



THE GATEWAY TO SOUTHERN OHIO

June, 2008

History of Ironton In Bloom, Inc.



One of our first major sponsorships from St. Mary's Hospital. LtoR: Judy Sanders, Randy Lilly, Doug Korstanje, Cindy Caskey.

The City of Ironton is currently undergoing a renovation process to make the area immediately eye-catching for visitors and community members. As a part of this effort, we have embraced the national America In Bloom project for Ironton, Ohio to increase pride in our residential and business community. After a public meeting with local business owners and residents, they have all agreed to partner in this great effort to beautify Lawrence County by offering the support needed to clean-up and beautify Ironton, Ohio. As of October, 2007, the State of Ohio approved the group's application for a nonprofit organization under the name of Ironton In Bloom, Inc. The 501(c)3 application was submitted at the end of 2007 and the organization is waiting approval.

The Ironton in Bloom project is built upon the idea of

planting community pride, improving the quality of life, and unifying the community; and is a program to recognize community participation in projects involving beautification, heritage, and environmental awareness. The real strength in this program lies in the social and health impact participation has in building a sense of pride through involvement. This project has the commitment from the City of Ironton, Ironton/Lawrence Community Action Organization, MRDD, Friends of Ironton, Lawrence Economic Development Corporation, Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, Lawrence County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Ironton Port Authority, local small business owners, home owners, and several community volunteers to turn around the views of Ironton toward revitalizing and re-beautifying not only the business community but also the residential community throughout the year.

It is anticipated that the first year of this project will be the most costly. Our executive committee organized the funding needs for basic landscaping along sidewalks for 9 city blocks, large hanging baskets on all the lampposts, large planters outside of store fronts, and

fresh floral displays along the City of Ironton. The committee has also purchased window baskets for use on downtown business windows. After the initial purchase of the first year, these items will be maintained and re-used each consecutive year cutting cost tremendously. Requests for proposals for maintenance of these items throughout the spring, summer, and fall have also been received.

Awards are now being given monthly for most improved residential appearance and overall curb appeal for homes and businesses. Each February, the community will also participate in the national America In Bloom competition which judges it's communities in late spring. Our local efforts will be judged upon 8 different aspects: floral displays, environmental aspects, landscaping, tidiness, urban forestry, heritage preservation, turf, and community involvement. This competition alone has generated great interest among the citizens of Ironton.

Board of Directors

Executive Board:

Chair: Carol Allen

Co-Chair: Randy Lilly

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City of Ironton Mayor
(standing seat)

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Committee Chair

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Mike Caldwell, Publicity and Marketing Committee Chair

Viviane Vallance, Fundraising Committee Chair

Garry Castle, Design/Color Committee

Ironton In Bloom, Inc.

Meeting Notices

The Ironton In Bloom General Membership meets every second Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Ironton City Center.

The Ironton In Bloom Board of Directors meets

every third Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Ironton City Center.

All community members and interested parties are welcome to attend and give ideas on the beautification of our city.



A Message from our Chair, Carol Allen



Dear American In Bloom Judges,

Speaking for the citizens of Ironton and members of Ironton In Bloom, Inc., I welcome you to Ironton, OH. I am very excited to introduce you to our community... and my community. I came to

Ironton in 1966 with my husband, Craig, a home town boy who had recently graduated from law school. While raising two daughters, participating in numerous community organizations, serving in many capacities in the education field, and forming lifetime friends, Ironton became my adopted home.

This fall, I accepted a new challenge which I believe will make a significant difference in our community. I joined a diverse group of individuals, most of whom I didn't know well, who wanted to instill pride in Ironton, encourage community members to spend time down town, persuade entrepreneurs to open small businesses, and lure more individuals to choose Ironton as a place to live. We

felt America In Bloom provided a positive avenue to achieve this goal. Our first meeting was in late August and the rest is history.

I feel that we have made a positive, first step and that more and more Irontonians want to join us as we tackle the goals of Ironton In Bloom. We have surpassed our goal of \$40,000 by more than \$15,000, forged a positive relationship with the Mayor and City Council, placed 160 pots/pole planters/baskets in the downtown as well as our three major entrances into Ironton, worked with numerous groups and organizations, and heard many, many expressions of pride. Our community is prettier, cleaner, and more positive about what IIB can accomplish in the future.

I look forward to meeting you and providing you the opportunity to meet the citizens of Ironton.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Allen".

Carol B. Allen
Ironton In Bloom, Chairperson

Our Sponsors

PLATINUM LEVEL - \$2500.00+

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Virginia Slagel Wachtman
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Hobart Joe and Jeanne Wiseman
Arch Worley



In January of 2008, the Ironton In Bloom organization was awarded a \$5000.00 grant from the Foundation for the Tri-State Community to be used towards the purchase of floral displays.



The Joan Slagel Memorial

Earlier this year, the Ironton In Bloom organization lost a true friend and visionary. Mrs. Joan Slagel had a love of flowers and all things natural in beauty. She believed in our efforts of instilling pride in our community and beautifying downtown. Mrs. Slagel was one of our charter volunteers, helping with the display window setup last January. The listing below are those who have donated to Ironton In Bloom in honor of her memory. A rose garden was dedicated in her honor earlier this Spring.

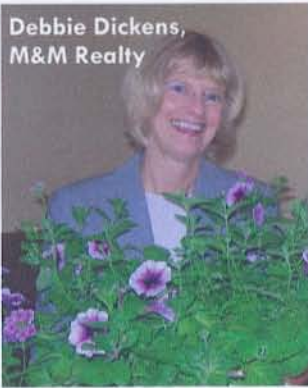
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Debbie Dickens,
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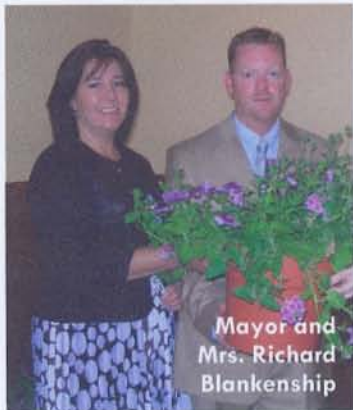


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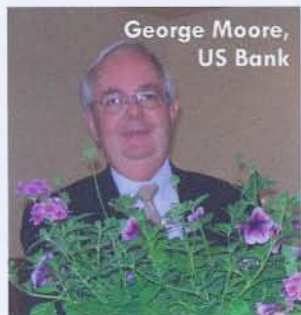


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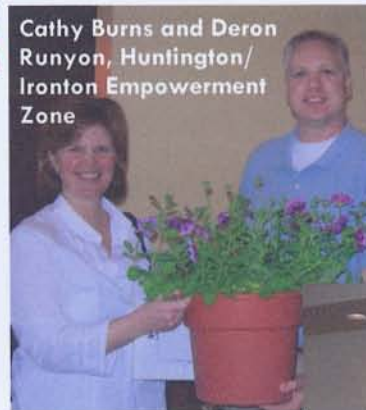
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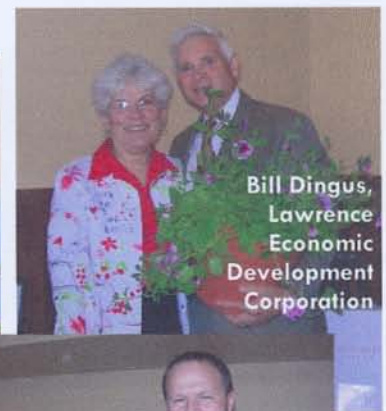
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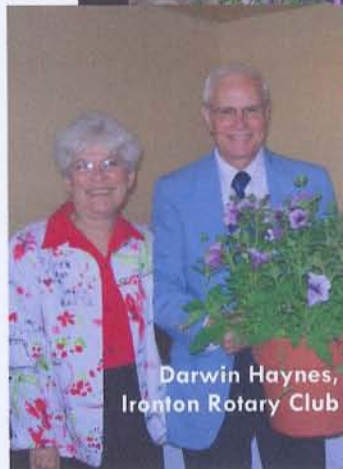
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Park Avenue Apartments



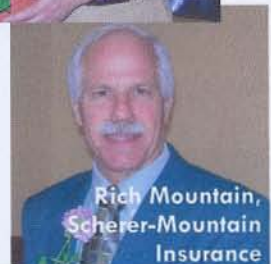
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Darwin Haynes,
Ironton Rotary Club



Doug Korstanje (top right),
St. Mary's Medical Center



Rich Mountain,
Scherer-Mountain
Insurance



Mary Winer-Wiseman (second
from the right), Foundation for the
Tri-State Community

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Tidiness Efforts

The 9th Annual Volunteer Day took place the first weekend of May. Several local schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, other civic organizations, and community members volunteered their time and efforts to mulch, weed, plant flowers, clean up sidewalks, fill in pavement cracks, and trim trees for the Ironton In Bloom program.

After the prepping took place, 100 pole planters full of purple, red, pink, and white wave petunias were placed along the city's decorative lampposts.

Over 200 volunteers endured the rain and thunder from 9am to 2pm!



Municipal:

The city streets and curbs are maintained and cleaned by the City on a regular basis. The 2008 City Street Sweeper scheduled is attached. The City maintains its administrative offices in a refurbished building downtown once occupied by J. C. Penny's. The Municipal Court crews maintain the cleanup at the intersections of 141 and 93.

Ironton Utility Plants i.e. Water, Sewer and Fleet Maintenance are located in other areas of the city.

Ironton has an annual Volunteer Day, which is now in its 9th year. This community wide event averages about 125 participants a year. The group has planted over 1000 Day Lilies downtown, at major city entrances and other areas in the community. The event is attended by families, individuals, civic groups, youth groups, school clubs and many others. The following groups are regularly involved in maintaining tidiness and cleanliness in the city:

- St Joseph Catholic Schools
- Sharon Baptist Church Members
- Boll's Juvenile Home Members
- Ironton Municipal Court

Workers

- Ironton Moose Teen Club
- Boy Scouts of America
- Friends of Ironton
- Ironton City School Students
- United Methodist Church Membership
- The Scioto- Lawrence Solid Waste District provides recycling opportunities for paper, cardboard, plastics and metals at three locations within the city of Ironton. They also provide regular litter pick up in parts of the city and county wide as well as for special events such as the Gus Macker Basketball Tournament and Ironton Volunteer Day.

Partnering with the ILCO Solid Waste Department, the City of Ironton sponsored a clean up week March 31- April 5. Electronics were taken to the City Garage for disposal as well as city workers picking up refuse in the alleys. Arrangements were made to accept tires. The community also conducts an annual River Sweep in June.

This year Ironton In Bloom has used the city light poles to place (100) pole planters with petunias. We have placed several benches and trash recep-

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tacles through out the downtown area.

Commercial:

Several years ago a large portion of the commercial downtown area was reclaimed under a major urban renewal project. Today we have "Main Street Project" in place which will raise us to a higher level. Success story includes the remediation of the Ironton Coke and Goldcamp Dump sites which are completed and now in an Industrial Development stage. Several abandoned plant locations in the city limits have remediation efforts underway as "Brown Field" sites. The local hospital building is undergoing asbestos abatement and will be torn down by the end of the year. It is the city's plan to develop this area into residential lots.

