

CITY OF IRONWOOD  
PARK & RECREATION PLAN  
1996 - 2000

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## Chapter 1

### INTRODUCTION

The 1996 to 2000 City of Ironwood Park and Recreation Plan has been written to guide future park and recreation development and activities within the City. The intent of this plan is to establish recreational goals, review the condition of existing facilities and to establish a program for future facility improvements.

An important part of this plan is public participation. A community survey was conducted to determine the community's park and recreation needs and priorities. A key element of this plan is to design a systematic, objective approach to park and recreation decision making that will satisfy the greatest majority of city residents.

Park and recreational opportunities are being recognized as increasingly important elements of community life. They provide positive leisure time activities for all age groups within the City and help to improve the quality of life for all residents.

This plan proposes several park improvements in the City which will require financial assistance from various state and federal grant programs, as well as private donations and fund raising. The City of Ironwood is not in the financial position to fully fund this program. Therefore, innovative financing will be required from as many sources as possible, including state and federal grants, local fund raising and donations.

## Chapter 2

### COMMUNITY DESCRIPTION

#### LOCATION

The City of Ironwood is located near the Western end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, as shown in Figure A. It is located approximately 15 miles South of Lake Superior on the Michigan-Wisconsin border. The City encompasses 5.8 square miles or roughly 3,700 acres. The City acts as a regional service center and is larger than any community within 100 miles. The closest metropolitan area is Duluth, MN, 100 miles to the West.

#### LAND USE

The City's land use is predominantly residential. Within the residential areas, there are various public and institutional uses, such as schools, park, playgrounds, churches and city facilities. This plan intends on locating park and recreation opportunities close to residential areas, to be as close as possible to the residents served by the facility.

Commercial land uses are located in the historic downtown area, along Business Route 2 and along US-2. Other small commercial land uses are scattered throughout the City.

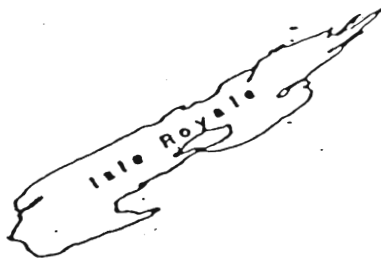
Industrial development is primarily located in the City of Ironwood Industrial Park located in the Northeast section of the City. Other smaller industrial sites are located in other sections of the City.

Two railroad rights-of-way bisect the City. One of these rights-of-way is already vacated and used for a recreational trail. The second rail line is seldom used by the railroad company and may be abandoned in the near future. If abandoned, the railroad right of way would serve as an excellent area for recreational development, especially various trail uses.

See Figure B for the existing land use pattern of the City.

#### ZONING

The zoning pattern of the City closely matches the existing land use pattern. Most of the City is zoned for residential purposes. Commercial districts are located in the downtown area and along the highways. Industrial districts are located in the industrial park, along part of the railroad corridor and in previously abandoned mining sites. Figure C shows the City's Zoning Map.



