

# ***Menominee River Habitat for Humanity***

## **Mission Statement**

Habitat for Humanity Menominee River works in partnership with God and people everywhere to serve families in need. We build and renovate houses while improving neighborhoods to help create communities where people are able to live and grow to their full potential.

## **Our Story**

Locally, the Menominee River Affiliate has housed over 25 families since our beginning in 1994. Partner families purchase their home with an affordable mortgage. The money from the mortgage payments is used by the affiliate to construct or renovate additional affordable housing as well as in our neighborhood revitalization program. We are audited annually.

## **Our Plan**

Our goal is to increase the number of families served each year. We are currently serving Dickinson and Iron Counties in Michigan and portions of Florence and Marinette Counties in Wisconsin.

**It takes a community of  
partnerships to  
revitalize an area.  
Please join with us to  
improve our community.**

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# ***Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative***



# What is Neighborhood Revitalization?

## Improving Neighborhoods

Habitat for Humanity is working in partnership with cities, businesses, and many volunteers to improve neighborhoods and provide decent housing for families. Habitat, through the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI), works with families in our neighborhoods to improve homes, sidewalks, and parks.

## Safe Routes to School

The City of Iron Mountain received a Safe Routes to School grant for North Elementary through the efforts of NRI. This grant will fund improvements to 5th and Kennedy Street, improving the safety of the students walking to school. As part of this grant each student received a bicycle safety class and were given a bicycle helmet. Through a series of incentives, students are encouraged to participate in our walk-to-school program.

## Millie Mine Trail

Habitat, through NRI volunteers, was instrumental in pulling together members of the local community for installation of the trail, the viewing platform, the bridge, and for the design and installation of the interpretive signage. The trail was funded in large part through a Michigan DNR Trust Fund grant.



## Sidewalk Replacement

This NRI program partners with our city's Department of Public Works and the Laborers Training Institute to offer an affordable way to replace residential sidewalks. In 2010, the cost to homeowners is \$4.50 per foot of sidewalks.

## A Brush with Kindness (ABWK)

The ABWK program helps eligible families maintain the exterior of their home. Using volunteers and donations from Valspar & Home Depot, families can receive help painting, patching, seasonal landscaping, or making minor repairs that maintains a home in a good or sound condition.

## Home Repair

The NRI home repair program give interest free loans to eligible home owners to help them make repairs to their home. Usually less than \$2500, these affordable loans can be used to make any repair that makes the home more energy efficient or livable. The labor is donated by the family or volunteers.

## Is my donation tax deductible?

Habitat for Humanity is a 501c(3) non-profit organization. Your donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

## Community Garden

The NRI, with the support of the City of Iron Mountain, will open a .5 acre community garden. Located just off East "A" street. Families can rent a plot large enough to produce vegetables for a family of four.

## North Side Park

Many improvements have been done in the North Side park by NRI volunteers over the past 5 years. The ball field was relocated and improved, the playground was replaced with new equipment, a walking trail around the park was installed and a garden is maintained by the garden club. A new press box and dugouts were installed at the ball field. Former Detroit Tiger John Hiller was on hand to throw out the first pitch when Chapin Field was dedicated in May 2010.



## Volunteer Opportunities

None of these programs work without your help. Volunteer opportunities include assisting with any of our programs, or helping behind the scenes on a committee. Call us at (906) 779-5377, email [Vision2020@habitatmr.com](mailto:Vision2020@habitatmr.com), or stop by the office.