Numerous businesses, both inside and outside the IIB beautification area, have joined our effort to enhance Ironton. Many participated through upgrades to their businesses and others by generously donating to our city wide effort.

Ironton In Bloom can see by our efforts that we have motivated others.

Private Properties:

This year Ironton In Bloom has promoted and managed a yard maintenance pro-

gram for citizens unable to handle or afford yard tasks. The program continues through the summer months with the Bolls Juvenile Youth Home providing the manpower.

Ironton is an old town established in 1849 due to the boom of (14) Iron Ore Furnaces which were located in the surrounding area. We suffered through the decline of the steel industry, losing over 4,000 residents with in a span of (15) years. In spite of this, the residents have maintained pride and sense of community and performed literally 100's of home revitalization projects.

Ironton In Bloom has established and promoted a "yard of the month" to help develop pride in the community. We have found that it has been contagious.

Numerous ordinances are attached which reflect our cities effort to maintain the city at the highest level possible.



Local community improvement corporation employees also joined in this event to clean up downtown Ironton on behalf of the Keep Ohio Beautiful campaign.



The local Brownie Scouts and Girl Scouts received their community service badges for their efforts!



St. Joe Catholic Schools have consecutively offered their students the opportunity to get involved with the community.



Downtown business owners also take pride in the landscaping and general cleanliness of downtown.



The Ironton In Bloom Organization was able to secure enough private and public donations to purchase 100 pole planters, 30-36" planter pots, and 30 hanging baskets.

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City of Ironton 2008 Street Sweeper Calendar

No street sweeping during holidays, extreme weather or mechanical failure. No makeup date. Next sweep will be on your scheduled day. Please do not park vehicles on street these days.

South 3rd. 1300 Block to 3700 Block	South 4th. 900 Block to 3000 Block plus Kemp Street	South 5th. 400 Block to 3000 Block plus Heplar & Ellison Street	South 6th. 600 Block to 3000 Block plus Spruce Street	South 7th. 400 Block to 2700 Block plus Maple & Liberty Ave
1 st Monday of month	1 st Tuesday of month	1 st Wednesday of month	1 st Thursday of month	1 st Friday of month
April-07 May-05 June-02 July-07 August-04 September-01 October-06 November-03 December-01	April-01 May-06 June-03 July-01 August-05 September-02 October-07 November-04 December-02	April-02 May-07 June-04 July-02 August-06 September-03 October-01 November-05 December-03	April-03 May-01 June-05 July-03 August-07 September-04 October-02 November-06 December-04	April-04 May-02 June-06 July-04 August-01 September-05 October-03 November-07 December-05

South 8th. 300 Block to 2800 Block plus Campbell Avenue	South 9th. 300 Block to 3000 Block plus Campbell Avenue	South 10th. 400 Block to 2800 Block plus First Street	South 11th. 2100- 2800 South 11th. 1400- 1500 South 12th. 2100- 3000 South 13th. 2600 Liberty Ave. 1600- 2000	Lorain, Clinton, Ashtabula, Wyanoke, Latonia, & McGovney Streets
2 nd Monday of month	2 nd Tuesday of month	2 nd Wednesday of month	2 nd Thursday of month	2 nd Friday of month
April-14 May-12 June-09 July-14 August-11 September-08 October-13 November-10 December-08	April-08 May-13 June-10 July-08 August-12 September-09 October-14 November-11 December-09	April-09 May-14 June-11 July-09 August-13 September-10 October-08 November-12 December-10	April-10 May-08 June-12 July-10 August-14 September-11 October-09 November-13 December-11	April-11 May-09 June-13 July-11 August-08 September-12 October-10 November-14 December-12

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<p>Vine, Pleasant, Jones, Scott, & Kemp Streets</p> <p>3rd Monday of month</p> <p>April-21 May-19 June-16 July-21 August-18 September-15 October-20 November-17 December-15</p>	<p>Mastin, Neal, Heplar, Oak, Ellison, & Maple Streets</p> <p>3rd Tuesday of month</p> <p>April-15 May-20 June-17 July-15 August-19 September-16 October-21 November-18 December-16</p>	<p>Pine, Spruce, Walnut, & Mulberry Streets</p> <p>3rd Wednesday of month</p> <p>April-16 May-21 June-18 July-16 August-20 September-17 October-15 November-19 December-17</p>	<p>Chestnut, Quincy, Monroe, Madison, Jefferson, Adams & Washington Streets</p> <p>3rd Thursday of month</p> <p>April-17 May-15 June-19 July-17 August-21 September-18 October-16 November-20 December-18</p>	<p>Indian Hills, Ora Richey Rd., Zenith Heights, Carl Drive, Woodlawn & Scherer Rd.</p> <p>3rd Friday of month</p> <p>April-18 May-16 June-20 July-18 August-15 September-19 October-17 November-21 December-19</p>
<p>North 4th. 300-1200 North 5th. 200-1200 North 6th. 100-900 North 7th. 100-600 North 8th. 100-400</p> <p>4th Monday of month</p> <p>April-28 May-26 June-23 July-28 August-25 September-22 October-27 November-24 December-22</p>	<p>Railroad, Lawrence Buckhorn, Etna, Hecla Mill, Vesuvius, Mary, Hawk, Eagle, & Pearl Streets</p> <p>4th Tuesday of month</p> <p>April-22 May-27 June-24 July-22 August-26 September-23 October-28 November-25 December-23</p>	<p>North 2nd. 800-1300 North 3rd. 900-1300 Union, Pearl, Elm & Sycamore Streets</p> <p>4th Wednesday of month</p> <p>April-23 May-28 June-25 July-23 August-27 September-24 October-22 November-26 December-24</p>	<p>DOWNTOWN & HIGH TRAFFIC AREAS</p> <p>each Mon./Tues./Thurs./Fri.</p> <p>2nd St N 400 - S 800 3rd St S 100 - S 1200 4th St N 200 - S 800 5th St N 100 - S 300 6th St S 100 - S 500 7th St S 100 - S 300 8th St S 100 - S 200 9th St N 100 - S 200 Railroad 2nd - 5th Center Bare Blvd-10th Park Bare Blvd-9th Vernon Bare Blvd-10th Washington 2nd - 7th Adams Campbell - 4th Jefferson 2nd - 4th Madison 2nd - 4th Monroe 2nd - 4th Quincey 2nd - 4th</p>	<p>COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW AREAS</p> <p>each Wednesday</p> <p>2nd St N 100 - N 2300 Means 2nd - 4th Nash 1st - 2nd Orchard 2nd - 4th 4th St N 500 - N 700 5th St N 900 - N 1200 7th St N 100 - N 500 Mill 4th - 8th Vesuvius 4th - 6th 2nd St S 100 - S 1600 3rd St S 100 - S 3700 4th St S 400 - S 1200 5th St S 400 - S 1200 5th St S 2400 - S 2600 6th St S 400 - S 1300 7th St S 2100 - S 2300 Pleasant 3rd - 12th Kemp 2nd - 12th Spruce 2nd - 10th</p>

Ordinances Adopted to Keep Downtown Beautiful



Sponsored by: Mike Lutz
Leo Johnson
Chuck O'Leary

ORDINANCE NO. 08-24

AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 660 SAFETY, SANITATION AND HEALTH BEING SECTION 660.16 REMOVAL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AND LITTER OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF IRONTON, OHIO

WHEREAS, outside storage of personal property is not properly and sufficiently regulated by law in the City of Ironton; and

WHEREAS, many instances of unreasonable outside storage presently exist in the City of Ironton;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Ironton, Ohio:

Section 1. Ordinance 99-05 passed April 9, 1999 and Titled "To Establish Certain Rules and Requirements in Regard to Outdoor Storage in The City of Ironton" is hereby repealed.

Section 2. Section 616.06 of the Ironton Codified Ordinances Titled "Removal of Noxious Weeds and Litter" is hereby Amended to be "Removal of Noxious Weeds, Litter and Automobiles."

Section 3. The entire Section 616.06 of the Ironton Codified Ordinances is hereby replaced with the following:

Section (a) NOTICE TO CUT OR REMOVE.

- 1.) Upon written or verbal information that noxious weeds are growing on lands in the City and are about to spread or mature seeds, the Law Enforcement Officer for the City of Ironton shall have cause to investigate the information and/or complaint.

- 2.) Upon finding that noxious weeds are growing on lands in the City of Ironton and are about to spread or mature, the Law Enforcement Officer for the City of Ironton shall have cause a written notice to be served upon the owner, lessee, agent or tenant having charge of such land, notifying him or her that noxious weeds are growing on such land and that they must be cut and destroyed within five (7) days after the service of such notice.
- 3.) Upon a finding by the Law Enforcement Officer for the City of Ironton that litter has been placed on lands in the City and has not been removed, and constitutes a detriment to public health, the Law Enforcement Officer for the City of Ironton shall cause a written notice to be served upon the owner and, if different, upon the lessee, agent or tenant having charge of the littered land, notifying him or her that litter is on the land and that if must be collected and removed within five (7) days after the service of the notice.
- 4.) In residential areas, all outdoor storage of any kind, including inoperative or abandoned vehicles, shall be enclosed and obscured from view in a fenced in area and/or garage out of view from the public. The storage of standard items, such as firewood, toys, bicycles and cookout equipment, shall be exempt from the foregoing requirement.
- 5.) For purposes of this ordinance, an inoperative or abandoned vehicle shall be defined as set forth in Ohio Revised Code, Section 4513.63 (A)(B)(C)(D) and (E). The definition of an inoperative vehicle shall also include any vehicle which is not properly registered or licensed.
- 6.) The Law Enforcement Officer for the City of Ironton is hereby authorized and empowered to notify and direct any person who is responsible for outside storage that is in violation of the provisions of this ordinance to comply with the provisions hereof.
- 7.) Notice required by Section (a), 2, 3 and 4 shall be served by one of the following means:
 - 1.) The Sheriff or a Deputy of the County or an officer of the Ironton Police Department in one or more of the methods provided in the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure;
 - 2.) Certified or registered mail, overnight delivery service, hand delivery, or any other method which includes a written evidence or receipt;

- 3.) If the owner or other person having charge of the land is a nonresident of the City whose address is known, the notice shall be sent to his or her address by certified mail. If the address of the owner or other person having charge of the land is unknown, it is sufficient to publish the notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the County.
- 4.) The means provided in division (H) of Section 1701.07 of the Revised Code, if the person is a corporation.
- 5.) At the discretion of the Law Enforcement Officer for the City of Ironton, service of the foregoing notice may be accomplished by personal service.
- 6.) For purposes of this section, service is complete upon receipt of the party being served, except as provided in division (H) of Section 1701.07 of the Ohio Revised Code. If the service is attempted upon the owner, lessee, agent or tenant having charge of such land at the address contained in the Lawrence County Auditor's tax duplicate for such property, and if the notice is returned unclaimed or refused for any reason not the fault of the parties serving the notice, service is complete when first attempted.