# Location Map

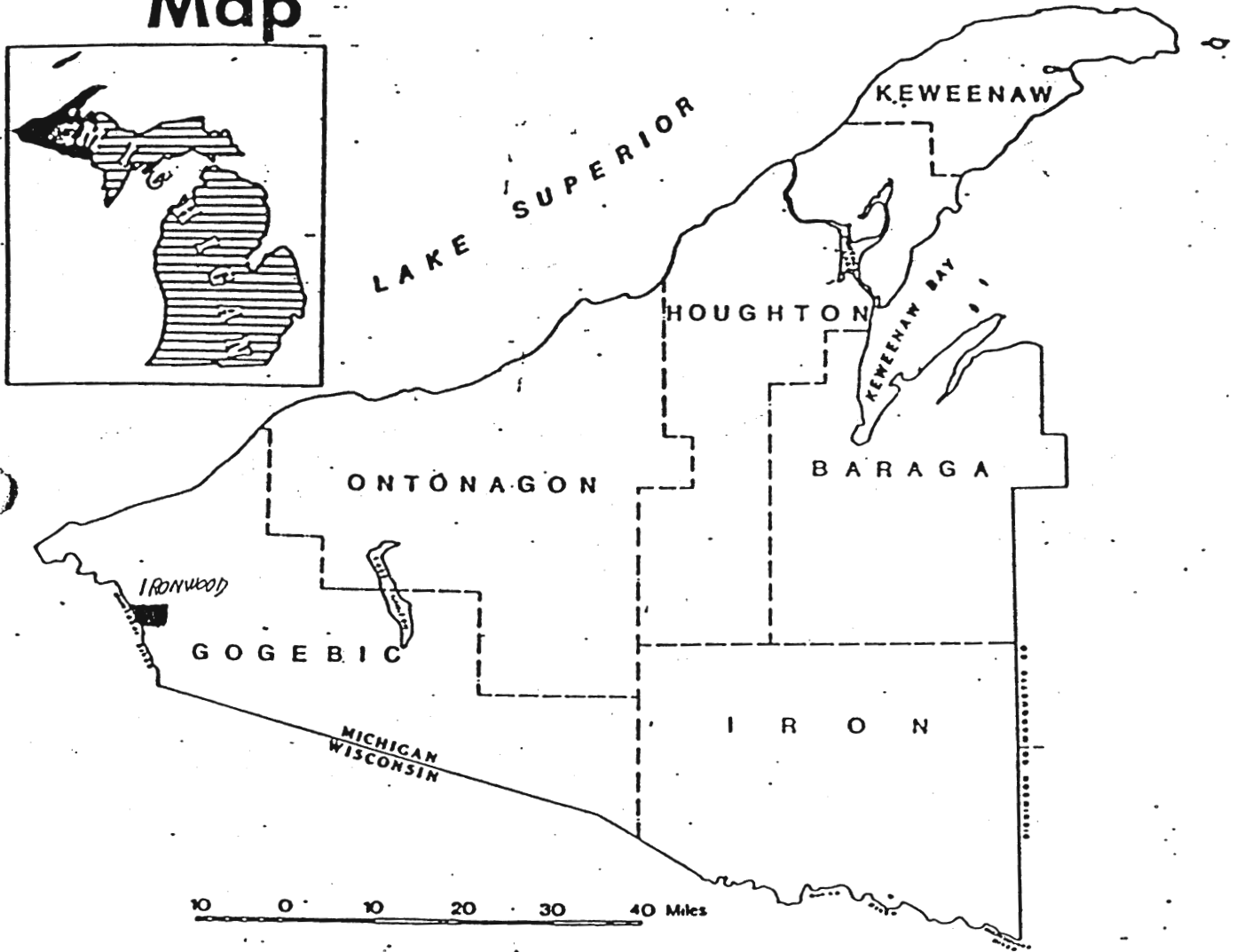







FIGURE A



IRONWOOD  
COMPREHENSIVE  
PLAN

FIGURE

LAND USE

-  RESIDENTIAL
-  COMMERCIAL
-  INDUSTRIAL
-  PUBLIC
-  OPEN

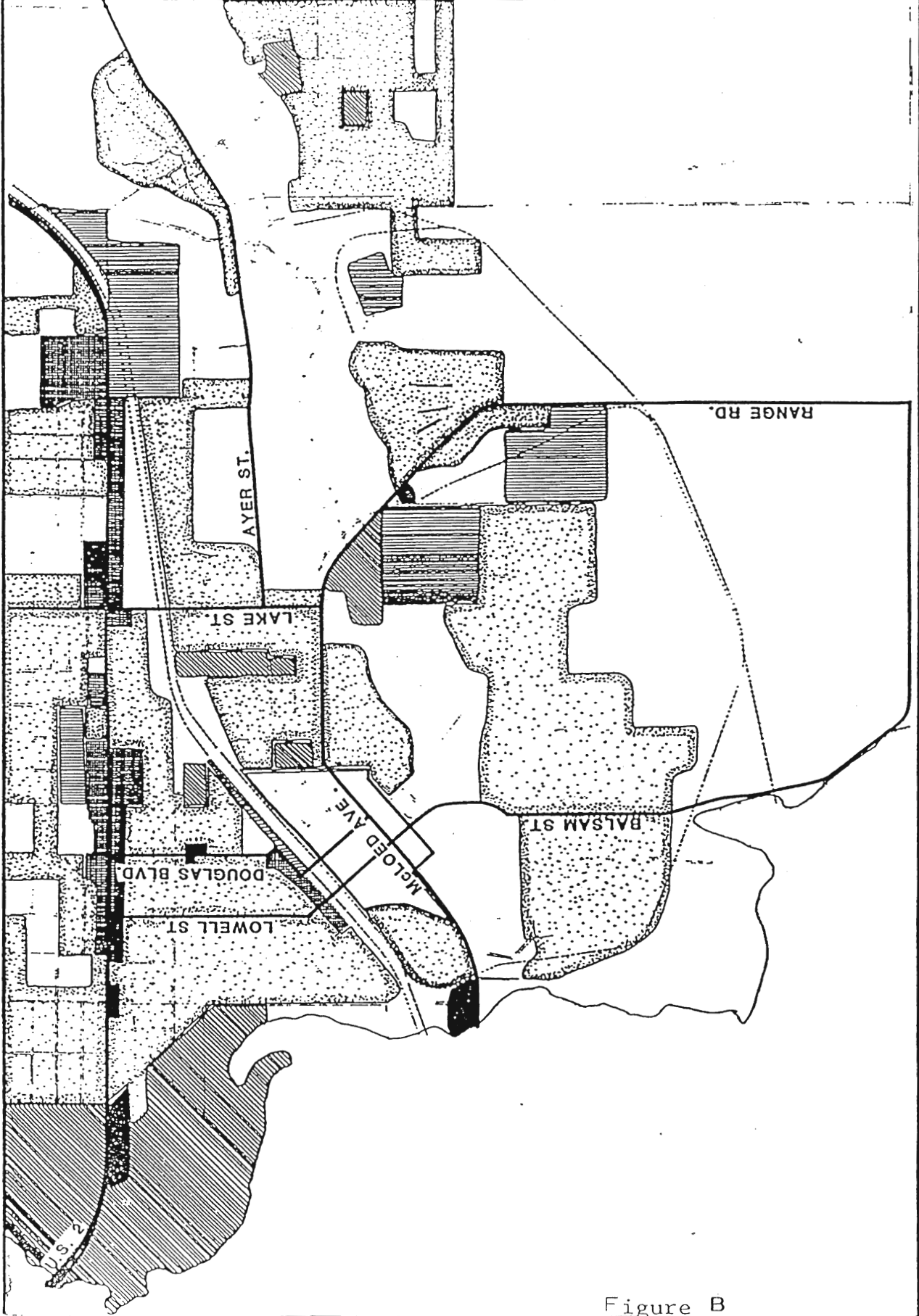
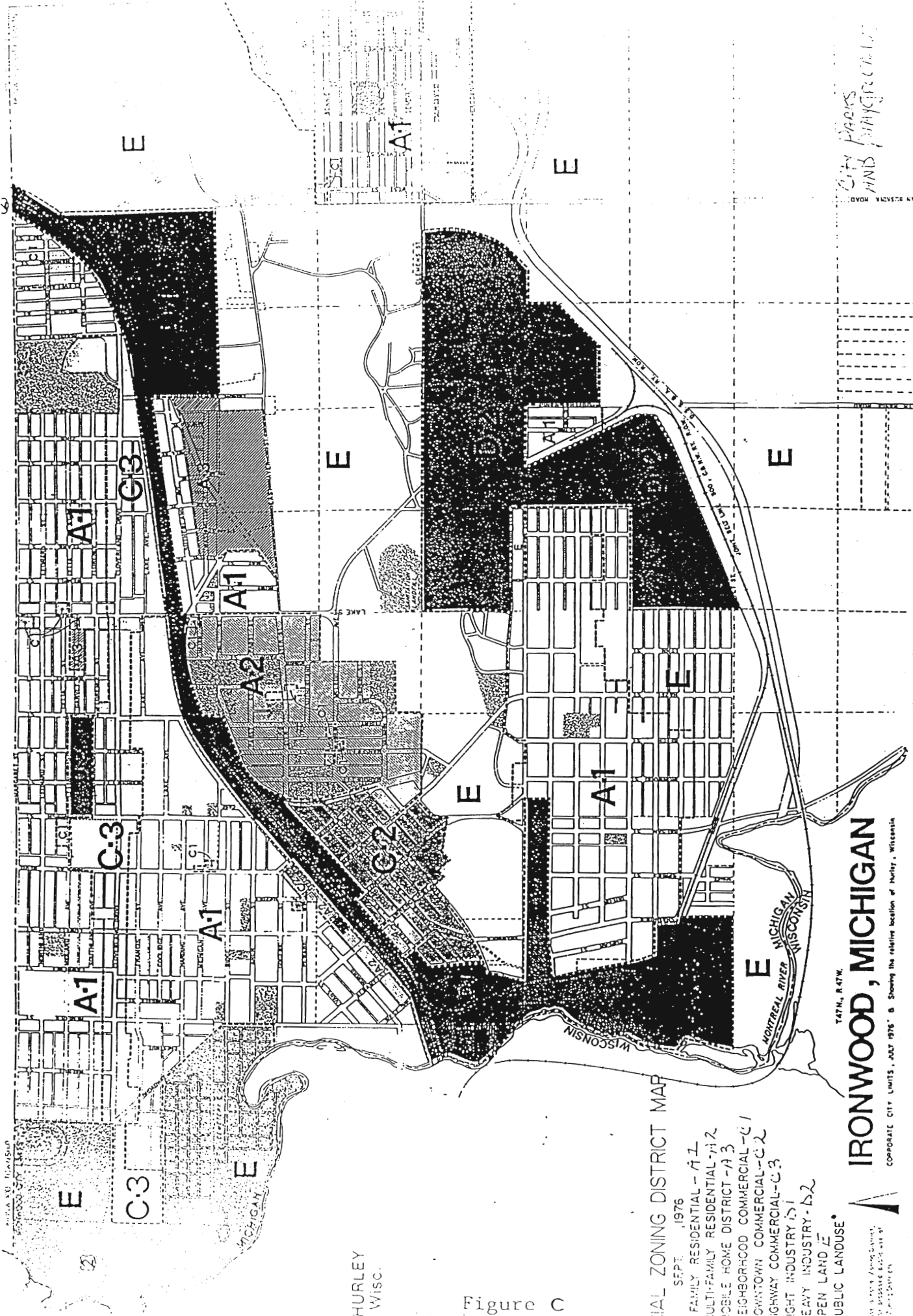


Figure B



CITY PLANS  
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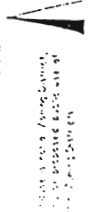
Figure C

OFFICIAL ZONING DISTRICT MAP

- SEPT. 1976
- 1 FAMILY RESIDENTIAL - A-1
- 2 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL - A-2
- 3 MOBILE HOME DISTRICT - A-3
- 1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL - C-1
- 2 DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL - C-2
- 3 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL - C-3
- 1 LIGHT INDUSTRY - I-1
- 2 HEAVY INDUSTRY - I-2
- 3 OPEN LAND - E
- PUBLIC LAND USE

IRONWOOD, MICHIGAN  
CORPORATE CITY LIMITS, JULY 1976

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IRONWOOD, MICHIGAN  
CORPORATE CITY LIMITS, JULY 1976

## TOPOGRAPHY AND DRAINAGE

The topography of the City is gently rolling to the North and steep to very steep to the South. The elevation ranges from 1420 feet above sea level at its Northwest corner to 1750 feet on the top of Newport Hill near its East boundary. There are plenty of opportunities for sledding hills, recreational trails and other outdoor recreational opportunities from the hilly terrain located in the City.

The city's soils are generally well drained and appropriate for recreational development. Some of the City's soils are low and poorly drained, as shown in Figure D. These areas will not be developed for active recreational development, but may be good sites for nature areas, nature trails and interpretive activities.

## WATER RESOURCES

The Montreal River serves as the City's Western limits. The river flows from the South, through the City and eventually flows into Lake Superior. The shores of the Montreal River contain interesting topography, vegetation and wildlife. The Montreal River has excellent potential for recreational uses along its shores. Potential uses include trails, nature areas, interpretive areas, fishing access and boating access.

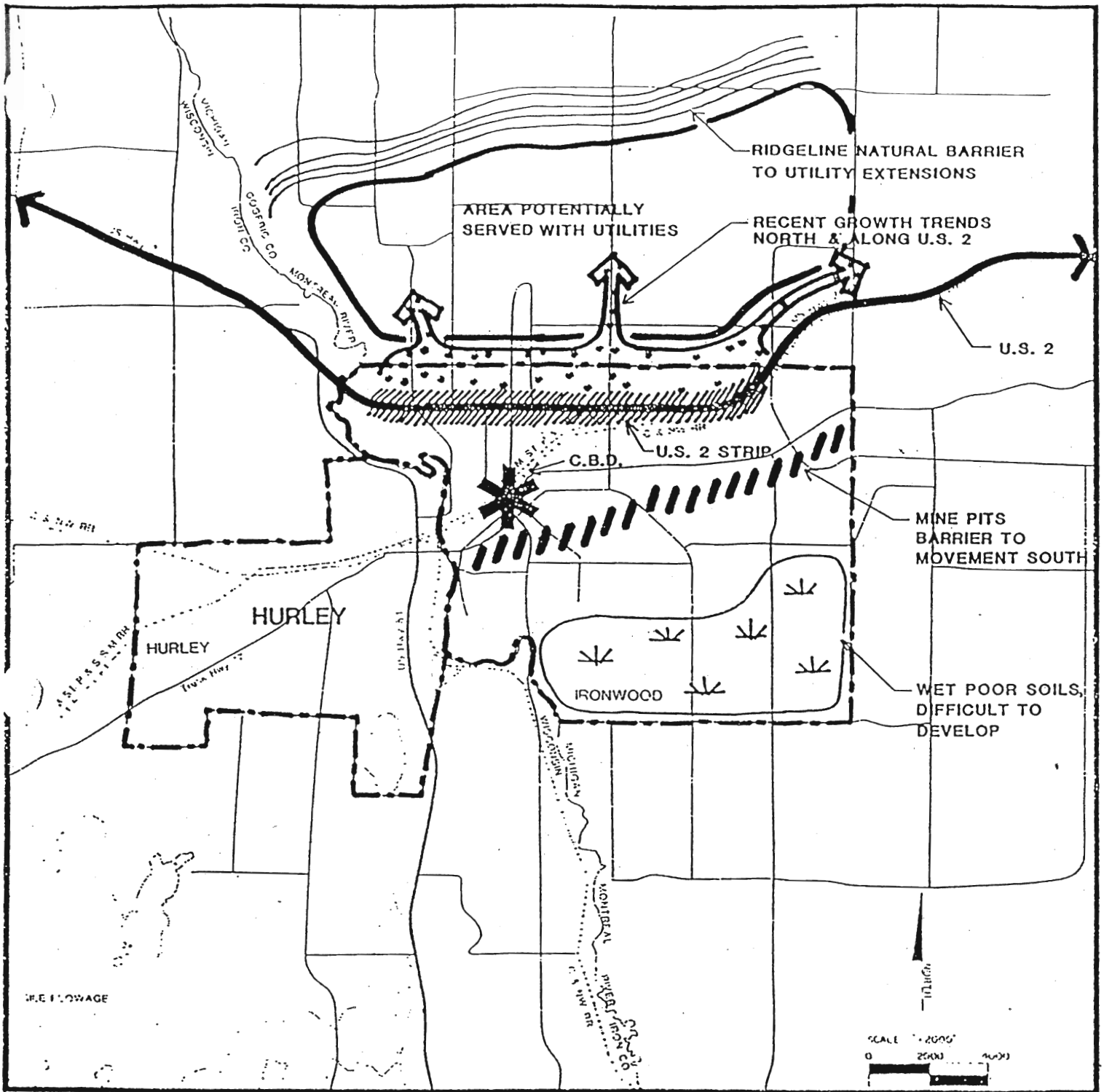
## POPULATION AND POPULATION TRENDS

According to the 1990 Census, the City's population is 6,849. This compares to 7,741 in 1980 and 8,711 in 1970. The City's population has been on a decline since the 1920's when iron mining was at its peak and the City had a population of nearly 16,000. Figure E shows the population trends for the City since 1890. It is anticipated that the City's population will continue to decline slightly over the life of this plan.

## SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS

**AGE** - The City's population is relatively old. Its median age is 41.3 years, compared to the state of Michigan's median age of 32.6. Twenty-seven percent of the City's residents are 65 years and above. Because of the City's relatively old population, future park and recreation planning must be geared toward this population's needs. Park improvements should include walkways, benches and other more passive recreational uses to cater to this age group.

