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What we did:

DESIGN

Form-Based Code

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Charrette

# Downtown Form-Based Code

CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN

The historic legacy community of Sault Ste. Marie brought in McKenna to devise a form based code to improve the walkability and vibrancy of its core. Engaging in a four-day charrette that included an overview of the historic development pattern of the City, McKenna devised a Form Based Code that capitalized on “the Soo’s” unique identity. The Charrette developed a collaborative Regulating Plan for the Form Based Code area, in essence crowdsourcing the Zoning Map.

The Form-Based Code especially focused on unifying the City’s multi-centric downtown, promoting the redevelopment of important corridors to link nodes of activity. The Code included building types, and specific triggers for when each type of building should be built.