Section (b) NONCOMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE.

If the owner, lessee, agent or tenant having charge of the lands mentioned in subsection (a) 2,3, and 4 hereof fails, neglects or refuses to comply with the provisions of this ordinance within five (5) days after receipt of the written notice provided for in section (a) (6) or within ten (10) days after the date of such notice in the event the same is returned to the City by the Post Office because of its inability to make delivery thereof, provided the same was properly addressed to the last known address of such person, the Law Enforcement Officer for the City of Ironton shall cause such noxious weeds to be cut and destroyed, litter removed and vehicles towed and may employ the necessary labor to perform the task. All expenses incurred shall, when approved by Council, be paid out of any money in the City treasury not otherwise appropriated. (ORC 731.53)

Section (c) WRITTEN RETURN TO COUNTY AUDITOR; AMOUNT OF LIEN UPON.

The Law Enforcement Officer for the City of Ironton shall make a written return to the County Auditor of his or her action under this section, with a statement of the charges for the City's services, the amount paid for the performing of such labor, the fees of the officers who made the service of the notice and return and a proper description of the premises. Such amounts, when allowed, shall be entered upon the tax duplicate, shall be a lien upon such lands from the date of the entry and shall be collected as other taxes and returned to the City with the General fund. (ORC 731.54)

Section (d) PENALTY.

Whoever fails to comply with notice required by this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in the amount not exceeding \$500.00. Each day such violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable as such hereunder.

Section (e) EXCEPTIONS.

This section does not apply to land being used under a Municipal building or construction permit or license, a Municipal permit or license, a conditional zoning permit or variance to operate a junk yard, scrap metal processing facility or similar businesses, or a permit or license issued pursuant to ORC Chapter 3734, 4737.05 to 4737.12, or Chapter 6111. (ORC 731.53)

Section (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and .



Section (g) DEFINITIONS.

- 1) "Litter" includes any "garbage," "refuse," and "rubbish" as defined herein and all other waste material which, if thrown or deposited as herein prohibited tends to create a danger to the public health, safety and welfare.
- 2) "Garbage" includes any putrescible animal and vegetable waste resulting from the handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food.
- 3) "Law Enforcement Officer" means a law enforcement officer as defined in section 2901.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, code enforcement officer, building inspector, health commissioner, or other officer authorized to enforce any code, ordinance, resolution, or regulation described in this Section of the Codified Ordinances of Ironton, Ohio.
- 4) "Refuse" includes and putrescible and nonputrescible solid wastes, including garbage, rubbish, ashes, street cleanings, dead animals, tires, and solid market and industrial waste.
- 5) "Rubbish" includes and nonputrescible solid wastes consisting of both combustible and noncombustible waste, such as paper, bottles, wire, wrappings, parts of automobiles, furniture, cardboard, cans, wood, glass, bedding, crockery and anything else of an unsightly or unsanitary nature.
- 6) "Weeds" shall be defined as noxious weeds, all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or scrubs provided; however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

Passed this 24 day of April, 2008.

Janet H. Hines
Clerk of Council

[Signature]
Vice-Mayor
[Signature]
Mayor

This Ordinance is hereby 04/24/08
Approved Vetoed

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Environmental Efforts



School Recycling Program: "Lucky the Ladybug" came down from Columbus, Ohio to visit students at Chesapeake Elementary for the Lawrence/Scioto Solid Waste Management Litter Prevention Presentation.

The School Recycling Programs includes:

Dawson Bryant High School
Rock Hill Middle School
Kids Are Our Future Day-care/ Preschool
Notre Dame Elementary
St. Lawrence Elementary School
St. Joseph High School, Ironton
Symmes Valley High School
Symmes Valley Elementary School

Municipal:

The City of Ironton provides weekly pick-up of trash for its residents. This garbage is dumped at a Rumpe Recycling Facility located in western Lawrence County.

The municipality is located within the Lawrence-Scioto County Solid Waste Management District. LSSWD provides numerous opportunities for recycling and training in the city. Ironton presently has recycling containers located at the following locations: 1- Ohio University – Southern Campus, 2- Slagel Property on North 2nd St. and 3- Eagles Parking Lot. These locations accept paper, plastic, glass, aluminum and steel products. Collectively the recycle locations collect over 120 tons monthly. The LSSWD district provides anti-litter and environmental training to local school children. During the school year the local training specialist spends 50% of her time working with the kids in all area schools. This organization has developed literature which is used in training for K-12 and adults year around. The City Health Department coordinates numerous programs which en-

hance the town. They spray for mosquitoes during breeding season, bait for rodents, and clean up overgrown properties.

The City operates a water plant located on the Ohio River which is capable of producing up to 4 million gallons of water daily. Ironton's Waste Water Treatment Plant operates under Ohio EPA pollutant discharge elimination system permit program. Ironton does composting at its city garage location.

The City has just recently undertaken the implementation of an ambitious plan to separate storm and sanitary sewer in an effort to improve the environment. This effort represents an investment of \$.5 million per year and is anticipated to go into the next decade.

Commercial:

Ironton has several major industrial sites that have undergone remediation and are now available for development. Another "Brown Field", formerly the Ironton Iron Foundry, is undergoing remediation today. This site will be ready for development in 2009.

Each fall the LSSWD conducts a clean up drive to collect hazardous waste

such as oil, paint, chemicals, tires, etc. The local Auto Zone Parts Store and Advance Auto accept rechargeable batteries and used oil year around. Another local business accepts used auto batteries and tires. The city's largest employer Liebert Corp. is a major recycler of cardboard products.

The LSSWD is partnering with a local store to develop a program to accept old analog TV's when the broadcasting signals change in February 2009.

Private Properties/ Citizens:

Annually members of the community participate in the "Ohio River Sweep". This event has collected 100's of tons of litter from our riverfront properties. LSSWD partners with the US Forestry Service to offer residents an opportunity to discard their old Christmas trees. The trees are collected and transported to Lake Vesuvius in Wayne National Forest and deposited for fish habitat.

Presently LSSWD is promoting a new program called "REBAG". This promotes using a green reusable bag at the grocery store instead of throw away plastic.



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Recyclables accepted are: papers (newspaper, office paper, magazines); aluminum cans (beverage cans); steel cans (soup cans, etc.); plastic # 1 (beverage bottles); plastic # 2 (milk & juice jugs, liquid detergent bottles, trash bags, etc.)

Lawrence County:

City of Ironton (3)

Ohio University - 1804 Liberty Ave.

City of Ironton - Slagel Property

Eagles Parking Lot - 1305 So. 3rd St.

Union Township (Chesapeake)

Lot adjacent to Chesapeake Municipal Court County Rd.

1, Chesapeake

Perry Township (Sheridan)

Perry Township Volunteer Fire Dept . County Rd. 1, Sheridan

Union Township (Proctorville)

Food Fair - 7604 St. Rt. 7, Proctorville

Fayette Township (2)

Food Fair - 409 Solida Rd., South Point

Sam's - 432 Private Drive 288, South Point

Rome Township (2) (Rome & Athalia)

Rome VFD - 9666 St. Rt. 7, Proctorville

Rome VFD - 15981 St. Rt. 7, Miller

Upper Township (Coal Grove)

Coal Grove Village Hall - 513 Carlton-Davidson Ln.

Elizabeth Township

Wayne National Forest - 6518 St. Rt. 93, Pedro

Benefits of Recycling

- Recycling creates jobs
- Recycling reduces the need for landfills and incineration of solid waste
- Recycling reduces the pollution caused by making products from virgin materials
- Recycling saves energy
- Recycling decreases emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change
- Recycling conserves the natural resources such as timber, water and minerals
- By conserving resources today, recycling ensures there will be plenty left for future generations.

Recycling feels good. It's the right thing to do.

Saving Natural Resources And Natural Areas

Making products with recycled material slows the depletion on non-renewable resources such as metal, oil, and natural gas, and reduces the encroachment of new mining and drilling operations. Conserving renewable resources through recycling also helps preserve undisturbed land and natural diversity by reducing the amount of land needed for timber production.

Saving Energy

It generally takes less energy to make products with recycled materials than virgin materials. It takes 20 times more energy to make aluminum from bauxite ore than using recycled aluminum. Benefits of reduced energy consumption include reduced costs and reduced dependence on foreign suppliers.

Reducing Pollution

Using less energy also means generating less air and water pollution and recycling reduced other forms of pollution as well. Runoff from mining operations, soil erosion and toxic chemicals released when raw materials are processed.

Conserving Landfill Space

Ohio will not run out of landfill space any time soon, as was feared when state government began encouraging recycling in the 1980s, but conserving landfill space now will help put off the need to build new or expanded landfills.

Creating Industry and Jobs

Recycling isn't just good for the environment, it's good for business. Ohio firms are among industry leaders in research and development of recycled-content products and mechanical and chemical systems for recycling material into new products. As of 2000, almost 100,000 jobs in Ohio were directly dependent on recycling; Ohio recycling resulted in \$22.5 billion in sales and an annual payroll of \$3.6 billion.

Lawrence-Scioto County Recycling and Litter Prevention

305 North 5th Street Ironton, Ohio 45638

Phone: 740-532-1231.



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Community Involvement



Jana Parnell's May reading curriculum for her fifth students at Kingsbury Elementary School included a unit on taking pride in one's community. Class discussion involved thinking of a way to let the community know they appreciated their town and especially the passing of the school levy that will allow them to attend school in new buildings. Their teacher helped them come up with the idea of contributing a dollar apiece toward a contribution to the Ironton In Bloom project. Here exhibiting their check are Mrs. Parnell, center back, and several of her fifth grade students.

Municipal Sector:

Ironton has been recognized on a national level for having the longest-running Memorial Day Parade. A volunteer committee oversees this and it normally draws an audience of over 10,000. Ironton In Bloom members were very involved in this year's annual May Clean-Up Day. This program has been under the direction of IIB's co-chairman, Randy Lilly, for the last 9 years. It was especially exciting this year since the annual clean-up of the downtown area (completed by individual volunteers as well as those from church, school, scout, and civic groups) was followed by placing the new IIB floral arrangements along downtown streets and entrances. Elected city government officials and volunteers from a local construction

company were on hand to help put these in place. IIB collaborated with Ironton's ILCAO Solid Waste Department and city schools to

present the educational program, "Community Pride-Littering and Recycling" to several classes of elementary students. The Solid Waste Department also conducts an annual "River Sweep", a volunteer effort of several dozen youth and adults who clean up trash along the riverfront.

Two senior citizen centers furnish meals, activities, and medical programs. AARP volunteers supply free informational medical services and tax service to these citizens as well.

Briggs Library is centrally located in Ironton with 4 branch libraries throughout the county. All offer free classes, book clubs, contests, and various activities for all ages. Juvenile Court has formed a relationship with the underprivileged community to provide worthwhile recreational and educational activities for that community called the 9th Street Project. The court system organizes summer camps for ages 6-13 during June and July with professional counselors in basketball, baseball, and horseback riding. The city oversees Little

League and Soccer League and area businesses sponsor these teams.

