

HYDROELECTRIC FACILITY COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

Elkhart & Mottville

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Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) is seeking public input on the future plans for two of its hydropower facilities, the Elkhart and Mottville Hydroelectric Facilities. I&M is carefully examining several options, as the facilities' Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license comes due. This input will help guide considerations for the potential relicensing or decommissioning of the facilities. I&M is committed to gathering community feedback and analyzing impacts on recreation, the environment, the local economy, and other factors.

ABOUT I&M

Indiana Michigan Power (I&M) is an electric utility company serving customers in parts of Indiana and Michigan, committed to providing safe, reliable, and affordable energy while also being good stewards of the environment.

WHY ARE THE FACILITIES BEING ASSESSED?

The hydroelectric facilities in Elkhart and Mottville are aging, and, if left unaddressed, could cause escalating maintenance costs to the area, and impact river flow and wildlife. I&M wants to proactively make an informed decision about the facilities' future that balances all these factors and best serves its customers, the community, and the environment.

TIMELINE

This complex project will take time, and a final decision will likely take several years. As part of this project. The initial studies, are either underway, or will begin this year as follows:

COMMUNITY INPUT MEETINGS Summer 2024

PUBLIC SURVEY Summer 2024 - Fall 2024

INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANNING Summer 2024 - Late 2026



THE PROCESS

- 1. Relicensing study:** What happens if the facility stays.
- 2. Decommissioning study:** What it entails if the facility is removed.
- 3. Socio-economic analysis:** Community-wide impacts including recreational, economic and environmental.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Review of the current river recreational opportunities.
- Economic impacts will be carefully studied.
- Potential improvements to water quality and wildlife habitats.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

For information: Detailed project info, FAQs, and regular updates are available at www.hydrocommunityconversation.com

Give your input: info@hydrocommunityconversation.com

Join the public open houses:

July 9 & July 11, 2024 | 5:30 - 7:30 pm

 Northern Indiana Events Center
21565 Executive Pkwy, Elkhart, IN