

**City of Ironwood**  
**Request for Proposal**  
**Community Forest Management Plan**  
**January 24, 2023**  
*Amended January, 27, 2023*

**Introduction**

The City of Ironwood is seeking proposals from qualified forest stewardship plan writers to develop a Community Forest Stewardship Plan. The Plan will cover 300 (+/-) acres of City-owned forest land. Upon review of the proposals by the selection committee, an agreement should be in place prior to March 1, 2023. The due date for proposals will be February 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

The 300 acres of community forest are the foundation of the City's recreational opportunities. A well-utilized series of walking trails, biking trails, ski trails, heritage sites, art exhibits, and waterways are all located within the City's Forest. A Community Forest Stewardship Plan would detail long and short-term goals and actions to ensure sustainable management of the City-owned forest lands. Long-term goals would consider the future of the community forest and reflect the City of Ironwood's dedication to community spaces and recreational opportunities. The Plan would also include short-term goals, targeting specific practices and timetables. Plan objectives may include timber stand improvement activities, stand thinning schedules, timber harvests, site preparation timetables, and regeneration and planting methods and timings. The Plan would also outline stewardship opportunities that benefit recreational planning and use, wildlife habitat and improvement, water quality protection, and community engagement. The Community Forest Stewardship plan will provide guidance for sustainable management for the next 20 years. The plan will provide a recommended schedule for timber stand improvement activities, stand thinning schedules, timber harvests, site preparation timetables, and regeneration and planting methods and timings. The Plan would also outline stewardship opportunities that benefit recreational planning and use, wildlife habitat and improvement, water quality protection, and community engagement.

**Property Description**

The 300 (+/-) acres of community forest areas are located throughout the City of Ironwood, Gogebic County as shown on the attached map:

- Miners Memorial Heritage Park, 771 E Ayer St, Ironwood, MI 49938
- Norrie Park, 498 Norrie Park Rd, Ironwood, MI 49938
- Forested portions of Riverside Cemetery, 1000 N Hemlock St, Ironwood, MI 49938

The forest types vary by location and include even-age stands, floodplain forests, mixed hardwoods, and planted conifers. All areas are impacted by invasive species and multipurpose recreational use. Community groups are active in planning, maintaining, and caring for these community forests.

**Plan Requirements**

The resulting Plan must address ALL elements of the Community Forest Stewardship Plan checklist, Attachment 1.

A draft Stewardship Plan should be prepared by June 30, 2023.

Plan amendments must be made by August 31, 2023 for approval by the Planning Commission.

The final Plan should be prepared by September 30, 2023.

The resulting Stewardship Plan will expire in 2033.

### **Proposal Requirements**

Proposals must include a letter of introduction and an explanation of fees and rates.

A representative should be available to address and gather input in person or by video conference from the Planning Commission, City staff, Ironwood Parks & Recreation Committee, Friends of the Miners Memorial Heritage Park, and the public prior to June 2023.

### **Selection Criteria**

Proposals will be reviewed by a Planning Commission and the City of Ironwood Staff. Preference will be given to professional foresters with Michigan Forest Stewardship Plan Writer credentials. Examples of previous work and client references may be considered.

### **Proposal Deadline**

Proposals are due at the City of Ironwood Memorial Building Clerk's Office by 2:00 p.m. on February 10, 2023

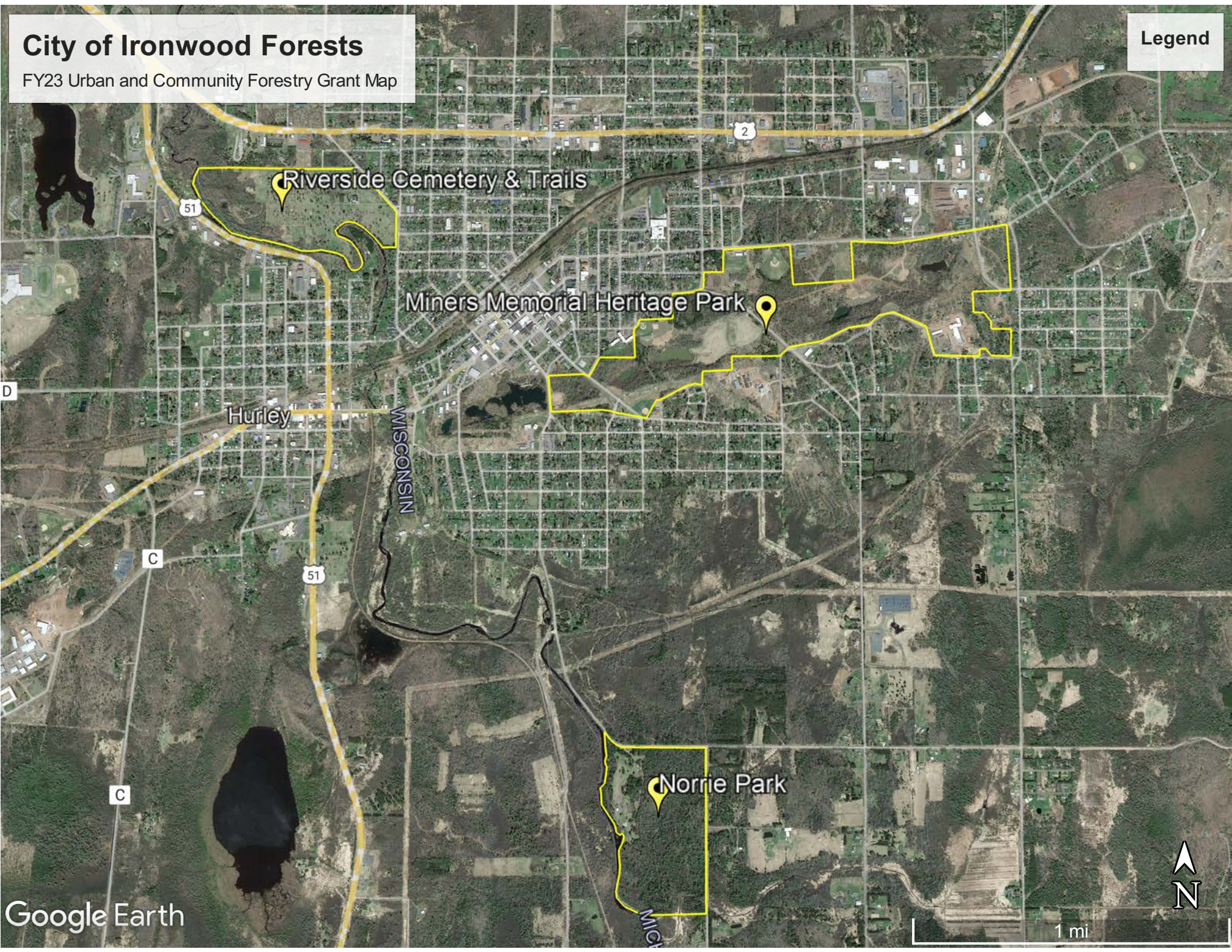
If interested, please submit your proposal to: City Clerk, City of Ironwood, 213 S. Marquette St., Ironwood, MI 49938.

For any questions please contact Community Development Assistant, Tim Erickson at: [ericksont@ironwoodmi.gov](mailto:ericksont@ironwoodmi.gov) or (906) 932-505 ext. 125.

# City of Ironwood Forests

FY23 Urban and Community Forestry Grant Map

Legend



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