The city provides a convenient lot for area farmers to use as a Saturday Farmers' Market to sell fresh produce.

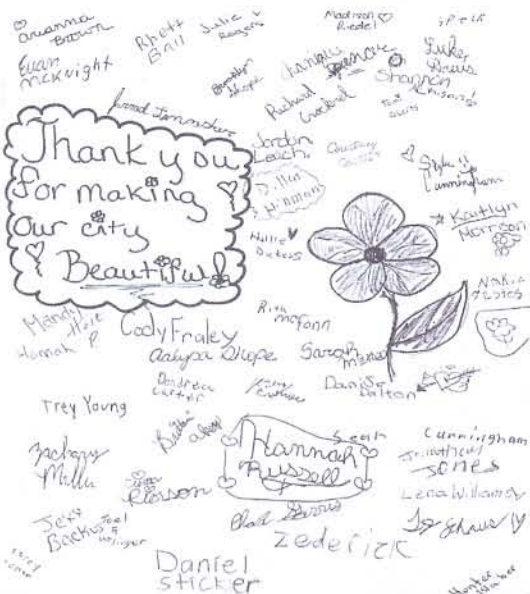
Commercial Sector:

Family Fun Days are sponsored each year by the Ironton Business Association. Included in these are an Easter Egg Hunt on the court house lawn, an evening wherein candy is available for trick-or-treaters at downtown businesses (and the City Center) during Halloween, and an annual Christmas Parade.

Liebert Corporation, the city's largest employer, contributes generously, having supplied computers to our schools, \$10,000 to renovate historic Tanks Stadium, and other numerous and substantial gifts for community growth and improvement.

Downtown businesses also sponsor yearly musical events that are open to the public, two being "Rock On The River" and "Zone Fest."

The greater part of the funding for IIB projects came from local business contributions. Local food suppliers donated all re-



freshments for the Community Plant Exchange Day. Some businesses allowed lower-income senior citizens to buy plants and mulch for their yards on a time-payment plan. Local restaurants have agreed to furnish gift certificates to those who are IIB yard winners throughout the summer.

Private Properties/ Citizens:

An IIB Residential Committee was formed to encourage Bloom among yards and neighborhoods. Since this is a community where a large part of the population is elderly and on fixed incomes, this committee arranged a free Plant Exchange Day on a local church lot. Members of the Garden Club and the Master Gardeners organization set up a table and offered literature and planting advice to those who attended the exchange. An ad was placed in the local paper that IIB would help seniors and the disabled with planting and mulching their yards. Groups composed of high school students, college students, and 4-H clubs assisted those who requested help with planting. Members of the Ironton Garden Club, the Co-op Club, and Master Gardeners have joined IIB to sit on

a committee to choose a Yard of the Month award June through October. The Ironton Garden Club also plants and maintains our museum grounds, careful to make the plantings those that would have been appropriate in a garden at the time the historic house was built. Members also maintain the museum, act as volunteer docents, have given yearly awards for outstanding lawns for several years, and hold flower shows and contests open to the public on a regular basis.

The Ironton Art Association is very active in providing art shows in public places such as the City Center throughout the year. Other service clubs provide community entertainment and use the proceeds to support various charities and scholarships: The Elks hold an annual Christmas party, the Lions' Club uses the old tunnel on the edge of town to create a spooky Halloween experience that draws many customers. The Friends of Ironton Organization is a volunteer based group of over 100 that plans and implements fundraising activities such as the Ironton Gus Macker tournament in May. This tournament averages 200 teams per year. All revenues from this event go to sponsors youth scholar-

ships, other community events, donations to other civic organization. The Rotary Club has an annual pancake breakfast to raise money for an Ohio University Southern Scholarship. The Child Welfare League sponsors tests at city schools that lead to awards and scholarships at the university as well. The Co-op Club organizes a yearly Homes Tour and also a Craft Show, using the proceeds to contribute to numerous educational and community improvement projects.

As is true of most Appalachian towns, city churches carry on many community projects that are central to the welfare of our community. These offer activities and minister to the physical needs of thousands in Ironton and the surrounding area. The Tools For School program, organized by St Paul Lutheran Church, is a good example, seeing to the purchase and distribution of over a thousand book bags loaded with school supplies for needy students. Food pantries are maintained by at least three city churches, holiday gifts and food are distributed by many more, and the City Mis-

sion takes care of families who have need of emergency food, shelter, or home furnishings. Mike Corn, IIB member, hosts and supervises Methodist Ministries, a program wherein members of churches from other states come here to fix up homes in need of repair. The Catholic Church/School organizes a charity street fair each year with auctions, rides, games, and music. A Church Walk is held in December each year wherein five of the historic downtown churches invite the public on an illuminated winter walk from one church to another. Each church provides a short service and gives the history of their particular church. The evening culminates with refreshments at the museum. For the last several years the Society has also presented a Ghost Walk in Woodland Cemetery in the fall wherein members don authentic costumes and present short histories at the actual gravesites of notable citizens who lived in our city long ago.

Heritage



The City of Ironton is steeped in its heritage, reflecting back to its original connection to the Ohio River, the civil war pig iron industry, rail town, connections with the Underground Railroad, and more recently, its role in national sports. The City's heritage is not only remembered through documented local historical archives found in the Hamner Room at Briggs public library, the County Museum in the Colonel George N. Gray Home or through the National Historic Registry with the town's historic districts and buildings, but is also lived daily by its residents in the many remaining municipal, commercial and residential structures that still flourish within the Community.

Municipal Sector:

The City's fathers have taken an active role to not only preserve the community's heritage, but also to live in and market that heritage. An example of recent direct actions taken by the City includes the relocation of its municipal offices in a unique preservation project called the Goldcamp Building. In addition, the City has legislatively

adopted and implemented Design Standards based upon historic preservation standards for its downtown buildings. The City also planned, applied for funding, and sponsored programs that provide both architectural design services and cost sharing for downtown building owners to undertake downtown façade improvements.

As a continued advocate for the preservation of the Community's heritage, the City has recently contracted a historic consultant service to provide for the nomination of its downtown to the National Historic Register. That nomination was recently submitted to the State Historic Preservation office for hopeful placement on the National Register later this year. This will allow property owners to take advantage of both federal and recently enacted state historic tax credits when preserving their property.

Perhaps the most recent and ambitious undertaking of the City was to obtain ownership of the historic Ro-Na Theater which is near ruin. The City is working in conjunction with local development and support organization, to not only

preserve this building, but to put it back into productive use to support the continuing revitalization efforts of the community.

On the marketing side, the City has worked with local historians and volunteer groups in developing marketing tools and events that highlights the City's heritage to both its residents and visitors to the City. This includes a walking tour highlighting historical landmarks focused upon the City's renowned role in the 19th century iron industry as well as its prominence in the Underground Railroad. In addition, the Community sponsors an annual Vesuvius Furnace Festival highlighting the historical pig iron industry which fostered much of the Union forces efforts in the Civil War. Other municipally supported efforts includes the continuation of the Community's Memorial Day Parade, the oldest continuous running Memorial Parade in the Nation dating back to 1868 when the holiday was known as Decoration Day. The parade is recognized by Congress as the longest running continuous Memorial Day parade in the country.

In addition to the municipal government,

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other public entities are also actively involved in the City's preservation efforts. The City Schools, in the design of their new consolidation school system, has incorporated the use of its historic high school facade and other focal elements. The Athletic Boosters for the City Schools continue to support the historic Tank Memorial Stadium which now houses high school football, but formerly acted as the home for the Ironton Tanks, a semi-professional football formed in 1919. Tanks Memorial Stadium has the distinction of being one of the few remaining roofed high school football stadiums in the country. The City's Parochial schools are also in the mist of a multi-year program to restore and maintain their historic structure and educational programs. Even the local Woodland Cemetery maintains and shares local heritage with such programs as the civil war cannon restoration programs and its annual Ghost Walk, highlighting stories and life of many famous and infamous Irontonians.

Commercial Sector

The City has been blessed with a commer-

cial sector that has recently become very active in the restoration and redevelopment of its Downtown Community. This includes the recent historic restoration and adaptive reuse of three prominent buildings; the former Marting Hotel, the Train Depot and the former Allen's Jewelry / Telephone Company buildings. These buildings were not only saved from abandonment and impending demolition, but were recipients of approximately \$6 million in investment to make them vibrant and occupiable buildings in the downtown. Redevelopment plans are also underway to invest an approximate \$6.5 million adaptive reuse plan on two additional prominent historic buildings (the Brumberg and the Berg buildings). These buildings were nominated for the National Register, with the Brumberg receiving placement as a historic structure, and the Berg, soon to be placed, as a supporting structure to the Downtown historic district. In all cases, the Community has acted as partners with private sector investors to make these critical restoration projects possible.

Although not in the Downtown, the City is also working with private developers to provide

for the restoration and adaptive reuse of the former St. Lawrence Elementary School Building into an assisted living facility. Once completed, this historic structure will not only be preserved, but also become the home of many individuals who attended that school but are now in the need of assisted living.

Private Citizens

Founded in 1849, the city of Ironton, Ohio was built in the heart of the Hanging Rock Region, once the largest center of pig iron production in the world. As a terminal on the Iron Railroad and as a shipping port on the Ohio River, Ironton grew rapidly, becoming the county seat of Lawrence County in 1851.

