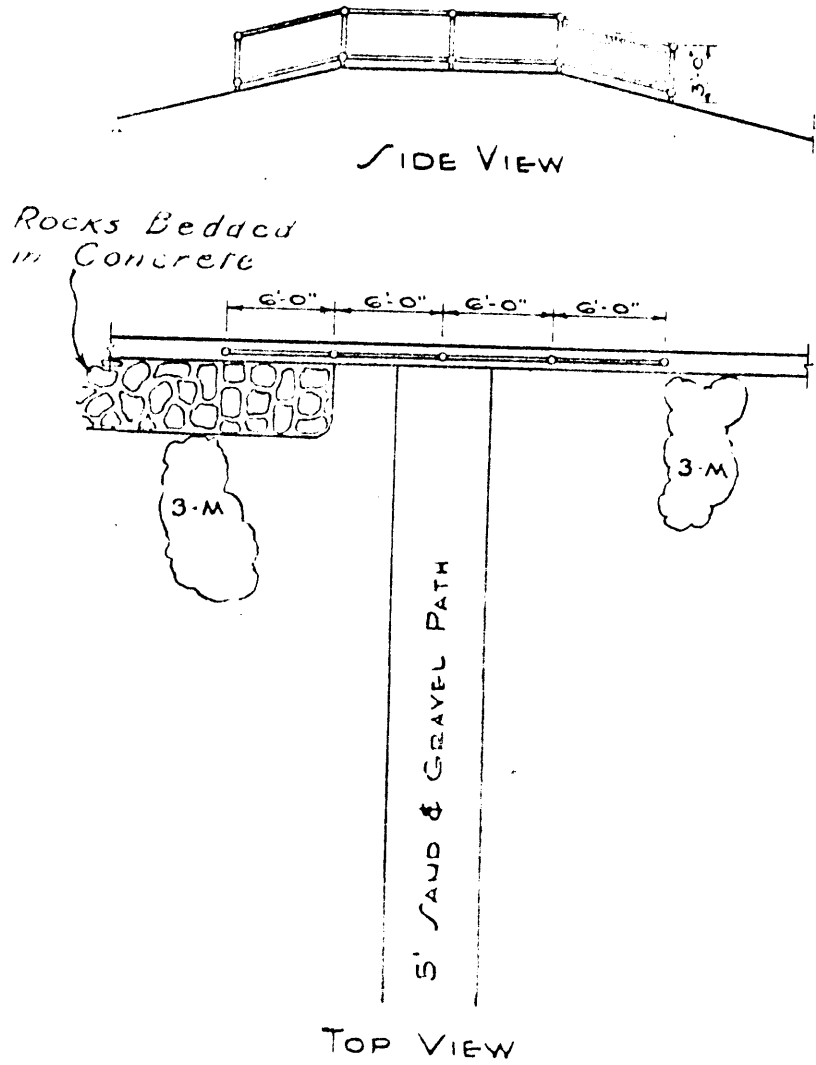
ATTACHMENT E: Concessionaire's/
 Caretaker's Dwelling

FOUNDATION PLANTING
Scale - 1/8" = 1'-0"





ATTACHMENT F: Mondeaux Dam



GUARD RAIL & SERVICE WALK
 MONDEAUX DAM
 Scale - $\frac{3}{32}'' = 1'-0''$