However, there is still a sizable young population in need of various recreational opportunities. Over 22% of the City's residents are under 18 years of age. In addition, over 50% of



DEVELOPMENT CONSTRAINTS



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POPULATION CHART  
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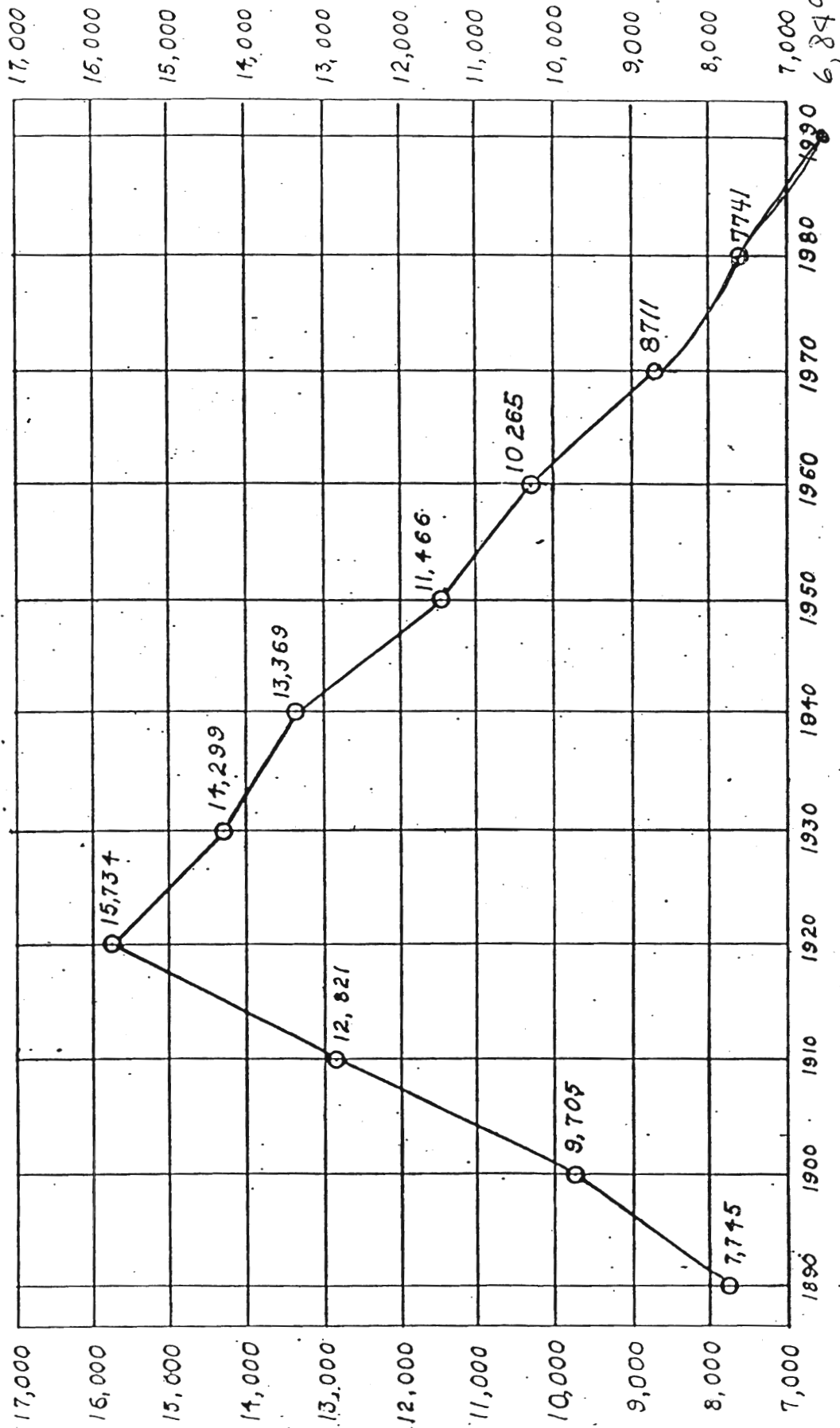


Figure E

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the population is between the ages of 18 and 64. To cater to these population groups, more active recreational activities serving the entire family should also be pursued.

**SEX** - The City's population has slightly more females than males, with 54% of the City's residents being females.

**RACE AND ETHNICITY** - The City's population is predominantly white (99.2%). Other races include American Indian (12 persons), Asian/Pacific Islander (two persons), Black (two persons), and "other" (three persons). A total of eight persons are of Hispanic origin.

The City's ethnic origins are varied. The greatest number of ancestries reported in the 1990 Census are Finnish (1,996), German (1,267), Italian (1,145), Swedish (932) and Polish (907).

**DISABILITY** - Of persons between the ages of 16 and 64, 84 persons (or 2.2%) have a mobility limitation. Of those 65 years and above, there are 204 persons (or 12.1%) with a mobility limitation. The special needs of this population group must also be considered when designing park facilities. All facilities should be fully accessible to persons with mobility disabilities.

**EMPLOYMENT** - Of the 2,526 employed persons 16 years of age and over, 664 workers (or 26.3%) are employed in the retail trade industry. Other major industries include health services (343 workers), educational and professional services (321 workers), manufacturing (271 workers) and general service industries (176 workers).

**EDUCATION** - Ironwood City residents have a high percentage of persons who have received a high school diploma. Over 75% of persons 25 years of age and over are high school graduates. Over 10% of the population has received a bachelor's degree or higher.

## Chapter 3

### RECREATION INVENTORY

This section identifies the existing park and recreation facilities in the City at this time. Each of the City's park areas has been identified and evaluated. Table 1 identifies the major park facilities in the City while Figure F shows the location of these facilities. Table 2 itemizes the various public, private and school park and recreation facilities located in the City.

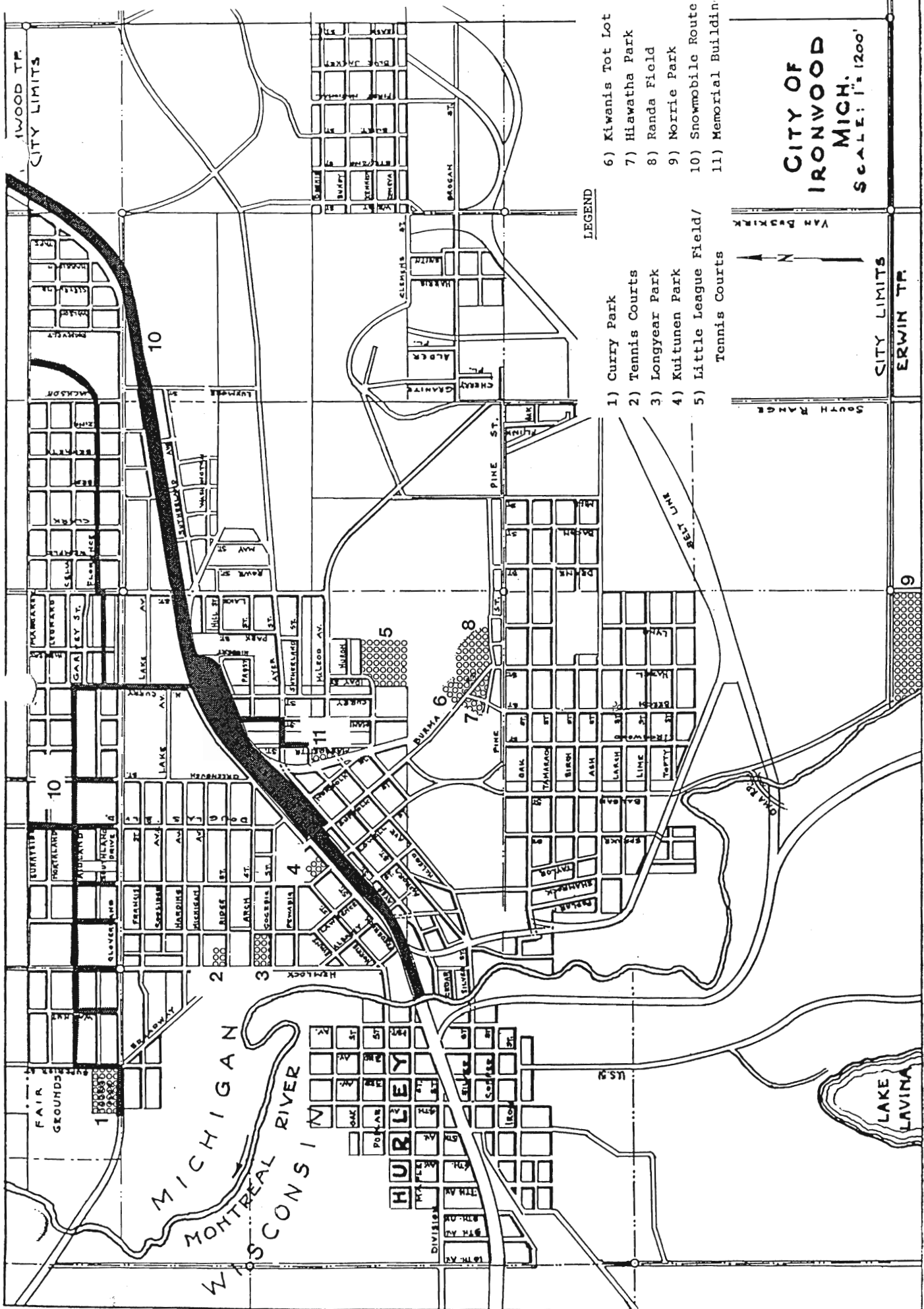
Table 3 compares the City's park and recreation facilities to State of Michigan adopted Standards.

Table 1

DESCRIPTION OF CITY OWNED RECREATION FACILITIES

- 1) Curry Park - Adjacent to U.S. Highway 2. Contains picnic tables and stoves, 56 total camp sites, 9 full service hoop-ups, showers, laundry, playground, spill station. 9.25 acres.
- 2) Ridge Street Tennis Courts - Ridge Street. Two (2) tennis courts. .77 acres.
- 3) Longyear Park - Arch and Hemlock Streets. Contains children's playground equipment and open space. 3.22 acres.
- 4) Kuitunen Park - Lowell and Frederick Streets. Features fountains, benches and various forms of vegetation. .5 acres.
- 5) Little League Field/Tennis Courts - Day and Vaughn Streets. Regulation Little League Field and two (2) tennis courts. Spectator seating. Concession stand and toilets.
- 6) Kiwanis Tot Lot - Mansfield Street. Playground equipment for young children.
- 7) Hiawatha Park - Burma Road. World's tallest fiberglass Native American. Railroad caboose and mining equipment display. 1.04 acres.
- 8) Randa Field - Burma Road and Houk Streets. Softball field with spectator seating, lights, and concession stand. 906 ft.
- 9) Norrie Park - Norrie Park Road. Picnic tables and stoves, two (2) tennis courts, volleyball, restrooms, changing area, open space. 105 acres. Two (2) horseshoe pits, swimming area, pavillion, playground equipment.
- 10) City of Ironwood Snowmobile Routes.
- 11) Municipal Memorial Building - Pool, Gymnasium, and Auditorium.
- 12) P. J. O'Donnell Civic Center - Indoor Recreation.