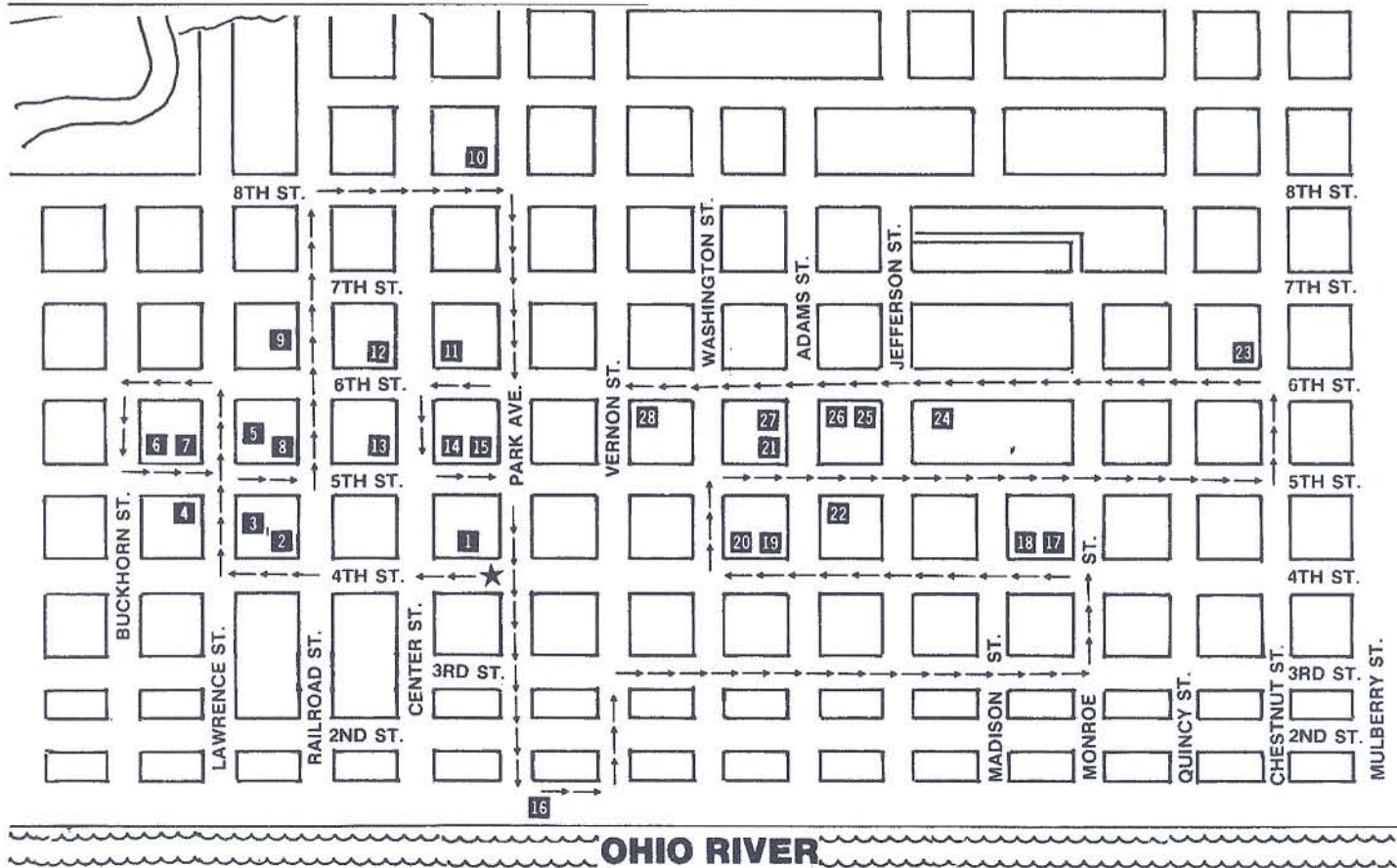
The great success of the iron industry and its allied manufacturing created men of great wealth. The affluence of those early days is reflected in many of Ironton's homes and churches, attractive reminders of a gracious Victorian life-style. Ironton is rich in interesting buildings. Several have been selected for a brief walking tour due to the architectural or historical significance.



Historic Ironton

A Brief Tour of Homes and Churches

Except where stated otherwise, homes are privately owned and are NOT open to the public.



#1. Lawrence County Courthouse - Courthouse Square - The stone Greek Revival "County Capital" style courthouse was completed by builder J. C. Unkefer & Co. in 1907. Recent addition was added to its Fifth Street side. Legend says that a tree on the lawn was the site of Ironton's first and only hanging incident, which occurred on the night of April 2, 1869.

#2. Memorial Hall - 403 Railroad Street - Constructed in 1892 as a memorial to the GAR, the building was partially destroyed by fire in 1905. Only the tower and the stone facade

remain from the original structure. Until recently the building housed the city government offices.

#3. James Fraley /Staab House - 416 Lawrence Street - This is Ironton's oldest farm house (1835-40), built before the city was organized in 1849. This Greek Revival two story brick has "poor man's pillars" and wrought iron castings that support a porch. This wrought iron was added to give the house a "New Orleans" effect.

#4. Col. J. H. Moulton Home - 304 N. 5th Street - This 1850's 2\2 story brick Gothic Revival was the home of iron master J. H.

Moulton and his wife, Elizabeth, a daughter of Hiram Campbell. There are four chimneys and a boxed turret toward the back of the house. The main entrance door is double-leaf paneled.

#5. Brown-Botwell-Clark House - 516 Lawrence Street - The builder of this Italianate style two story brick was Captain Harry Brown, an Ohio River Packet Boat Operator. Mr. Botwell owned the first cut nail factory in the Hanging Rock Iron Region. The Clark family was related to John Campbell by marriage.

#6. The Hiram Campbell House - 321 N. 5th Street - The 1850's

French 2nd Empire style mansion is noted for its mansard roof. Now an apartment building, it was built by Hiram Campbell, prominent iron master, state legislator, and brother of John Campbell. The home was the scene of many of the city's early social activities, including a visit from President Rutherford B. Hayes.

#7. The John Campbell House - 305 N. 5th Street - John Campbell, founder of Ironton, pioneer ironmaster, and railroad developer, built this Early Victorian brick in 1850's. An active abolitionist, (a close friend of John Rankin) he harbored and aided fugitive slaves by concealing them in two semi-concealed rooms under the hip roof of the house. It contains many original features, including an impressive solid black walnut staircase to the third floor. The bricks with which the house was built were molded and fired on the grounds from clay dug on the site. Today this 22 room house is occupied by the Ironton-Lawrence County Community Action Organization. It is open to the public during normal office hours.

#8. First United Presbyterian Church - 201 N. 5th Street-. This Richardsonian Romanesque brick was first built in 1873 and rebuilt in 1882. The present sanctuary was added in 1893. The ceiling beams are unique in that they were constructed in the manner of an inverted ship to support the roof without center columns.

#9. Lantern-Horn House - 605 Lawrence Street - This Federal-Greek Revival one story brick house was built by the Lantern family in 1857. Mrs. Lantern was a school teacher. The bricks used

were produced on Lawrence Street in the same brick-yard that manufactured those used in the Campbell House. Henry Horn, a butcher, bought the house in 1891. It has remained in the possession of his descendants until recently. It was purchased and restored by the Ironton-Lawrence County CAO and is currently the residence of the J.P. McClellan family.

#10. Oak Ridge - 101 S. 8th Street - This impressive home was built by W. C. Amos, an iron furnace man and was later owned by A. R. Johnson, a prominent Ironton attorney. The inscription at the entrance to the house recalls the old Oak Ridge Furnace. The house was a social center in the past, boasting its own third floor ballroom.

#11. St. Paul Lutheran Church - 6th and Center Streets -This carpenter Gothic one story brick was built in 1903. The German Lutherans first organized in Hanging Rock in 1844. Their first church in Ironton was built in 1859.

#12. St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church - 6th and Center Streets - This T-shaped Gothic style church was dedicated in 1892. There are twin towers in the front. There are various circular and tracery stained glass windows throughout the church. The glass in each of the windows was imported from Rome. A canvas painting was done on the ceiling of the church by Obediah J. Kover at the age of 81 years. The property on which this massive church stands was given to the church by the Ohio Iron and Coal Company owned by John Campbell.

#13. First United Methodist Church - 5th and Center Streets - This Vic-

torian Gothic brick church has an irregular shape plan with a bell tower over the front door. Erected in 1893 to replace Spencer Chapel which was built in 1852, the original church of the Methodist congregation.

#14. The Old Post Office "Ironton City Schools" - 5th and Center Streets - This stone Second Renaissance Revival structure was completed in 1913 and served Ironton as a post office for many years. In 1969 it was given to the Ironton Board of Education for an administration building when a new post office was built on 4th and Railroad Streets.

#15. The Christ Episcopal Church - 5th & Park - This church was organized in 1854 and the present Gothic Revival structure was erected in 1896. The stone structure has various circular and tracery stained glass windows throughout the church. There are exposed beams through the ceiling of the main chapel.

#16. The Depot - Bobby Bare Boulevard & Park Avenue-. The Norfolk and Western Railroad built this freight and passenger station in 1907. The brick Neo-Classical Revival structure served Ironton industry until 1965 when train service was discontinued. Today, following remodeling, it is a restaurant.

#17. J.T. Davis House -723 S. Fourth Street - This French Second Empire three story brick was built by J.T. Davis, a dry goods store owner, in the 1860's. The mansard roof has iron cresting around the top and there is a square tower on top. The home was also occupied by Reuben Lambert, owner

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of the Olive Iron Furnace. It was also used as a "Fine Young Ladies Boarding School." The last owner Mrs. Robert Meehan McCrory passed away recently and the house is not presently occupied.

#18. Norton House - 709 S. Fourth Street - This three story frame house with curved side tower predates the founding of the city of Ironton (1849). Now vacant and in disrepair after a fire, the fine old home stands in need of renovation.

#19. Culbertson-Waldo House - 417 S. Fourth Street - This two story brick Greek Revival style house was built (1850's) by the Culbertson family who owned and operated a lumber yard in Ironton. In the center front hallway, a curved walnut staircase occupies the major portion of this area.

#20. Dempsey House - 407 S. Fourth Street - This two story Greek Revival brick house was built by Samuel Dempsey, an early settler of Ironton and associated with John Campbell the founder of Ironton. He owned an interest in the Etna and Vesuvius Furnaces and had an interest in the Iron Railroad and the Etna Iron Works. Originally the gardens of it and its neighbor, the Culbertson-Waldo House extended to Fifth Street. In excellent condition, the home is a good example of the gracious living of the pig iron era prosperity.

#21. Marting-Lowry House - 419 S. Fifth Street - This brick home was built in the early 1900's by industrialist Colonel H. A. Marting, who died before it was finished. Following his death, it was occupied by his widow,

Margaret Duis Marting, and her daughter and son-in-law, Nell and Clark Lowry. Through the years the house fell upon hard times and never became the social center for which it was intended. Restored in the early 1970's, the home has now returned to its former beauty.

#22. Bide-A-Wee - 504 S. Fifth Street - This Queen Anne two story Indiana stone random rock face was built by James Bird, Sr., who was from England and a world known ironmaster. The house is most noted as the residence of the only woman ironmaster, Mrs. Nannie Kelley Wright. She is said to have been at one time, the second richest woman in the world. She bought Bide-A-Wee in 1918, gave it its name, and remodeled it with architectural purchases from her world travels. A great entertainer, the home is designed to open the entire downstairs into a great hall for parties and dinners.

#23. Mearan House - 917 S. Sixth Street - Also a home of Nannie Kelley Wright, this house was once located across the street from its present location. While workmen labored, she entertained 50 guests at a bridge party inside during the crossing of Sixth Street. In later years it was veneered with brick and was the home of the Mearan family, prominent in Ironton's clothing business.

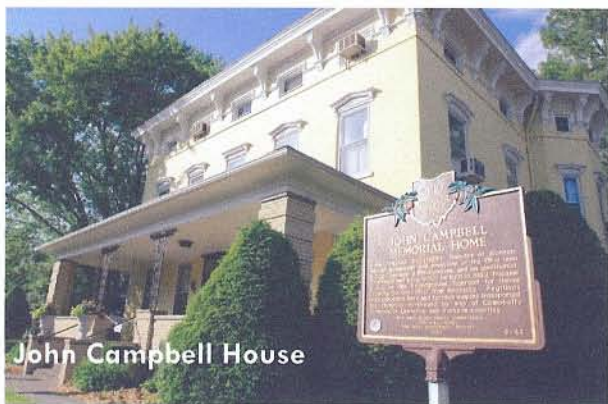
#24. The Bay House - 620 S. Sixth Street - Captain William Bay, who together with his brother, Captain George W. Bay, owned the celebrated steamboat Bay Lines, built this Victorian Second Empire brick in the 1880's. The house has a unique fleur de lis on the boxed tower.

