

# **Township of Franklin**

## **Houghton County, Michigan**

Established October 19, 1863

**“Preserve the Past for the Future”**

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Franklin became a township on October 19, 1863. Its roots can be found amongst the mining heritage that is the Copper Country. Its quaint communities erected to house masses immigrants who were looking for a better life for themselves and their children.

Franklin Township is home to some of the most iconic images making up our region. The Quincy mine hoist majestically sits atop Quincy Hill, beckoning to visitors and locals alike to come and explore her tunnels, experiencing the depths and darkness that was everyday life for our founders and the SISU that kept them going.

The Quincy Smelter can be found along the waterfront bordering its founding community of Ripley. This multiacre complex sits quietly, its 150 foot smoke stack reaching up into the sky. If you close your eyes and listen you can almost hear the bustle of hundreds of workers, scurrying about, furnaces blazing, and the clang of ingots being readied for shipping.

Small business plays an important role within the township. Dotted within the confines of its borders, businesses are welcomed in many different formats from small in-home entities to brick and mortar start-ups.

Along with private businesses in Franklin Township; the Houghton County Airport, the Airport Industrial Park and the Houghton County Road Commission among other pivotal infrastructure and key governmental offices make their home with the township border.

Today, Franklin is an up and coming township, offering a “something for everyone” package. Its small neighborhoods are as individual as pearls on a string, each offering something a little different, reflecting the personalities of their inhabitants. Franklin also boast of large tracts of privately owned land. These neighbors prefer their quiet, open spaces, deeply wooded parcels or waterside living.

Franklin works hard to protect our property owners’ natural freedoms, and encourages the rugged individualism that created and built our community. We welcome new families to our neighborhoods and hope you find it as comfortable of a fit as we do.