



Ironwood

Comprehensive Plan



SUMMER 2014

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This plan was adopted by the Ironwood Planning Commission on July 2nd, 2014.
This plan was accepted by the Ironwood City Commission on July 14th, 2014.

Special thanks to the many residents, businesses, institutions, community groups, and other stakeholders who participated in the creation of this plan. Your input, energy, and ideas enriched the planning process and helped to set a course for the future of the Ironwood community.

“Nurturing the tales of our past - Building new trails for our future”

Nestled in the wilds of Michigan and “big snow country,” Ironwood is a **YEAR-ROUND DESTINATION** that attracts residents and visitors alike. With **WORLD-CLASS RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES** (from traditional activities like skiing and biking to emerging and innovative adventure sports); vibrant civic spaces and cultural institutions; thriving businesses; intriguing historical attractions; and a welcoming, safe, and collaborative atmosphere, Ironwood is a vibrant and unique small town where people come to enjoy the **QUALITY OF LIFE**.

Loosely translated as “strength of will” and “courage in the face of adversity,” the Finnish word “**SISU**” encapsulates the spirit of the Ironwood community. The ethos of “sisu” is evident in the stories of Ironwood’s past, from its early days as a mining town- to World War I where Ironwood residents gave their lives in service to this country. The same **RESILIENT SPIRIT** continues to drive Ironwood today, as community members work together to preserve and promote the prosperity, heritage, and beauty of the Ironwood community while forging **NEW PATHS**, uncovering **NEW OPPORTUNITIES**, and creating **NEW STORIES** for the future.

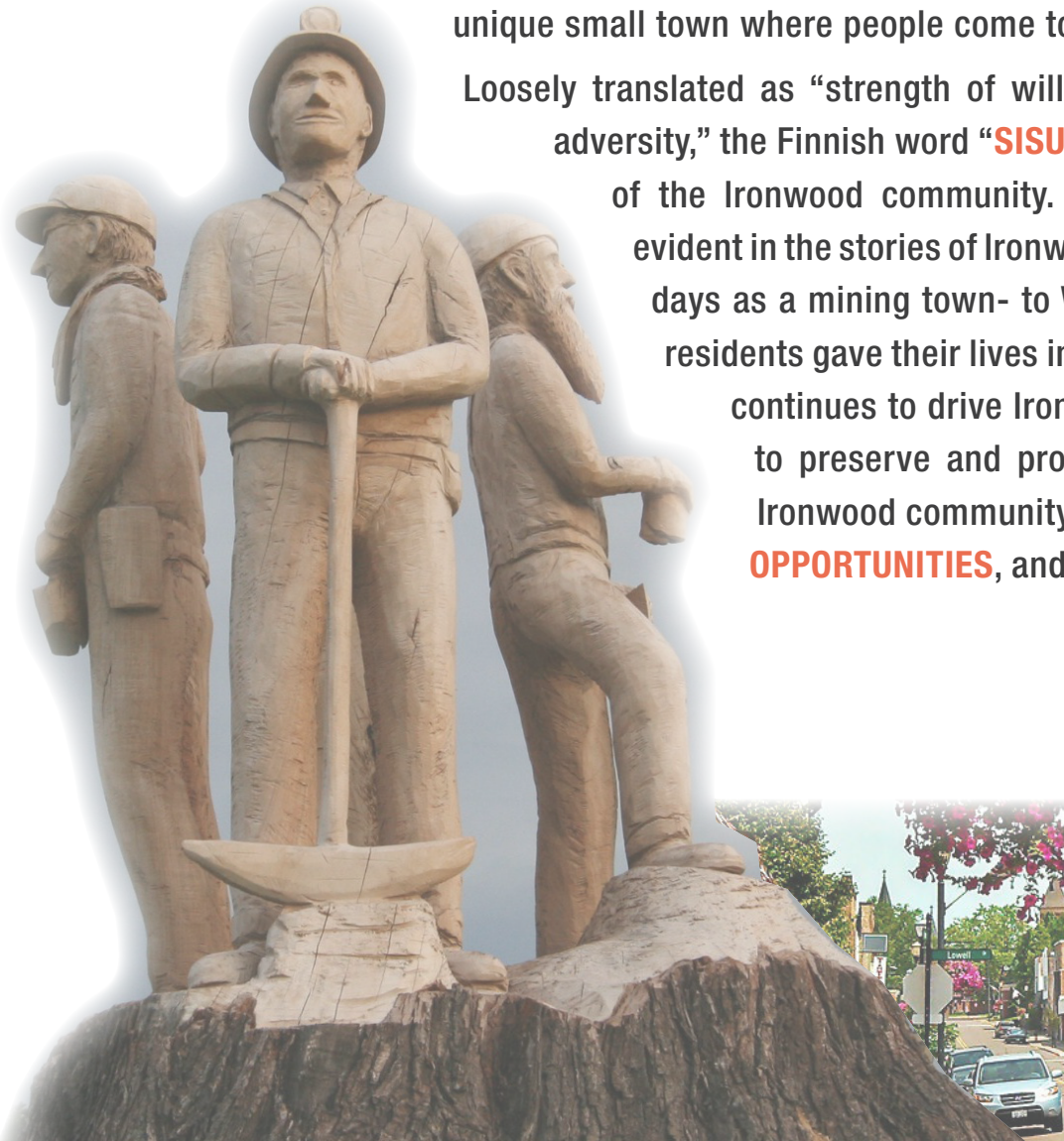


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RESOLUTION #2014-024

Ironwood Comprehensive Plan

WHEREAS, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MPEA), PA 33 of 2008, provides that the Planning Commission may prepare a Master Plan for the use, development, and preservation of all lands in the City; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the requirements of the MPEA, the Planning Commission notified contiguous government jurisdictions as well as other interested or affected agencies, for purposes of notification, of its intent to prepare and adopt an update to its Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Comprehensive Plan was submitted to the City Commission on April 14, 2014, who authorized distribution of the proposed plan; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the requirements of the MPEA, the proposed Comprehensive Plan was distributed on April 15, 2014 to contiguous government jurisdictions as well as other interested or affected agencies for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2014, after proper public notice, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed Comprehensive Plan update, during which members of the public were given the opportunity to comment on the proposed plan and written comments received were presented and discussed; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has determined that the draft of the Comprehensive Plan reflects the long range vision for the City and charts an implementation framework towards achieving that vision.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Ironwood Planning Commission hereby approves, adopts, and recommends the approval of the Comprehensive Plan update, as per requirements of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA 33 of 2008.

The following aye votes were recorded: _____ 7 _____

The following nay votes were recorded: _____ 0 _____



Tom Bergman, Planning Commission Chair

I, Kim Coon, the duly appointed Planning Commission Secretary of the City of Ironwood, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Ironwood at its Regular Meeting on July 2, 2014.



Kim Coon, Planning Commission Secretary

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WHEREAS, the Ironwood Planning Commission adopted the Comprehensive Plan on July 2, 2014 as per requirements of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA 33 of 2008 per Resolution 2014-024.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Ironwood City Commission hereby fully supports the adopted Comprehensive Plan.

The following aye votes were recorded: _____ 5 _____

The following nay votes were recorded: _____ 0 _____



Kim Corcoran, Mayor

I, Karen Gullan, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Ironwood, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Ironwood at its Regular Meeting on July 14, 2014.



Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk



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