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LEGEND

- 1) Curry Park
- 2) Tennis Courts
- 3) Longyear Park
- 4) Kuitunen Park
- 5) Little League Field/  
Tennis Courts
- 6) Kiwanis Tot Lot
- 7) Hiawatha Park
- 8) Randa Field
- 9) Norrie Park
- 10) Snowmobile Route
- 11) Memorial Building

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SCALE: 1" = 1200'





Table 2

IRONWOOD AREA RECREATION FACILITIES

Ironwood, Gogebic County

| 3) Location             | Play grnd | Indoor rec | Special usage | Age of Users |      |       |   | Equip/ facilities | Usage months - hours | Ownership |      | Land in Acres | 2) Rating |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|--------------|------|-------|---|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|------|---------------|-----------|
|                         |           |            |               | 0-5          | 6-12 | 13-17 | 18-50                                       |                   |                      | 51+       | City |               |           |
| 6 Ayer/Lake             | x         |            |               | x            | x    |       |   |                   | 6                    | 12        | x    | 1.39          | 2         |
| 13 Oak/Bulinski         | x         |            |               | x            | x    |       |   | 1,4               | 6                    | 12        | x    | 1.29          | 3         |
| 1 Curry Park            | x         |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 1,4,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,17,18,19,53   |                   | 6                    | 24        | x    | 9.25          | 2-3       |
| 4 Hemlock/Norrie Sts    | x         |            |               | x            | x    |       | 1,4   |                   | 6                    | 12        | x    | 280'          | 3         |
| 11 Hiawatha Pk          | x         |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 67  |                   | 12                   | 12        | x    | 1.04          | 1         |
| 10 Kiwanis Tot          | x         |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 1,2,3,4,5,5a                                |                   | 6                    | 12        | x    | n/a           | 2-3       |
| 9 Little Leag.          |           |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 16,18,28,32,43,46,61,62,63,64               |                   | 6                    | 12        | x    | 1             | 2         |
| 5 Kuitunen Pk           |           |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 17  |                   | 6                    | 12        | x    | .5            | 2         |
| 3 Longyear Pk           | x         |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 1,3,4,5,5a,17                               |                   | 6                    | 12        | x    | 3.22          | 3         |
| 2 Longyear tennis crts  | x         |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 1,4,32                                      |                   | 6                    | 12        | x    | .77           | 4         |
| Mt. Zion Pk             |           |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 10,13,15                                    |                   | 6                    | 12        | x    |               | 3-5       |
| Mt. Zion Ski            |           |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 48,60,70                                    |                   | 5                    | 12        | x    | 100           | 3         |
| 14 Norrie Park          | x         |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 1,2,3,4,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,24,30,32 |                   | 6                    | 15        | x    | 105           | 2-5       |
| 12 Randa Field          | x         |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 43,46,48,61                                 |                   | 6                    | 12        | x    | 906'          | 2         |
| 7 Wilson St. Cloverland | x         |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 1,4   |                   | 6                    | 12        |      | .5            | 3         |
| Cinemas Colonial        |           | x          |               | x            | x    |       |   |                   | 12                   | 5         | x    | n/a           | 1         |
| Skateland               | x         |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 16,17,18,19                                 |                   | 6                    | 12        | x    |               | 3-4       |
| Depot Mus.&Pk           |           |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 9   |                   | 12                   | 5         | x    |               | 5         |
| Fair Grounds            |           |            | x             | x            | x    |       |   |                   | 12                   | 12        | x    | 20.1          | 3         |
| Iwd Sports Bowl         |           |            | x             | x            | x    |       |   |                   | 12                   | 13        |      | .58           | 3         |
| Iwd Theatre             |           |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 16,20,37,53                                 |                   | 12                   | 8         | x    |               | 3         |
| Iwd Library             |           |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 16,18,20,39                                 |                   | 12                   | 10        | x    |               | 4         |
| Memorial Bldg           |           |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 38  |                   | 12                   | 6         | x    | .36           | 4         |
|                         |           |            | x             | x            | x    |       | 7,12,24,46,48,54,81,84,82,31                |                   | 12                   | 6         | x    |               | 3-4       |

1) These No.'s based on Usage Code's found on p.'s 26 & 27

2) 1-Excellent - 5-Poor

3) No.'s corresponding to Map p.23

IRONWOOD AREA RECREATION FACILITIES

Ironwood, Gogebic County

| 3] Location                        | Play<br>grnd | Indoor<br>rec | Special<br>usage | Age of Users |      |       |  | Equip/<br>facilities | Usage |        | City | Ownership |         | Land<br>in<br>Acres | 2] Rating |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|------|-------|--|----------------------|-------|--------|------|-----------|---------|---------------------|-----------|
|                                    |              |               |                  | 0-5          | 6-12 | 13-17 | 18-50  |                      | 51+   | months |      | hours     | Private |                     |           |
| Nat'l Guard<br>Armory              |              |               | x                | x            | x    | x     | x  | x                    | 12    | 12     |      | x         |         | 2-3                 |           |
| Theatre North                      |              |               | x                | x            | x    | x     | x  | 12,20,81             | 5     |        |      | x         |         | 3-4                 |           |
| Tourist Ctr<br>Luxmore St.         |              |               | x                | x            | x    | x     | 8,53   | 13 wks               | 8     |        |      | x         |         | 3                   |           |
| Tourist Ctr<br>US-2                |              |               | x                | x            | x    | x     | 8,10,12,13,15  | 12                   | 24    |        |      | x         | 10      | 2                   |           |
| Iwd Catholic<br>School             |              | x             | x                | x            | x    | x     | 84   | 12                   | 12    |        |      | x         | 1.55    | 1                   |           |
| LL Wright HS                       |              | x             | x                | x            | x    | x     | 20,16,19,28,<br>31,32,38,39,<br>40,41,43,44,<br>45,46,62,56,<br>84 | 12                   | 12    |        |      |           | 13.91   | 2-3                 |           |
| Newport Sch.                       | x            | x             | x                | x            | x    | x     |  | 12                   | 12    |        |      | x         | 2.73    |                     |           |
| Norrie Sch.                        | x            | x             | x                | x            | x    | x     | 1,3,5,31,32  | 12                   | 12    |        |      | x         | 1.67    | 3-5                 |           |
| Sleight Sch.                       | x            | x             | x                | x            | x    | x     | 1,5,31,43,84   | 12                   | 12    |        |      | x         | 2.83    | 3-5                 |           |
| P. J. O'Dennell<br>Civic Center    |              | x             | x                | x            | x    | x     | 36,46,53,54,<br>62,68,69,81  | 12                   | 16    |        | x    |           |         |                     |           |
| Iron Horse 2<br>Snomobile<br>Trail |              |               |                  |              |      |       | 23   | 4                    | 24    |        |      | x         |         |                     |           |

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3] No.'s corresponding to Map p.23

RECREATION EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS  
AND NUMBER OF LOCATIONS WHERE SAID EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE

I. Children's Playground Facilities

1. Swings
2. Merry-go Rounds
3. Slides
4. Teeter Totters
5. Monkey Bars
- 5A. & 5B. Spring Loaded "Saddle Mates"

II. Camping Areas

6. Camping Facilities
7. Showers
8. Information Center
9. Sanitation Disposal Units
10. Cooking Areas (fire places)
11. Water Faucets
12. Rest Rooms
13. Garbage Disposal (Cans)
14. Electrical Units

III. City Recreation Parks

15. Picnic Tables
16. Sanitation Facilities (Rest Rooms)
17. Sitting Benches
18. Drinking Fountains
19. First Aid Facility
20. Concessions
21. Statues
22. Bird Baths and Feeding
23. Snowmobile Facility
24. Swimming
25. Boat Rentals
26. Boat Docking
27. Gas Pumps
28. Flag Pole
29. Hiking Trails
30. Horse Shoe Pits

IV. Game Courts

31. Basketball Courts
32. Tennis Courts
33. Badminton & Volley Ball
34. Croquet
35. Shuffle Board
36. Ice Skating Rink

V. Indoor Recreation

- 37. Bowling Facilities
- 38. Library Services
- 39. Movies
- 40. Table Tennis
- 41. Weight Lifting
- 42. Boxing

VI. Special Usage Facilities

- 43. Baseball Diamond
- 44. Football Field
- 45. Track Field
- 46. Bleachers
- 47. Archery Course
- 48. Lights for Night-time Recreation
- 49. Mini Golf Course
- 50. Band Shell or Band Stand
- 51. Crafts and Arts
- 52. Drive-In Theater
- 53. Public Telephones
- 54. Changing Rooms
- 55. 1/4 Mile Dirt Track
- 56. Grand Stand
- 57. Stock Pavilion
- 58. Fish Ponds
- 59. Museum
- 60. Skiing and Ski Jumping
- 61. Dug Outs
- 62. Score Boards
- 63. Utility Buildings
- 64. Back Stops
- 65. Parental Supervision
- 66. Doing Nothing
- 67. Sight Seeing
- 68. Spectators
- 69. Furnish Own Equipment
- 70. Shelters
- 71. Bicycle Racks
- 72. Books and Records
- 73. Playing Baseball
- 74. Riding Bicycles
- 75. Grooming Field
- 76. Proprietor
- 77. Skating Rink
- 78. Auction
- 79. Dancing
- 80. Receptions
- 81. Stage Production
- 82. Children's Programs
- 83. Golf Course
- 84. Gymnasium