#25. H.B. Wilson House - 518 S. Sixth Street - This three story Italian Villa style house was built in the 1870's by H. B. Wilson, cashier at the First National Bank and lumberyard owner. It is said that President William McKinley gave a speech here. The structure presently houses the Tracy Brammer Funeral Home.

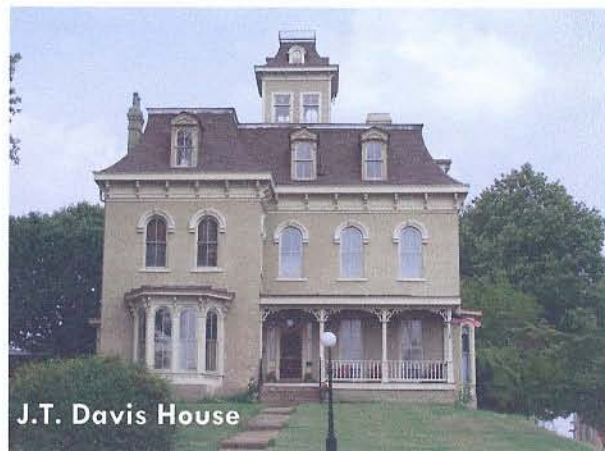
#26. Colonel George N. Gray House - 506 S. Sixth Street - This Victorian-Italian Villa three and one-half story brick was built by James Ferguson, but it was most noted for having been the residence of Colonel Gray, an ironmaster, whose wife Eliza Ann Humphreys was the granddaughter of the famous abolitionist John Rankin. In 1873 Rankin came to live with Mrs. Gray, remaining until his death in 1886. The structure presently houses the Lawrence County Museum and is open weekends to the public and at other times by appointment.

#27. The Wilson House - 422 S. Sixth Street - This Queen Anne two and one-half story brick is irregular in shape and a mixture of materials that make it an excellent example of the architecture of its day. It is noted for the varying shapes of its stained glass windows.

#28. First Congregational Church - Gateway Baptist Church - 310 S. Sixth Street - Called the "Church of the Ironmaster", this American Gothic style church was built in 1873 and included in its membership many prominent Irontonians. Altered somewhat over the years, the church is now the home of the Gateway Baptist congregation.



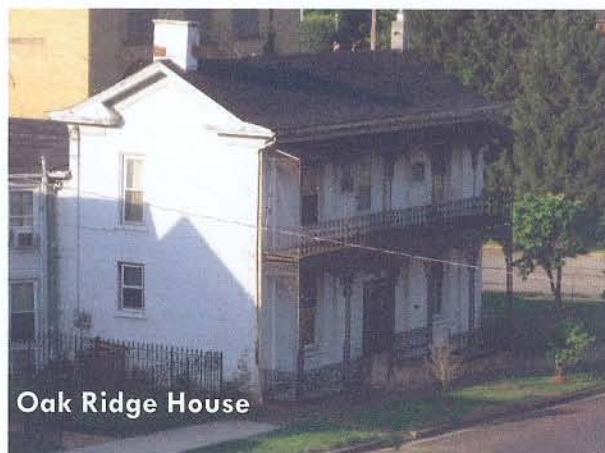
John Campbell House



J.T. Davis House



Lawrence County Museum/ Colonel George N. Gray House



Oak Ridge House



Lawrence County Courthouse



First Presbyterian Church

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Urban Forestry



Municipal Sector

Plan of Action:

The IIB Committee has partnered with the City of Ironton to ensure the proper planting of urban street trees and shrubs, through out the downtown business district. The planting of tree's, flowers and shrubs take place during the annual Volunteer Day. This event is held the first week of May and draws nearly 100 volunteers that include local leaders, merchants, civic clubs and school groups.

Inventory, Variety of Species

The Downtown Business District which encompasses approximately 20 city blocks is lined with trees along the tree lawn area. The City of Ironton, with the assistance of the ODNR –Forestry Division's Inner City Tree Planting Grant planted an additional 84 trees along the downtown business district and 30 forsythia bushes along Center Street's River Front landing in May of 2005.

With the help of Ms. Ann Bonner, Urban Forester, an Inner City Tree Planting recommendation list was created to address the planting needs of the downtown business district. (Appendix A) All trees were selected for their durability in urban conditions, aesthetic appeal and superior structure as to minimize conflicts with traffic, infrastructure and buildings. The City of Ironton has created an inventory list that outlines the location and types of trees that were planted throughout the downtown business district under the Inner City Tree Planting Grant project.

Specifications, Maintenance & Planting

Mayor Rich Blankenship

has

offered full support to the IIB by implementing maintenance and planting policies.

Proper Tree Planting

(Appendix C)

Proper Tree Mulching

(Appendix E)

Naturalization

The City of Ironton currently maintains three (3) city parks. They have partnered with a non-profit organization, Friends of Ironton to construct a "Veterans Park" which will accommodate festivals and concerts. All four (4) areas are surrounded by beautiful tree's that accentuate the area. All the trees are still in their natural form and have grown to the level that can provide shade and shelter for those utilizing the facility.

Along the riverfront, you will find several miles of wooded lots. Beautiful trees line certain areas of the Ohio River. Residents are able to take advantage of this natural element while fishing, boating or just taking in the beautiful scenery.

Policies

The City of Ironton is currently governed by Codified Ordinance (1022.05 – *Trees and Shrubs on tree lawns*. (Appendix F) This piece of legislation establishes the property owner as the responsible party for maintaining trees in the tree lawn area. The ODOT Downtown Street Enhancement project outlines the specifics for *General, Materials, and Construction* of street trees along the downtown project area. (Appendix G.) **Qualified Personnel and**

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Training

Mayor Rich Blankenship has also recognized the need to have a team of qualified personnel to oversee the maintenance of the downtown trees. He has agreed to send the necessary individuals within the Street Department for necessary training offered by the ODNR – Forestry Division.

Commercial Sector Concept, Design, Planting, Maintenance and Conservation

The Lawrence County CAO has spearheaded a downtown revitalization project that includes the planting of additional trees along the tree lawns of the downtown business district. Once the trees are planted, the City of Ironton will take on the responsibility of maintaining the trees.

The overseers of Woodland Cemetery take pride in maintaining the naturalization of our city cemetery. The entire facility is meticulously manicured throughout the year. During our annual weekend Memorial Day celebration, Woodland Cemetery is adorned with memorial flowers and military flags in honor of the countless men and women who served our great country. Profound pride is put into the upkeep of this property.

**Private Properties/Citizens
Design and Plantings, Maintenance and Community Involvement in Tree Planting, Programs and Conservation**
Trees and shrubs line the 73.6 miles of street which make up the City of Ironton. You will find a number of different trees throughout the community.

The different species include, Maple, Spruce, Pine, Dogwood, Weeping Willows, Buckeye, Magnolia and Cleveland Pear just to name a few. Because of the numerous amounts of trees within our community, several of our city streets (Pine, Maple, Spruce) were rightly named. When old trees expire or when a tree has been damaged, you will find property owners replacing the tree rather than eliminating it all together. Property owners have realized the value of planting trees on their property. Tree's can add value to a home and provide shelter from the elements of nature, (rain, snow, ice). They can lower ones utility billing and they can have a calming affect on our psychological health. The residents of the City of Ironton have come to appreciate the value of planting trees.



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Appendix A

City of Ironton
Inner City Tree Planting Grant Planting Recommendations
Autumn 2004
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Celebrating 25 years of Urban Forestry

The following tree cultivars are recommended for planting in downtown planting sites where soil compaction, traffic, vandalism, pollution have negatively impacted the performance of other types of trees. The trees listed below have been used successfully in many communities. However, please remember that the success of any tree planting depends upon the individual planting site, the quality of the tree planted and its care over time.

*All trees should be purchased from licensed nurseries and hardy in zone 5 and 6.

**All trees were selected for their durability in urban conditions, aesthetic appeal and superior structure as to minimize conflicts with traffic, infrastructure and buildings.

Adams Street (no overhead wires) Sugarberry (aka hackberry)
Red oak

Japanese pagodatree

Jefferson Street (no overhead wires) approximately 18 trees
Zelkova

Lacebark elm

Japanese pagodatree

Center

The existing trees are functioning rather well. I recommend that this area be left along except for the possible addition of a few new trees in empty planting sites. These could be ornamentals such as tree lilac, callary pear or goldenrain tree under wires or elm or sugarberry where there aren't wires.

Depot

The goal here is to screen the railroad. Pear has been planted here. I recommend simply filling in with 4 more ornamental pear trees.

Fourth (no overhead wires)

Sugar maples in grassy areas

Thornless honeylocust or lacebark elm in front of post office

Third (no overhead wires)

thornless honeylocust

Appendix C

CITY OF IRONTON

Maintenance and Planting Procedures

Tree Planting

Select Quality Stock

Purchase trees from a reputable nursery.

Select well-trained, healthy trees with good form and labeled with their Latin names.

Make sure trees are protected during transport.

One-year guarantee is standard, but some nurseries offer 2 years.

Determine Planting Depth

Dig the hole

The wider the better

Make arrangements to haul away extra soil instead of piling it around the tree.

Remove the burlap and twine or container

Burlap wicks water away from the roots. Sure, it may eventually break down; but what about the most critical first years after transplanting when the trees need a lot of water?

Twine can girdle the tree as the trunk grows.

Inspect the roots

Check for and remove potential girdling roots.

Water

WATER, WATER, WATER

Remove tree wrap

We once thought this was for the good of the trees. It actually does little if anything to reduce sunscald and often times ends up holding in moisture.

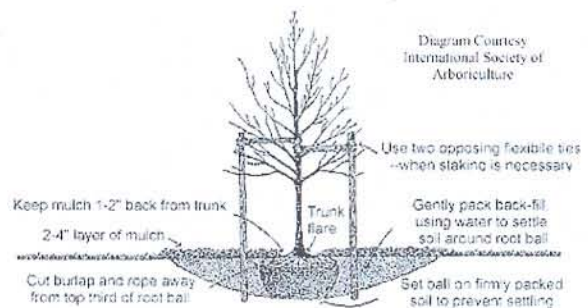
Another problem is that a lot of tree wrap is tied on with twine.

Folks often forget to take them off resulting in girdled trunks.

Stake only when necessary

Research indicates that staked trees lack the trunk strength of their unstaked counterparts. If you have good stock and the tree is planted correctly, then staking is usually unnecessary.

Trees planted in sandier soil, on windy sites, or larger trees with a heavy crown may need to be staked for 6-12 months until some roots are established.



Appendix E

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Maintenance and Planting Procedures

TREE MULCHING

Determine the type of mulch: There are two basic types of mulch:

Organic: derived from plant material, decompose to enrich and improve the soil. They typically contain both major and minor mineral elements essential for plant growth. Manure, sphagnum peat moss and pine needles are all examples of organic mulch. Leaves and composted yard waste – while good for soil improvement – don't score high in the longevity category. The most popular mulch for both weed control and longevity is shredded hardwood, chip, or chunk bark. Although finely ground chips are popular, look for a mulch that has a mix of large, medium, and small wood chips. This allows for better water and air movement to the soil and tree roots.

Inorganic: stone, pebbles, and plastic are types of inorganic or fabricated mulches. These are utilized mainly for color and texture changes. Like all inorganic mulches, they offer no value as breakdown products in the soil.

A relatively new inorganic product is geotextiles or landscape fabrics. These fabrics have replaced black polyethylene film as an effective weed barrier to be used under more decorative products such as stones or bark.

Determine the mulches longevity:

Longevity refers to the length of time required for a mulch to break down. Mulches that break down slowly improve the soil slowly, and don't need to be reapplied as frequently. In contrast, mulches that break down more quickly provide better soil benefits, but need to be applied more often. For sites with poor soil, choosing a mulch with shorter longevity may be the best option.

Determine when to mulch:

Once you've determined what kind of mulch to use, the next consideration is when to mulch. In Ohio, the best time to put down mulch is in the spring after the soil has warmed and begun to dry from winter rains and snow. A second application may be needed in autumn after the first frost to reduce heaving which breaks tree roots and leads to winter injury.

How deep should mulch be? The ideal depth is two to three inches. If you're using shredded hardwood mulch, lay it about four inches deep to allow for settling. Mulch laid too thickly prevents drying and leads to water-logged soil, particularly during wet seasons. Speaking of water, some people like watering down new mulch to help it stay in place, although this is not really necessary.

A common mulching myth is the belief that old mulch should be removed before adding new. Not true. Simply refresh old mulch

by fluffing it up and adding enough new mulch to bring the depth back up to two inches.

Trees need water and nutrients from the soil to survive. Proper mulching helps ensure your trees have what they need to live long, healthy lives and helps beautify your yard at the same time.

Appendix F

City of Ironton

Codified Ordinance

1022.05 – Trees and Shrubs on Tree Lawns

Trees and shrubs may be planted in the tree lawns of the City subject to such regulations as established by the Director of Public Works and Services, to whom the authority for supervising such plantings and types thereof is hereby granted.

Tree lawns are the responsibility of the owner of the property abutting thereon and shall be kept in repair and maintained.

Responsibility includes the trimming and removal of trees and mowing grass in tree lawns.

Said maintenance shall be done to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works and Services.

No tree shall be removed without first obtaining permission from the Director.

The City shall give written notice to each property owner whose tree lawn is in need of maintenance or repair and are hereby ordered to have such work done within thirty days from notice.

Upon the failure of the owner to do such repairs within the time specified, the Director is hereby authorized and directed to cause such repairs to be made and to assess the entire cost of the same against such property and cause the same to become a lien thereon and to be collected in such a manner as may be provided by law. (Ordinance 93-65. Passed 1-27-94)

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Appendix G

City of Ironton

ODOT: Street Enhancement Project

Division 1000-7

Curbs, Sidewalk, and Streetscape

PART 7 – STREET TREES 7.1 General

Furnish all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals required to provide decorative Street Trees as shown and specified in the Plan Drawings. Care shall be exercised by the Contractor as not to damage the bark or roots of the trees during installation. Instructions for planting and maintaining the tree from the Nursery providing the trees shall be supplied to the Engineer before any installation of trees is performed.

7.2 Materials

A. Street Trees shall be Chanticleer Callery Pear or Cleveland Select Callery Pear.

B. All trees delivered shall be 1-1/2" stock, minimum.

7.3 Construction

The installation of all Street Trees shall be as follows:

A. After sidewalk has been poured, the Contractor shall excavate the soil located in the 4-foot by 4-foot planter opening to a depth of 30-inches. All of this soil shall be removed and disposed of according to Part Six of these Specifications.

B. The bottom of the planter shall be filled with six-inches of Sandy Loam Soil, approved by the Nursery providing the trees.

C. The tree shall be placed in the planter, water and fertilizer added, and the roots treated as recommended by the Nursery.

The sides of the planter shall then be filled with Sandy Loam Soil, water and fertilizer as recommended by the Nursery, and lightly compacted until the soil is within 1-inch of the top of the sidewalk and the root ball is completely covered.

The Contractor shall then fill the remainder of the planter with Cedar Bark Mulch such that it is even with the sidewalk at the edges and 1-1/2 inches above the sidewalk at the base of the tree.

The Contractor shall water the tree regularly as recommended by the Nursery and maintain the tree throughout the duration of this Contract.

Per the Warranty provisions of this Contract identified in Part Six of these Specifications, the Contractor shall provide the best care possible for the tree during the remainder of the Contract to minimize Warranty Replacement of a dead or partially dead tree within the Warranty Period.

City of Ironton Tree Project			
2nd Street	1= Sherwin Williams 2= Big Lots & Bob Lynn 2= C&S	5	Cleveland Pears
4th Street	1= 4th & Etna, Park 2= Fire Station 3= Library	6	Cleveland Pears
Railroad Street	1= Post Office 2= Amphitheater & 3 Touchless Car Wash	6	Red Oak
Center Street	2= Wall Paper & Moore 1= Out Reach Ministry 2= Wendy's 1 on 4th St/ 1 on Center	4	Cleveland Pear
Park Ave.	1= Toro Loco 1+ 6= Giovannis 2= Elks (across street) 3= b/t 7th & 8th	13	Cleveland Pear
Washington Street	1= Library 6= Social Security Office 3= Rent to Own	10	Cleveland Pears
Vernon Street	1= Ungers	1	Cleveland Pear
Jefferson Street	1= KFC 5= AEP 10= Bob Clyde 5 by hand	16	Zelkova
Center St. Landing	9 = edges of pavement	9	Riverbitch
Bobby Bear Blvd.	3= on southside 11 on northside	14	Cleveland Pear
River Bank		300 Feet	Forsythia Bushes
Total Trees		84	
Total Bushes		300	

The Contractor shall provide the Owner with Nursery instructions for the short and long-term maintenance of the tree.

Division 1000 - 7

Curbs, Sidewalk, and Streetscape

The sides of the planter shall then be filled with Sandy Loam Soil, water and fertilizer as recommended by the Nursery, and lightly compacted until the soil is within 1-inch of the top of the sidewalk and the root ball is completely covered.

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The Contractor shall provide the Owner with Nursery instructions for the short and long-term maintenance of the tree.

PART 8 – ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING

8.1 General

Furnish all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals required to provide Ornamental Street Lighting along the sidewalk as shown and specified in the Plan Drawings.

8.2 Materials

Ornament Street Lights shall be Model Number A85OPT-508BD5-5712DFP as manufactured by the Sternberg Light Company, or an approved equal. The shaft of the light shall be constructed of aluminum and the light shall be fitted with a 120-volt, 70-watt, high pressure sodium lamp. The exterior finish of the light shall be "Ironton Green." Shop Drawings shall be required on all Ornamental Street Lights and approval granted by the Project Engineer prior to delivery to the project site.

8.3 Construction

The contractor shall construct the Ornamental Street Light foundation as specified in the Detail section of the Plan Drawings, or as recommended by the manufacturer of the light. Should the manufacturer's foundation recommendation differ from that shown in the Plan Drawings, a Shop Drawing Submittal and Engineer's Approval shall be required before construction.

Care shall be taken by the contractor to align all conduit, reinforcing steel, and anchor bolts such that maximum contact and concrete bonding is achieved.

Conduit shall be installed such that it extends two-inches above the top of the concrete foundation. This will allow for pulling wires from the base of the light.

The base of the light shall be securely fastened to the foundation anchor bolts and the pole shall be securely fastened to the base.

The lighting element and globe shall be securely fastened and wiring connected and tested.

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Curbs, Sidewalk, and Streetscape

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Landscaped Areas

Being a relatively small community and having suffered long term economic downturns of the region, developing and maintaining landscaped areas have been a challenge for the City. However, the community feels that these areas are vital in maintaining pride, a positive image, and supporting the overall economic vitality within the community. Therefore, all segments of the community have joined together to formulate what we feel is fairly effective landscaping strategy that is not reliant upon a large governmental workforce and budget to maintain. That strategy is inclusive of all segments of the community including governmental, commercial, and private property owners. The Ironton in Bloom initiative has strived to enhance all segments of this program as follows:

Municipal / Governmental Sector:

Because Ironton is the County seat, the community reflects the presence of both County and municipal government. As a result, landscaped areas of many of the governmental and

other publicly maintained buildings provide landscaped areas available for public display. Perhaps three of the best displays of these areas include the County Courthouse lawn, the Woodland Cemetery, and the Ohio University Southern Campus, all of which represent where heritage, landscaping, turfs and urban forestry all merge. Other public facilities with landscaping displays include the Briggs public library and the Jobs and Family Services complex.

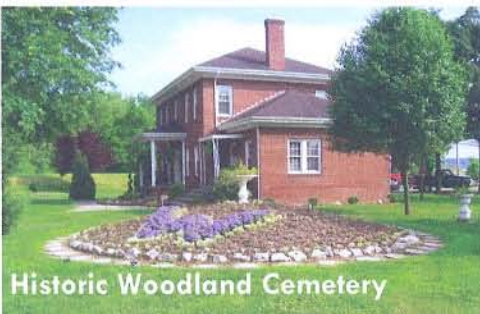
The City has also been active at integrating landscaping in its streetscape system. This includes everything ranging from Urban Renewal streetscape plans in the 1960's that incorporated tree medians and pedestrian malls in the Railroad Street Area, to the Downtown Streetscape Designs and Specifications that were adopted in 1990, to landscaped entrances and welcome signage at each of the principal entrances into the City. One of the newest landscaping developments directly resulting from the kickoff year of Ironton in Bloom is the "Rose Garden" This is a small rose garden area on the downtown pedestrian mall sponsored and maintained by the Slagel Family in memory of the late Joan Slagel.

The City of Ironton, being an older

heavy industrial town, is faced with the challenges of many like communities with major closed industrial facilities that result in Superfund and Brownfield sites. The City has met this challenge head on with such projects as the redevelopment of the former Allied/Honeywell Superfund site to the now South Ironton Industrial Park, the ongoing Brownfield cleanup and redevelopment of the former Ironton Iron / Dayton Malleable Foundry, the closed River Valley Hospital and the Ironton Riverfront. All of these projects have active cleanup plans which will result in the eventual redevelopment into new industrial, residential and recreational opportunities for the Community.