Table 3

## MICHIGAN RECREATION OPPORTUNITY STANDARDS

| Type of Opportunity                | Plan Standard(a) | Ironwood | Deficient |
|------------------------------------|------------------|----------|-----------|
| Local Park Land (acres)            | 10/ 1,000        | 125      |           |
| Archery Ranges (b)                 | 1/50,000         | 0        |           |
| Ballfields (c)                     | 1/ 3,000         | 4        |           |
| Outdoor Basketball Cts (c)         | 1/ 5,000         | 0        | X         |
| Bicycle Trails (miles)             | 1/40,000         | 0        |           |
| Golf Courses (b)                   | 1/25,000         | 1        |           |
| Indoor Ice Rinks                   | 1/50,000         | 2        |           |
| Outdoor Ice Rinks-Artif.           | 1/20,000         | 1        |           |
| Picnic Areas (tables)              | 1/200            | 30       | X         |
| Playgrounds (c)                    | 1/ 3,000         | 7        |           |
| Rifle Ranges (b)                   | 1/50,000         | 0        |           |
| Shotgun Ranges (b)                 | 1/50,000         | 1        |           |
| Sledding Hills (c)                 | 1/40,000         | 0        |           |
| Soccer Fields (c)                  | 1/20,000         | 0        |           |
| Outdoor Swimming Pools             | 1/40,000         | 0        |           |
| Outdoor Tennis Crts (c)            | 1/ 4,000         | 6        |           |
| Boat Launches (parking)            | 1/400            | 0        |           |
| Campgrounds(campsites) (d)         | 1/150            | 56       |           |
| Cross-Ctry Ski Trails (miles)      | 1/10,000         | 0        |           |
| Fishing Access (feet)              | 1,000/1,000      | 1320     | X         |
| Fishing Piers                      | 1/100,000        | 0        |           |
| Hiking Trails (miles)              | 1/ 5,000         | 1        | X         |
| Horseback Riding Trails (miles)    | 1/20,000         | 0        |           |
| Nature Areas (acres)               | 1/50,000         | 0        |           |
| Nature Trails (miles)              | 1/20,000         | 0        |           |
| ORV Areas (acres)                  | 1/ 7,500         | 0        |           |
| ORV Trails (miles)                 | 1/10,000         | 0        |           |
| Land Open to Snowmobing<br>(acres) | 10/ 1,000        | 0        | X         |
| Snowmobile Trails (miles)          | 1/ 3,000         | 5        |           |
| Swimming Beaches                   | 1/25,000         | 1        |           |

(a) Units/population.

(b) Includes private clubs and commercial establishments.

(c) Does not include facilities on school grounds.

(d) Includes commercial facilities.

(Source: Michigan Department of Natural Resources. 1986. Building Michigan's Recreation Future, Appendix B, pages 100-101.)

1989 Estimated population of Ironwood - 7,500.

## Chapter 4

### PLANNING PROCESS

The planning process used in the creation of this park and recreation plan places a great deal of emphasis on public participation. The plan was drafted by the City of Ironwood Recreation, Cultural and Life Enrichment Committee. This Committee was created by resolution of the City Commission with the express purpose of drafting a Park and Recreation Plan.

The Recreation, Cultural and Life Enrichment Committee met monthly for a full year to draft this plan. All meetings were open to the public and fully advertised through the local media. Minutes of the meetings are listed in Appendix B.

Members of the Recreation, Cultural and Life Enrichment Committee represent a cross-section of the community. Staff support for the committee was given by William Andresen, Community Development Director. Members of the committee include:

JoAnn Fleming, Chair  
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Donna Jean Breiler, Secretary  
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David Peite

One of the first steps of the Recreation, Cultural and Life Enrichment Committee was the distribution of a recreation survey. The purpose of the recreation survey was to learn the public's priorities as they relate to parks and recreation opportunities. The survey was distributed to one in every four homes within the City and to student body leaders at the local high school. The committee received a response of over 200 City residents, which represents a very good return rate.

The complete survey results are shown in Appendix A. The survey results are classified by whether the respondent has children, the age of the respondent and the location of the respondent's home. The information collected from this survey proved to be very useful during the planning process.

After reviewing the survey results, the committee decided that the top priority of the City regarding parks and recreation was the need to improve and better maintain existing parks. Top facilities that the survey respondents desired to be developed included rest room facilities (51.5%), walking paths (48.5%), bike paths (40.9%), outdoor swimming (36.3%), nature area/nature

trails (34.5%), basketball courts (33.3%) and sledding hills (31.0%). Eighty percent of the respondents supported bike paths and walking trails throughout the City.

Based on the results of the park and recreation survey, the Recreation, Cultural and Life Enrichment committee prepared a draft version of the Park and Recreation Plan. After several meetings, the Plan was approved by the committee and submitted to the Planning Commission and City Commission for formal adoption.

The Planning Commission reviewed and approved the Park and Recreation Plan on January 3, 1996. The City Commission held a public hearing on February 26, 1996 to hear citizen comments regarding the plan. Notice of the public hearing was published in the local newspaper (See Appendix B).

On February 26, 1996, the City Commission passed a resolution adopting the five year City of Ironwood Park and Recreation Plan (See Appendix B for a copy of all meeting minutes and the resolution of plan adoption).

## Chapter 5

### BASIS FOR ACTION PROGRAM

The 1996 - 2000 Ironwood Park and Recreation Plan is a realistic plan based on the results of the community recreation survey and numerous public meetings and citizen involvement.

The first part of the action program is to enhance park funding through improvements to City owned Curry Park. Improvements to Curry Park will encourage greater usage of the park and thereby increase revenues to the City. The park program for the City is funded to a significant degree from the revenue obtained from campground fees at Curry Park. By enhancing revenues collected at Curry Park, additional park improvements can be completed throughout the City, with no impact to the taxpayers.

Improvements to Curry Park should be done in the first year of this plan, so that other park improvements can be funded in the future. Curry Park improvements include expanding the number of campsites and repairing play equipment, picnic tables and benches. The park and recreation plan also recommends improved advertising through brochures, displays and signage.

The second part of the action program is to improve existing City parks to benefit the greatest number of City residents. Proposed improvements to existing parks are based on the results of the community recreation survey. Some of the top requested facilities from the survey were rest room facilities, walking paths, bike paths and picnic areas.

These improvements are scheduled for the second year of this plan. These facilities are to be located at Longyear Park, which is centrally located within the City and easily accessible to the major residential areas of the City. Adjacent to Longyear Park is the Montreal River, which has excellent potential for a nature and walking trail system. The varying terrain, as well as interesting plant and animal life along the river, would make this an excellent nature area. Fishing access to the Montreal River would also be possible. The trail system could connect with the City of Hurley across the Montreal River and could go as far as the Michigan Welcome Center to the North. The trails would include interpretive signage to serve the educational needs of the public. Longyear park would serve as an excellent trail head and meeting place for this trail system.

Also proposed at Longyear Park is a band shell to cater to all age groups, especially senior citizens that comprise 27% of the City's population.



Longyear Park is a well-established park that has the distinct advantage of being surrounded by residential housing on three sides. This increases the usage and visibility of the park that in turn reduces vandalism.

Other proposed park improvements are also based on the results of the community recreation survey. Basketball courts were one of the top requested facilities. This plan proposes locating new basketball courts at the Lake and Ayer Street Park, along with improved playground equipment and landscaping.

Kuitenan Park is one of the more popular parks in the City, for all age groups. The park is centrally located near the downtown and provides a relaxing place to rest and enjoy the fountain and landscaping. Unfortunately, the park is showing signs of deterioration. The park sign is unreadable and the park benches and waste receptacles have been damaged. This plan proposes new signage, benches and trash receptacles to upgrade the use and appearance of the park.

Located between Kuitenan Park and the Ironwood Depot Museum is a tract of land currently owned by the Wisconsin Central Railroad. If the railroad is abandoned in the future, this property should be acquired for recreational purposes, such as walking/biking trails, seating area, picnic tables and landscaping. This parcel is centrally located and highly visible and would provide passive and active recreation opportunities to residents and visitors of all ages. Acquisition and development of this parcel could be funded by several grant programs, including the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA).

The final year of this plan calls for a community-wide bike/walking path system to connect parks, schools, residential areas and the downtown. The system could use the Wisconsin Central Railroad corridor, if abandoned. The trails could also connect both the Longyear Park and Depot Park areas, which would serve as excellent trail heads to the path system. Bike and walking trails were two of the top requested facilities in the recreation survey. Trails would serve all age groups in the City and would provide many different recreational options, including walking, biking and roller-blading opportunities. Possible funding could come from a variety of sources, including MNRTF and ISTEA monies.

One of the greatest park facilities owned by the City of Ironwood is Norrie Park located in Erwin Township. The park is located along the shores of the Montreal River and offers excellent outdoor based recreational potential, such as fishing, boating, swimming, hiking, skiing, picnicking and camping. Unfortunately, it is difficult for a City the size of Ironwood to effectively maintain and improve a large park such as Norrie Park. This plan

proposes on preserving and maintaining Norrie Park for future park and recreational use, but looking to other long term approaches to maintaining the facility.

One of the major problems with Norrie Park is its isolated location, which encourages vandalism. It is recommended that to help finance park maintenance and to discourage vandalism, that the City look to partnerships with other entities. For example, the City could lease the property to another public or private entity to use the park as a campground or cross-country ski trailhead. This would generate revenue to be used for park maintenance and would also greatly improve park security.

## Chapter 6

### ACTION PROGRAM

This Section details the 5 year action program for the City. The action program is based on considerable public input including in put from a community recreation survey. The rationale for this action program is more fully described in Chapter 5.

The action program calls for a variety of recreational improvements over the next 5 years, as shown in Table 4. Funding for this action program is intended to come from a variety of sources, including state and federal grants, donations, fund raising and local funding.

Table 4  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

| YEAR | PROJECT   | COST     | FUNDING SOURCE |
|------|---|----------|----------------|
| 1996 | Expand and Improve Curry Park Campground, Improve Playground, Purchase Picnic Tables/Benches                                | \$15,000 | 1              |
|      | Kuitenan Park Improvements  | \$3,500  | 1,4            |
|      | Lake/Ayer Street Playground and Landscaping Improvements  | \$3,500  | 1,4            |
|      | Norrie Park Maintenance and Improvements  | \$3,500  | 1,4            |
| 1997 | Longyear Park/Riverfront Trails - Nature and Waling Trails, Fishing Access, Pavilion, Picnic Tables, Band Shell, Rest Rooms | \$85,000 | 1,2,3,4        |
| 1998 | Lake/Ayer Street Basketball Courts  | \$7,500  | 1,4            |
| 1999 | Depot Park Development/Expansion  | \$20,000 | 1,2,3,4,5      |

|      |   |          |           |
|------|---|----------|-----------|
| 2000 | Community Bike/Walking Paths  | \$65,000 | 1,2,3,4,5 |
|      | Norrie Park Improvements<br>(Campgrounds, Picnic Area,<br>Trails, Trailhead, Interpretive<br>Area, etc) | Unknown  | 1,4       |

Funding Source:

- 1 - City of Ironwood
- 2 - Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
- 3 - Land and Water Conservation Fund
- 4 - Private Sources (fund raising, donations, etc)
- 5 - Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) Grant

## Chapter 7

### ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

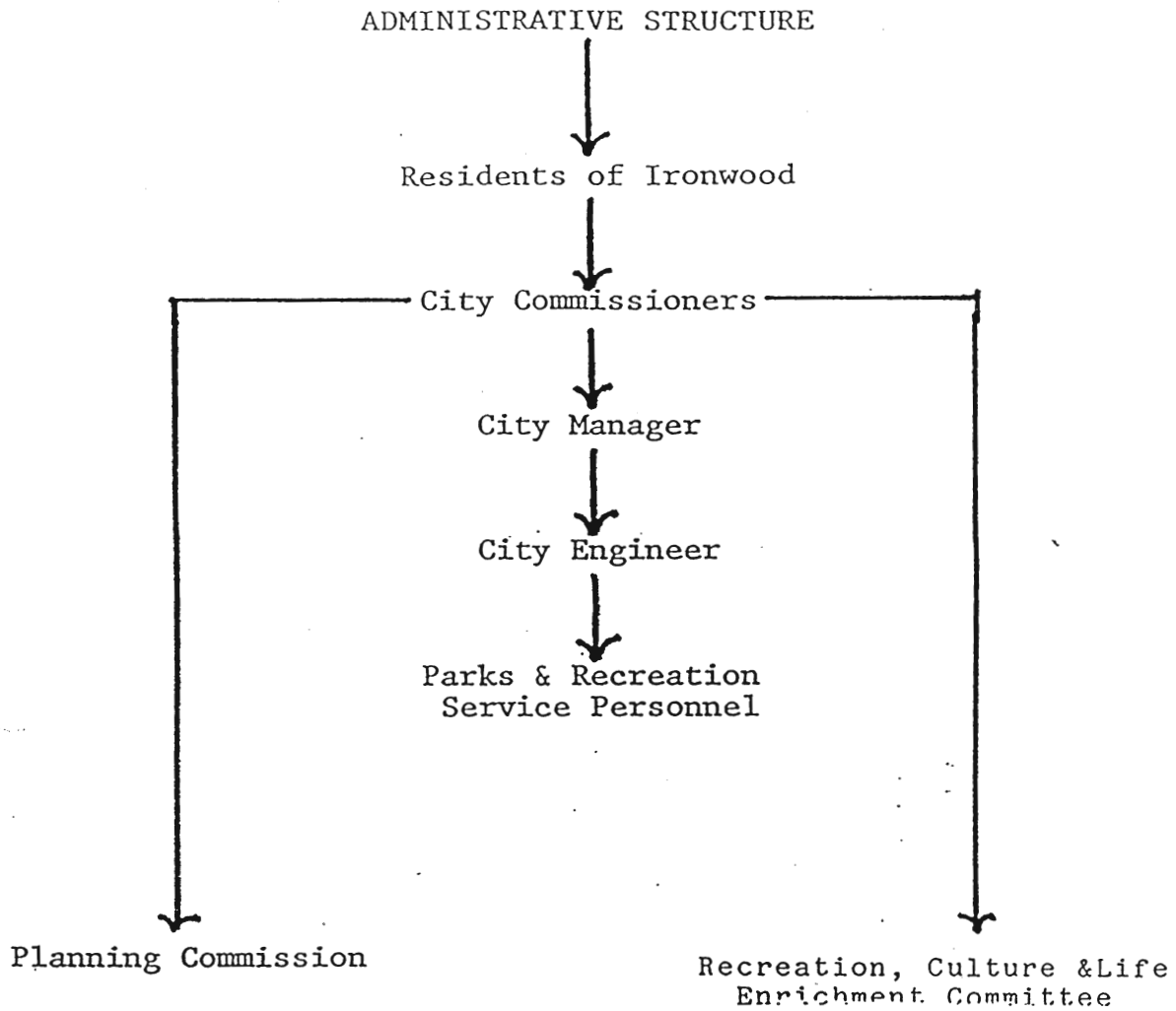
The Ironwood City Commission appointed a Recreation, Cultural and Life Enrichment Committee to make recommendations regarding City parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities and programs. The committee meets monthly. All meetings are open to the public and are advertised in the local media.

The City Commission has the final decision making authority as it pertains to parks and recreation funding.

Parks and playgrounds are maintained by City crews on an "as needed" basis, with one City worker designated as the Park and Recreation Service Persons.

Volunteers from local organizations regularly assist the City with maintenance, especially at the four ball fields, the Civic Center and Norrie Park. Various organizations have donated a considerable amount of time and money over the past several years to park and recreation improvements and programming.

The organizational chart of the City as it pertains to park and recreation decision making and maintenance is shown in Figure G.



REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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Houghton, Michigan 49931  
(906) 482-7205

\*Michigan Department of Natural Resources  
Recreation Services Division  
P.O. Box 30028  
Lansing, Michigan 48909  
(517) 373-1660

\*\*Land Resource Programs Division

Figure G

**APPENDIX A**  
**SURVEY RESULTS**

IRONWOOD RECREATION SURVEY

1. Do existing city parks meet the recreational needs of you and your family?

|                 | CHILDREN AT HOME |      |      |      | AGE          |          |          |          | LOCATION    |                              |                   |               |            |
|-----------------|------------------|------|------|------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|
|                 | YES              |      | NO   |      | 18 AND UNDER | 19 TO 34 | 35 TO 49 | 50 TO 64 | 65 AND OVER | AURORA/JESSIEV. ASHLAND TOWN | NORRIE/ DOWN-TOWN | NORTH OF US 2 | NORTH SIDE |
|                 |                  |      |      |      |              |          |          |          |             |                              |                   |               |            |
| TOTAL           | 84               | 97   |      |      | 38           | 19       | 48       | 33       | 43          | 25                           | 30                | 35            | 55         |
| TOTAL RESPONSES | 182              |      |      |      |              |          |          |          |             |                              |                   |               |            |
| Yes             | 35.7             | 50.5 | 21.1 | 47.4 | 47.9         | 48.5     | 53.5     | 36.0     | 36.7        | 45.8                         | 40.0              | 50.9          |            |
| No              | 35.7             | 22.7 | 42.1 | 31.6 | 27.1         | 30.3     | 16.3     | 44.0     | 30.0        | 29.2                         | 31.4              | 16.4          |            |
| Unsure          | 28.6             | 26.8 | 36.8 | 21.1 | 25.0         | 21.2     | 30.2     | 20.0     | 33.3        | 25.0                         | 28.6              | 32.7          |            |



IRONWOOD RECREATION SURVEY

2. Which of the following cultural facilities do you or your family use at least once per year?

|  | CHILDREN AT HOME |      |              |          | AGE      |          |             |                              | LOCATION          |               |            |      |
|--|------------------|------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|------|
|  | YES              | NO   | 18 AND UNDER | 19 TO 34 | 35 TO 49 | 50 TO 64 | 65 AND OVER | AURORA/JESSIEV. ASHLAND TOWN | NORRIE/ DOWN-TOWN | NORTH OF US 2 | NORTH SIDE |      |
|  |                  |      |              |          |          |          |             |                              |                   |               |            |      |
| TOTAL RESPONDING                         | 91               | 104  | 40           | 18       | 54       | 35       | 48          | 24                           | 33                | 27            | 36         | 62   |
| Carnegie Library                         | 89.0             | 78.8 | 82.5         | 94.4     | 90.7     | 91.4     | 66.7        | 87.5                         | 66.7              | 85.2          | 88.9       | 91.9 |
| Historic Ironwood Theatre                | 72.5             | 76.9 | 75.0         | 50.0     | 72.2     | 80.0     | 83.3        | 70.8                         | 75.8              | 81.5          | 72.2       | 77.4 |
| Memorial Building - American Legion Hall | 33.0             | 53.8 | 35.0         | 27.8     | 38.9     | 45.7     | 60.4        | 33.3                         | 57.6              | 48.1          | 50.0       | 40.3 |
| Depot Museum                             | 35.2             | 48.1 | 15.0         | 44.4     | 42.6     | 45.7     | 62.5        | 41.7                         | 36.4              | 51.9          | 33.3       | 50.0 |
| Memorial Building - Auditorium           | 28.6             | 47.1 | 22.5         | 11.1     | 42.6     | 40.0     | 54.2        | 33.3                         | 36.4              | 40.7          | 36.1       | 43.5 |
| Other                                    | 1.1              | 3.8  | 0.0          | 0.0      | 1.9      | 2.9      | 6.3         | -8.3                         | 0.0               | -3.7          | 0.0        | 3.2  |

Which of the following parks or facilities do you or your family use at least once per year?