Commercial Sector:

Much of the City of Ironton's commercial sector lies within its Downtown, but it also includes key strip commercial development along its entrances at Park Avenue, South 3rd Street and North 2nd Street. One goal of the Ironton in Bloom program, over and above the floral displays of hanging baskets and strategically placed pots, is the encouragement of private commercial establishments to



Historic Woodland Cemetery



Briggs Lawrence County Library



Ohio University Southern

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maintain landscaped areas as part of their entrances. This includes areas as the entrances to the Ironton Hills Shopping Center, Rite Aid Drugs, Giovanni's, McDonalds, Liberty Federal Bank, M & M Realty and Ohio River Bank. These facilities have been active participants and supporters of the Bloom effort in the extra attention and additions that they have made to their properties as part of the effort. Other commercial establishments have also stepped forward with a more urban streetscaping such as adding potted flowers or window baskets in participation of the Ironton in Bloom kickoff years. These include businesses such as Austyn's, Park Avenue Apartments, Scherer Mountain Insurance, Clarks BP, and Henthorne's Dry Cleaners and State Farm Insurance.

Although not truly commercial in nature, area churches and schools have also contributed to the landscaping efforts. Many of these organizations not only organized student groups and members of their congregations to take on cleanup and landscaping duties supporting the City's streetscapes, but have also paid special attention to their own street-

scaping. Although most have done an excellent job with streetscaping, some notable examples include the United Methodist Church, St. Joseph High School and Church, Open Door School, Quinn Chapel, etc.

Residential:

Over and above public spaces, private residences have been encouraged to take pride and ownership of landscape areas. Under the very active membership of the Ironton in Bloom's Residential Committee, there have been events held such as the Plant Exchange Day where residents could bring and trade plantings for their landscaping purposes. At this event, the Master Gardeners Club members were available to talk with individuals with regards to landscaping problems and potential solutions, as well as plant recommendation and selection.

Another event was connecting volunteers to undertaking landscaping task for the elderly and disabled within the community so that they and the community too can continue to enjoy the landscaping at their homes. Under this program, several volunteers, a 4-H Club, Symmes Valley High School Seniors, a college student and her son and others

worked to complete tasks for 7 elderly or disabled individuals households.

As an encouragement, recognition and awareness program, the private residential committee has also undertaken a "Yard of the Month" program. This program, which will run from June through October, includes a nomination process and the involvement of Garden clubs and other volunteers to review and award a "Yard of the Month" for those outstanding private residential landscapes. With the assistance of the local news media, hopefully an awareness and pride will be instilled in the community to encourage more private homeowners to become more aware and spend more time in maintaining their residential landscapes.



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Floral Display

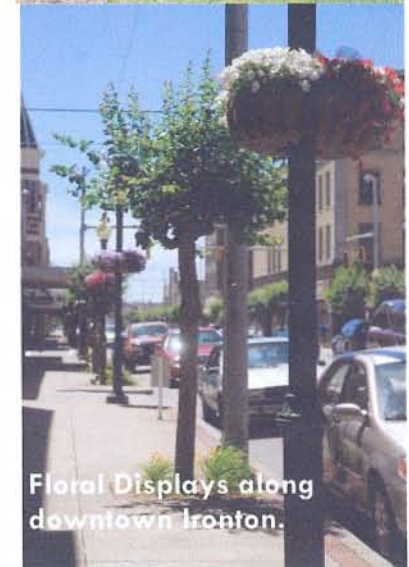
MUNICIPAL SECTOR:
The Ironton In Bloom (IIB) goal was to make a major impact on both the citizens and businesses in Ironton. We purchased 100 pole planters to place on the city's ornamental posts in the downtown. Ironton's three major entrances were enhanced with 30 large 36" diameter pots of flowers, 30 hanging baskets, and several flower beds. The tree lawn in down town Ironton was cleaned up and mulched on Volunteer Day and low hanging branches on the trees were trimmed. The City removed three dead trees and all of the parking meter poles from the sidewalk. Twenty-four window boxes were planted and sold to local businesses throughout the community. As a result of a memorial gift, a rose garden was developed on Fountain Square. Letters were sent to each Ironton church and the IIB chairman attended a Ministerial meeting to encourage the congregations to Bloom their church yards. Ohio University Southern purchased many of the same flowers to plant and landscape the campus as well as planting and maintaining the flower beds on ST 141 exit.

The entrance to Woodland Cemetery is planted and the entire cemetery is immaculately kept. Our public schools are in transition with a major building project initiated last year than involves every school. They have not spent much time or money on floral displays this year. The private Catholic school and church have created a beautifully landscaped city block.

IIB decided to use three color combinations in our pole planters and hanging baskets and a variety of flowers in the large pots and flower beds. This variety is pleasing to the eye and creates curiosity as to what lies ahead. IIB chose to use vegetative petunias because of their beauty and drought resistant qualities. Knock-out roses were chosen for the rose garden because of their ease of care and continual blooming pattern. We have contracted MawMaw's Greenhouse to water four times a week and to fertilize and apply insecticides when required. Garry Castle, grounds man at Ohio University Southern served as our primary advisor. IIB purchased

flowers from Bob's Greenhouse in Mason, WV, a well known wholesale distributor in the region and the local greenhouse which is maintaining our flowers and beds.

COMMERCIAL SECTOR:
Ironton In Bloom worked closely with our local downtown businesses as well as many outside of the primary designated area. We spoke with most of the local owners personally and encouraged them to give generously to the organization because they were the primary beneficiaries. They did. Some have placed flowers in front of their businesses, others have purchased window boxes, and most are maintaining the cleanliness of the sidewalk in front of their establishment. The Hills Shopping Center owner has purchased and hung new banners, has replaced dead plants in their tree lawn area, and is working with us to beautify the shopping area. We have not been as successful with the businesses out of



Floral Displays along downtown Ironton.

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the downtown sector. This will be a goal for next year. Maintenance of any plantings not included in the IIB plan is being maintained by the owner/leaser or the owner has made a separate agreement with MawMaw's Greenhouse.

PRIVATE PROPERTIES/ CITIZENS:

Initially, Ironton In Bloom publicized our plan by writing articles in the newspaper, attending civic and garden club meetings, developing a window display in downtown Ironton, and a smaller one in the City Building. As a result, we believe that many more residents have cleaned their yards, pruned their bushes, mulched, and planted flowers in the yard, as well as beautifying their porches with hanging baskets, window boxes, and pots. Additionally, the residential community was involved through participation in Volunteer Day, May 3, a plant exchange and sale, May 10th, and planting and mulching senior and disabled citizens yards by volunteers during the month of May. A Yard of the Month competition will be held from June through October with citizens nominating yards

remain reminding our citizens that they were a winner. The local newspaper will highlight the winner with a color picture of the home each month.

Park Avenue Apartments has purchased twelve window boxes to beautify their downtown building as well as planting flowers in urns already in place. Both the Senior Citizen Buildings and our Municipal Housing are maintained well. Renters are encouraged to plant around their own apartment and many are quite lovely. The same is true for Susan Court. Cleanliness and neatness are required. We have no condos or gated communities in our community.

The primary residential maintenance of grounds is a personal responsibility. They are being supported by the City's enforcement of ordinances on the books and writing new ones regarding the removal of inoperable vehicles and other objects stored on the property that are not toys or outdoor grills and furniture and weed ordinances.

Citizens are involved in development and maintenance of public area in many ways. Volunteer Day, an annual event



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The Ironton In Bloom Organization hosts a monthly "Yard of the Month" competition in the City of Ironton. This judging competition start in June and ends in October. Yards are nominated by community members through the newspaper, email, telephone, and mail. Yards are judged by their unique design, landscaping, floral displays, uniqueness of plants, etc.

Our judges include members of the Garden Club, and Master Gardeners. Members include:
Stacy Saunders, Co-Op Club
Sheila Tackett, Master Gardeners
Mary Roberts, Art Teacher
Sharon Gothard, President, Master Gardeners
Carolyn Carter, President, Garden Club
Judy Sanders, Ironton In Bloom



June Yard of the Month
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Shafer

Randy Lilly, left, co-chairman of Ironton In Bloom, presented the organization's first Yard Of The Month award to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Shafer, 2735 South 4th St. The Shafers do all their own landscaping and raise fruits and vegetables on their corner lot as well as decorative plants. Ironton in Bloom plans to give the award each month, June through October. Residents may enter their own or a neighbor's yard by sending the address to:
Ironton In Bloom Inc.
P.O. Box 4599
Ironton, Ohio 45638

or by emailing IIB at:
irontoninbloom@zoominternet.net.



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Turf and Ground Cover Areas



City of Ironton's Ironton Area Youth Soccer Organization field located on South 9th Street. This field is sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club.



Ironton Little League Field in the North End of Ironton. Three individual baseball fields make up this baseball center. (Below: one of the three fields maintained by volunteers of the Ironton Little League.)



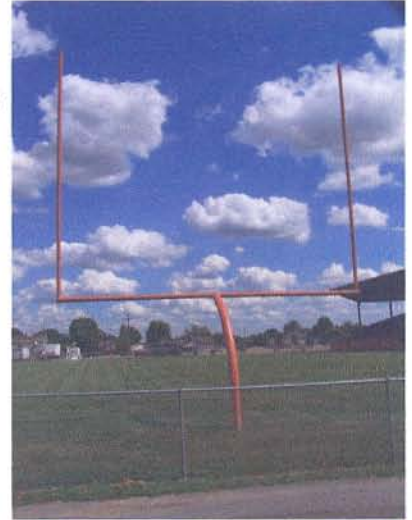
Although the City of Ironton is somewhat compact due to its geographic constraints and does not have available large tufted areas, it values those areas that it does have. As in the case of the flood dikes, it is critical that these areas are maintained for the security of the City. The City has a maintenance program to promote healthy growth of grasses on these dikes, control disruptive activities on the dikes, as well as discourage boring animals from those areas.

Other prominent areas maintained by the City as turf areas include the City Parks such as Moulton's field (a favored sledding area), the Little League fields, and the Ironton Riverfront.

School grounds and athletic fields are also often a pride of the Community. For example, the high school football field of the historical Ironton Tanks Stadium is a pride of any athletic team. Like areas include the Ironton track which is enjoyed by Ironton residents as a favored walking area, and the Ironton Soccer fields and the Catholic Schools Soccer

Fields which is also enjoyed by the adjacent Storms Creek Apartments community.

Most local residents also take pride in their lawns. Perhaps the best demonstration of this pride is the "manicuring" activities of residents annually in preparation of the Memorial Day parade and the annual homecoming of many folks within the Community. Also we have enacted the "Lawn of the Month" program to encourage our residents to take pride in their lawns. This program runs from June through October.



Tanks Memorial Stadium opened in 1926 and was home of the famous Ironton Tanks. The Tanks defeated three NFL squads in 1930 (Chicago Bears, New York Giants and Portsmouth Spartans). Great professional players such as Jim Thorpe and Glenn Presnell played on the field in front of the same covered bleachers that fans of the Ironton Fighting Tigers still fill each football season. Because of its historical significance to professional football, Tanks Memorial Stadium received an Ohio Historical marker in 2002.



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