|                   | CHILDREN AT HOME |      |      |    | AGE          |      |          |      |          | LOCATION |          |      |             |      |            |
|-------------------|------------------|------|------|----|--------------|------|----------|------|----------|----------|----------|------|-------------|------|------------|
|                   | TOTAL            | YES  | NO   | 98 | 18 AND UNDER |      | 19 TO 34 |      | 35 TO 49 |          | 50 TO 64 |      | 65 AND OVER |      | NORTH SIDE |
|                   |                  |      |      |    | 40           | 20   | 51       | 33   | 45       | 22       | 32       | 27   | 36          | 59   |            |
| TOTAL RESPONDING  | 190              | 91   | 98   |    | 40           | 20   | 51       | 33   | 45       | 22       | 32       | 27   | 36          | 59   |            |
| ic Center         | 72.6             | 84.6 | 61.2 |    | 85.0         | 60.0 | 76.5     | 66.7 | 66.7     | 68.2     | 68.8     | 77.8 | 72.2        | 76.3 |            |
| rie Park          | 62.1             | 61.5 | 62.2 |    | 50.0         | 70.0 | 66.7     | 54.5 | 68.9     | 68.2     | 81.3     | 48.1 | 55.6        | 64.4 |            |
| gyear Park        | 49.5             | 61.5 | 38.8 |    | 70.0         | 70.0 | 45.1     | 39.4 | 35.6     | 22.7     | 31.3     | 44.4 | 63.9        | 67.8 |            |
| tle League Field  | 29.5             | 39.6 | 19.4 |    | 35.0         | 35.0 | 35.3     | 24.2 | 17.8     | 31.8     | 28.1     | 25.9 | 25.0        | 35.6 |            |
| ge Street Tennis  | 28.4             | 38.5 | 19.4 |    | 35.0         | 20.0 | 35.3     | 36.4 | 13.3     | 13.6     | 28.1     | 22.2 | 27.8        | 40.7 |            |
| tunen Park        | 27.9             | 31.9 | 24.5 |    | 22.5         | 40.0 | 33.3     | 21.2 | 24.4     | 18.2     | 31.3     | 25.9 | 19.4        | 42.4 |            |
| watha Complex     | 25.3             | 18.7 | 31.6 |    | 20.0         | 35.0 | 19.6     | 15.2 | 37.8     | 22.7     | 34.4     | 37.0 | 16.7        | 23.7 |            |
| onial             | 23.2             | 31.9 | 15.3 |    | 27.5         | 15.0 | 27.5     | 27.3 | 15.6     | 22.7     | 34.4     | 7.4  | 11.1        | 30.5 |            |
| ry Park           | 22.6             | 23.1 | 22.4 |    | 37.5         | 15.0 | 11.8     | 24.2 | 22.2     | 18.2     | 21.9     | 22.2 | 30.6        | 20.3 |            |
| da Softball Field | 22.1             | 25.3 | 19.4 |    | 20.0         | 30.0 | 17.6     | 27.3 | 20.0     | 13.6     | 43.8     | 11.1 | 16.7        | 25.4 |            |
| tle League Tennis | 15.3             | 23.1 | 8.2  |    | 35.0         | 10.0 | 19.6     | 6.1  | 2.2      | 13.6     | 21.9     | 14.8 | 16.7        | 11.9 |            |
| ry's Skating      | 12.6             | 17.6 | 7.1  |    | 2.5          | 35.0 | 17.6     | 12.1 | 6.7      | 13.6     | 25.0     | 11.1 | 8.3         | 11.9 |            |

IRONWOOD RECREATION SURVEY

Which of the following parks or facilities do you or your family use at least once per year?

| TOTAL | CHILDREN AT HOME |     |              |          | AGE      |          |             |                 | LOCATION            |              |            |     |
|-------|------------------|-----|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|-----|
|       | YES              | NO  | 18 AND UNDER | 19 TO 34 | 35 TO 49 | 50 TO 64 | 65 AND OVER | AURORA/JESSIEV. | NORRIE/ASHLAND TOWN | DOWN-OF US 2 | NORTH SIDE |     |
|       | 91               | 98  | 40           | 20       | 51       | 33       | 45          | 22              | 32                  | 27           | 36         | 59  |
| 190   | 190              | 98  | 40           | 20       | 51       | 33       | 45          | 22              | 32                  | 27           | 36         | 59  |
| 8.9   | 14.3             | 4.1 | 20.0         | 5.0      | 7.8      | 6.1      | 4.4         | 9.1             | 12.5                | 14.8         | 8.3        | 5.1 |
| 8.4   | 8.8              | 8.2 | 5.0          | 40.0     | 3.9      | 6.1      | 4.4         | 4.5             | 15.6                | 7.4          | 11.1       | 6.8 |
| 8.4   | 11.0             | 6.1 | 15.0         | 10.0     | 7.8      | 3.0      | 6.7         | 0.0             | 6.3                 | 18.5         | 11.1       | 6.8 |
| 5.3   | 7.7              | 3.1 | 5.0          | 20.0     | 5.9      | 3.0      | 0.0         | 9.1             | 0.0                 | 11.1         | 5.6        | 5.1 |
| 3.2   | 6.6              | 0.0 | 2.5          | 10.0     | 5.9      | 0.0      | 0.0         | 0.0             | 6.3                 | 0.0          | 0.0        | 6.8 |
| 3.2   | 3.3              | 3.1 | 0.0          | 5.0      | 3.9      | 6.1      | 2.2         | 0.0             | 0.0                 | 0.0          | 2.8        | 8.5 |

IRONWOOD RECREATION SURVEY

4. Select up to five of the following parks or facilities that you would like to see improved.

|                                | CHILDREN AT HOME |      | AGE  |              |          |          |          |             | LOCATION |          |      |             |      |                                  |                          |                  |                |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------|------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|------|-------------|------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
|                                | TOTAL            | YES  | NO   | 18 AND UNDER |          | 19 TO 34 |          | 35 TO 49    |          | 50 TO 64 |      | 65 AND OVER |      | AURORA/<br>JESSIEV. ASHLAND TOWN | NORRIE/<br>DOWN-<br>TOWN | NORTH<br>OF US 2 | NORTH-<br>SIDE |
|                                |                  |      |      | 18 AND UNDER | 19 TO 34 | 35 TO 49 | 50 TO 64 | 65 AND OVER | 20       | 29       | 25   | 35          | 55   |                                  |                          |                  |                |
| TOTAL RESPONDING               | 174              | 85   | 88   | 38           | 18       | 50       | 29       | 39          | 20       | 29       | 25   | 35          |      |                                  |                          |                  |                |
| Norrie Park                    | 60.9             | 63.5 | 58.0 | 55.3         | 77.8     | 66.0     | 51.7     | 59.0        | 65.0     | 79.3     | 56.0 | 62.9        | 54.5 |                                  |                          |                  |                |
| Longyear Park                  | 37.9             | 37.6 | 38.6 | 44.7         | 44.4     | 34.0     | 37.9     | 33.3        | 10.0     | 20.7     | 32.0 | 45.7        | 56.4 |                                  |                          |                  |                |
| Civic Center                   | 28.7             | 29.4 | 27.3 | 34.2         | 16.7     | 20.0     | 44.8     | 28.2        | 35.0     | 6.9      | 32.0 | 28.6        | 34.5 |                                  |                          |                  |                |
| Colonial                       | 25.9             | 29.4 | 21.6 | 23.7         | 27.8     | 26.0     | 48.3     | 10.3        | 35.0     | 24.1     | 20.0 | 20.0        | 30.9 |                                  |                          |                  |                |
| Memorial Building<br>Pool      | 24.7             | 25.9 | 23.9 | 26.3         | 22.2     | 20.0     | 27.6     | 28.2        | 40.0     | 20.7     | 40.0 | 20.0        | 20.0 |                                  |                          |                  |                |
| Hiawatha Complex               | 21.8             | 16.5 | 27.3 | 18.4         | 27.8     | 16.0     | 13.8     | 35.9        | 25.0     | 20.7     | 24.0 | 20.0        | 23.6 |                                  |                          |                  |                |
| Randa Softball Field           | 21.3             | 21.2 | 21.6 | 28.9         | 16.7     | 18.0     | 27.6     | 15.4        | 10.0     | 31.0     | 8.0  | 22.9        | 29.1 |                                  |                          |                  |                |
| Memorial Building<br>Gym       | 20.7             | 22.4 | 19.3 | 23.7         | 27.8     | 14.0     | 20.7     | 23.1        | 35.0     | 10.3     | 32.0 | 17.1        | 20.0 |                                  |                          |                  |                |
| Curry Park                     | 16.1             | 15.3 | 17.0 | 23.7         | 5.6      | 12.0     | 13.8     | 20.5        | 15.0     | 6.9      | 8.0  | 22.9        | 14.5 |                                  |                          |                  |                |
| Kuitunen Park                  | 15.5             | 11.8 | 19.3 | 15.8         | 11.1     | 22.0     | 3.4      | 17.9        | 5.0      | 10.3     | 20.0 | 11.4        | 23.6 |                                  |                          |                  |                |
| Lake/Ayer Street<br>Playground | 15.5             | 12.9 | 18.2 | 23.7         | 22.2     | 12.0     | 6.9      | 15.4        | 15.0     | 10.3     | 24.0 | 22.9        | 5.5  |                                  |                          |                  |                |
| Manny's Skating<br>Rink        | 14.9             | 15.3 | 13.6 | 13.2         | 22.2     | 12.0     | 20.7     | 12.8        | 5.0      | 37.9     | 8.0  | 8.6         | 12.7 |                                  |                          |                  |                |

IRONWOOD RECREATION SURVEY

4. Select up to five of the following parks or facilities that you would like to see improved.

|                             | CHILDREN AT HOME |      |      |  |              | AGE      |          |          |             |                  | LOCATION             |               |            |      |  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------|------|--|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|------|--|
|                             | YES              |      | NO   |  | 18 AND UNDER | 19 TO 34 | 35 TO 49 | 50 TO 64 | 65 AND OVER | AURORA/ JESSIEV. | NORRIS/ ASHLAND TOWN | DOWN- OF US 2 | NORTH SIDE |      |  |
|                             |                  |      |      |  |              |          |          |          |             |                  |                      |               |            |      |  |
| TOTAL RESPONDING            | 174              | 85   | 88   |  |              | 38       | 18       | 50       | 29          | 39               | 20                   | 25            | 35         | 55   |  |
| Little League Tennis Courts | 12.1             | 16.5 | 8.0  |  | 23.7         | 5.6      | 10.0     | 17.2     | 2.6         | 15.0             | 10.3                 | 4.0           | 11.4       | 12.7 |  |
| Ridge Street Tennis Courts  | 12.1             | 14.1 | 10.2 |  | 13.2         | 5.6      | 12.0     | 17.2     | 10.3        | 20.0             | 13.8                 | 4.0           | 5.7        | 12.7 |  |
| Kiwanis Tot Lot             | 11.5             | 12.9 | 10.2 |  | 7.9          | 38.9     | 8.0      | 10.3     | 7.7         | 10.0             | 31.0                 | 4.0           | 8.6        | 9.1  |  |
| Little League Field         | 10.9             | 9.4  | 11.4 |  | 10.5         | 11.1     | 8.0      | 17.2     | 10.3        | 5.0              | 6.9                  | 0.0           | 14.3       | 20.0 |  |
| Rotary Tot Lot              | 2.9              | 3.5  | 2.3  |  | 2.6          | 0.0      | 4.0      | 3.4      | 2.6         | 0.0              | 3.4                  | 0.0           | 5.7        | 1.8  |  |
| Other                       | 2.3              | 1.2  | 3.4  |  | 0.0          | 0.0      | 2.0      | 3.4      | 5.1         | 5.0              | 0.0                  | 0.0           | 0.0        | 5.5  |  |

IRONWOOD RECREATION SURVEY

5. Which of the following five additional facilities would you like to see developed in city parks?

|                           | CHILDREN AT HOME |      |      |              | AGE      |          |          |             | LOCATION |        |              |               |            |
|---------------------------|------------------|------|------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|--------|--------------|---------------|------------|
|                           | TOTAL            | YES  | NO   | 18 AND UNDER | 19 TO 34 | 35 TO 49 | 50 TO 64 | 65 AND OVER | DOWNTOWN | NORRIS | ASHLAND TOWN | NORTH OF US 2 | NORTH SIDE |
|                           |                  |      |      |              |          |          |          |             |          |        |              |               |            |
| TOTAL RESPONDING          | 171              |      |      |              |          |          |          |             |          |        |              |               |            |
| Rest Room Facilities      | 51.5             | 47.5 | 54.4 | 46.2         | 57.9     | 39.1     | 51.6     | 69.4        | 39.1     | 53.3   | 52.2         | 38.2          | 61.5       |
| Walking Paths             | 48.5             | 36.3 | 58.9 | 15.4         | 15.8     | 65.2     | 64.5     | 66.7        | 43.5     | 53.3   | 39.1         | 52.9          | 53.0       |
| Bike Paths                | 40.9             | 46.3 | 36.7 | 46.2         | 31.6     | 45.7     | 38.7     | 36.1        | 43.5     | 33.3   | 30.4         | 61.8          | 36.5       |
| Picnic Areas              | 36.3             | 23.8 | 47.8 | 15.4         | 26.3     | 32.6     | 41.9     | 63.9        | 43.5     | 43.3   | 34.0         | 23.5          | 38.5       |
| Swimming (Outdoor)        | 36.3             | 42.5 | 31.1 | 64.1         | 42.1     | 32.6     | 25.8     | 16.7        | 39.1     | 26.7   | 43.5         | 38.2          | 28.8       |
| Nature Area/Nature Trails | 34.5             | 33.8 | 35.6 | 23.1         | 26.3     | 47.8     | 38.7     | 30.6        | 30.4     | 30.0   | 34.8         | 35.3          | 38.5       |
| Basketball Courts         | 33.3             | 47.5 | 20.0 | 51.3         | 57.9     | 34.8     | 19.4     | 11.1        | 21.7     | 33.3   | 39.1         | 38.2          | 34.6       |
| Sledding Hills            | 31.0             | 41.3 | 21.1 | 33.3         | 63.2     | 30.4     | 35.5     | 8.3         | 17.4     | 30.0   | 34.8         | 44.1          | 28.8       |
| Camping Facilities        | 22.2             | 27.5 | 17.8 | 43.6         | 26.3     | 13.0     | 16.1     | 18.9        | 30.4     | 30.0   | 13.0         | 20.6          | 15.4       |
| Fishing Access            | 22.2             | 26.2 | 18.9 | 20.5         | 36.8     | 13.0     | 35.6     | 16.7        | 26.1     | 30.3   | 26.1         | 17.6          | 19.2       |
| Shooting/Archery Range    | 22.2             | 26.2 | 18.9 | 30.8         | 21.1     | 26.1     | 16.1     | 13.9        | 21.7     | 30.0   | 21.7         | 29.4          | 13.5       |
| Playgrounds               | 15.8             | 13.8 | 16.7 | 10.3         | 15.8     | 8.7      | 16.1     | 30.6        | 17.4     | 16.7   | 13.0         | 14.7          | 15.4       |

Which of the following five additional facilities would you like to see developed in city parks?

|                  | CHILDREN AT HOME |     |      |      | AGE          |          |          |          | LOCATION    |                               |                     |            |            |
|------------------|------------------|-----|------|------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|
|                  | YES              |     | NO   |      | 18 AND UNDER | 19 TO 34 | 35 TO 49 | 50 TO 64 | 65 AND OVER | AURORA/ JESSIEV. ASHLAND TOWN | NORRIE/DOWN OF US 2 | NORTH SIDE | NORTH SIDE |
|                  | 80               | 90  | 39   | 31   | 36           | 23       | 30       | 29       | 34          | 52                            |                     |            |            |
| TOTAL RESPONDING | 171              | 90  | 39   | 31   | 36           | 23       | 30       | 29       | 34          | 52                            |                     |            |            |
| nis Courts       | 20.0             | 6.7 | 33.3 | 6.5  | 2.8          | 17.4     | 16.7     | 4.3      | 11.8        | 11.5                          |                     |            |            |
| ting Rink        | 10.5             | 8.9 | 5.1  | 16.1 | 5.6          | 17.4     | 10.0     | 8.7      | 5.9         | 11.5                          |                     |            |            |
| ocer Fields      | 5.8              | 2.2 | 12.8 | 0.0  | 2.8          | 0.0      | 0.0      | 13.0     | 8.8         | 5.8                           |                     |            |            |
| ier              | 4.1              | 4.4 | 5.1  | 3.2  | 5.6          | 4.3      | 0.0      | 0.0      | 0.0         | 9.6                           |                     |            |            |

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6. Would you support bike paths and walking trails that would connect parks, playgrounds, schools and residential areas?

|        | CHILDREN AT HOME |      | AGE          |          |          |          |             | LOCATION                     |                  |               |            |      |
|--------|------------------|------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------|------|
|        | YES              | NO   | 18 AND UNDER | 19 TO 34 | 35 TO 49 | 50 TO 64 | 65 AND OVER | AURORA/JESSIEV. ASHLAND TOWN | NORRIE/DOWN-TOWN | NORTH OF US 2 | NORTH SIDE |      |
| TOTAL  | 93               | 102  | 41           | 20       | 55       | 35       | 44          | 26                           | 33               | 28            | 37         | 62   |
| Yes    | 80.1             | 70.6 | 90.2         | 100.0    | 83.6     | 71.4     | 63.6        | 88.5                         | 84.8             | 82.1          | 83.8       | 69.4 |
| Unsure | 12.8             | 19.6 | 7.3          | 0.0      | 10.9     | 14.3     | 25.0        | 3.8                          | 15.2             | 7.1           | 8.1        | 21.0 |
| No     | 7.1              | 9.8  | 2.4          | 0.0      | 5.5      | 14.3     | 11.4        | 7.7                          | 0.0              | 10.7          | 8.1        | 9.7  |



IRONWOOD RECREATION SURVEY

7. Would you be interested in an organized summer parks and recreation program for school-aged children?

|        | CHILDREN AT HOME |      |  |  | AGE          |          |          |          | LOCATION    |                  |                      |               |            |      |
|--------|------------------|------|--|--|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|------|
|        | YES              | NO   |  |  | 18 AND UNDER | 19 TO 34 | 35 TO 49 | 50 TO 64 | 65 AND OVER | AURORA/ JESSIEV. | NORRIE/ ASHLAND TOWN | DOWN- OF US 2 | NORTH SIDE |      |
|        |                  |      |  |  |              |          |          |          |             |                  |                      |               |            |      |
| TOTAL  | 90               | 103  |  |  | 41           | 20       | 52       | 36       | 44          | 27               | 33                   | 28            | 37         | 58   |
| Yes    | 75.6             | 58.3 |  |  | 73.2         | 80.0     | 65.4     | 58.3     | 61.4        | 66.7             | 66.7                 | 64.3          | 78.4       | 58.6 |
| Unsure | 16.7             | 24.3 |  |  | 17.1         | 15.0     | 19.2     | 27.8     | 22.7        | 11.1             | 15.2                 | 25.0          | 8.1        | 36.2 |
| No     | 7.8              | 17.5 |  |  | 9.8          | 5.0      | 15.4     | 13.9     | 15.9        | 22.2             | 18.2                 | 10.7          | 13.5       | 5.2  |

IRONWOOD RECREATION SURVEY

8. Would you or a member of your family use the Memorial Building swimming pool if it were re-opened?

|        | CHILDREN AT HOME |      | AGE          |          |          |          | LOCATION    |                              |                       |            |       |      |
|--------|------------------|------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-------|------|
|        | YES              | NO   | 18 AND UNDER | 19 TO 34 | 35 TO 49 | 50 TO 64 | 65 AND OVER | AURORA/JESSIEV. ASHLAND TOWN | NORRIE/ DOWN- OF US 2 | NORTH SIDE | NORTH |      |
| TOTAL  | 92               | 105  | 41           | 20       | 54       | 36       | 45          | 27                           | 33                    | 28         | 38    | 61   |
| Yes    | 39.4             | 36.2 | 53.7         | 45.0     | 42.6     | 33.3     | 23.9        | 40.7                         | 33.3                  | 42.9       | 42.1  | 39.3 |
| No     | 30.3             | 39.0 | 17.1         | 10.0     | 25.9     | 38.9     | 50.0        | 25.9                         | 27.3                  | 25.0       | 31.6  | 34.4 |
| Unsure | 30.3             | 24.8 | 29.3         | 45.0     | 31.5     | 27.8     | 26.1        | 33.3                         | 39.4                  | 32.1       | 26.3  | 26.2 |

IRONWOOD RECREATION SURVEY

9. Would you or a member of your family use the Memorial Building gymnasium if it were re-opened?

| TOTAL RESPONSES | CHILDREN AT HOME |      |              |          | AGE      |          |             |                              | LOCATION         |               |            |      |
|-----------------|------------------|------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------|------|
|                 | YES              | NO   | 18 AND UNDER | 19 TO 34 | 35 TO 49 | 50 TO 64 | 65 AND OVER | AURORA/JESSIEV. ASHLAND TOWN | NORRIE/DOWN TOWN | NORTH OF US 2 | NORTH SIDE |      |
|                 | 92               | 100  | 41           | 20       | 53       | 36       | 42          | 26                           | 33               | 28            | 37         | 60   |
| 38.9            | 27.2             | 50.0 | 26.8         | 15.0     | 30.2     | 58.3     | 57.1        | 34.6                         | 30.3             | 32.1          | 48.6       | 41.7 |
| 31.6            | 38.0             | 25.0 | 26.8         | 30.0     | 41.5     | 25.0     | 31.0        | 23.1                         | 45.5             | 25.0          | 24.3       | 36.7 |
| 29.5            | 34.8             | 25.0 | 46.3         | 55.0     | 28.3     | 16.7     | 11.9        | 42.3                         | 24.2             | 42.9          | 27.0       | 21.7 |



**APPENDIX B**

**MEETING MINUTES, PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION**