

City of Lauderdale

Background Information

County: Ramsey

Population: 2,379

GreenStep City category: B

Full-time equivalent city staff (approx.): 5

Participating township(s) / school district(s):

GreenStep City resolution: [Click here](#) to view the file.

GreenStep City status and date: STEP 2 (06/15/2016)

Best Practice Actions Underway and Completed

Completed actions are denoted by stars. Mouse over a star for its definition.

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City web page relating to sustainability/GreenStep activities:
www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us

Buildings and Lighting

Efficient Existing Public Buildings { BP no. 1 }

2 Star(s) Action 1: Enter building information into the Minnesota B3 Benchmarking database and routinely enter monthly energy, water use data for all city-owned buildings.

Date action report first entered: 04/06/2015

Implementation details:

The City entered the monthly energy use information into B3 database for City-owned buildings going back to 2012.

Outcome measures/metrics:

Descriptive links:

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1 Star(s) Action 2: Make no/low cost indoor lighting and operational changes in city-owned/school buildings to reduce energy costs.

Date action report first entered: 04/01/2016

Implementation details:

Have a Saver's Switch from Xcel Energy for the City's AC system.

Outcome measures/metrics:

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Efficient Existing Private Buildings { BP no. 2 }

1 Star(s) Action 1: Create or participate in a marketing/outreach program to promote/achieve residential energy/water use reduction and energy efficiency.

Date action report first entered: 04/01/2016

Implementation details:

Neighborhood Energy Connection (NEC) administers Ramsey County's Energy Conservation Deferred Loan Program. Qualified applicants may receive up to \$6,500 in the form of forgivable loans. The City actively promotes the program through its newsletter, website, and cable access channel.

Outcome measures/metrics:

Descriptive links:

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Land Use

Comprehensive, Climate and Energy Plans { BP no. 6 }

1 Star(s) Action 1: Adopt a comprehensive plan or (for Category B & C cities) adopt a land use plan that was adopted by the county or a regional entity.

Date action report first entered: 03/24/2015

Implementation details:

The City adopted its current Comprehensive Plan in October 2009. The Plan will be revised shortly in coordination with the Metropolitan Council's revised system statements.

Outcome measures/metrics:

Descriptive links:

http://www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us/index.asp?SEC=E6274EC0-18EF-4D3A-A347-265C09F527A5&Type=B_BASIC

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Mixed Uses { BP no. 8 }

1 Star(s) Action 3: Modify a planned unit development ordinance to emphasize mixed use development or to limit residential PUDs to areas adjacent to commercial development.

Date action report first entered: 04/28/2015

Implementation details:

In 2013, the City updated its Planned Unit Development (PUD) ordinance. The original ordinance was typical in that it was geared towards the development of large parcels of land (minimum of two acres). As a fully developed City our challenges lie in allowing for the redevelopment of small parcels, especially commercial parcels. The ordinance revision allows the City Council to work with owners of challenging parcels of any size in a PUD format to achieve the best outcome for the owner and the City.

Outcome measures/metrics:

Descriptive links:

http://www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us/vertical/sites/%7B5F73237E-9F78-407B-A785-DA0D9F5C945F%7D/uploads/10-07_PUD_Ordinance_as_adopted_042313.pdf

Transportation

Living Streets { BP no. 11 }

1 Star(s) Action 4: Identify, prioritize and remedy complete streets gaps and lack of connectivity/safety within your road network by, for example, adding a bike route/lane, truck route, sidewalk or mid-block alley.

Date action report first entered: 04/06/2015

Implementation details:

On Larpenteur Avenue (north side), between downtown Minneapolis and I-35E, there were two sections of missing sidewalks. One of the "missing links" was a four section block in Lauderdale. The City took advantage of the ~eight feet of right-of-way purchased from the adjacent homeowners by Ramsey County in the mid-1990's to design and install a sidewalk. The goal was to include plantings and lighting for aesthetics and traffic calming. The final design included pervious pavers, LED lighting, and plantings using the "Swedish Soil" concept to improve their survivability. This was accomplished by intense attention to detail during the engineering phase (Stantec) and cooperation from adjacent homeowners, who approved the necessary temporary construction easements.

Outcome measures/metrics:

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Environmental Management

Sustainable Purchasing { BP no. 15 }

2 Star(s) Action 1: Adopt a sustainable purchasing policy or administrative guidelines/practices directing that the city purchase at least:

a. EnergyStar certified equipment and appliances and

b. Paper containing at least 30% post-consumer recycled content.

Date action report first entered: 04/28/2015

Implementation details:

The City's purchasing policy directs staff to purchase EnergyStar rated equipment and such things as recycled paper. The City purchases paper through Eureka Recycling's bulk paper purchasing program. The paper is 100% post consumer content.

Outcome measures/metrics:

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1 Star(s) Action 6: Require printing services to be purchased from companies certified by Minnesota Great Printers or by the Sustainable Green Printing Partnership.

Date action report first entered: 06/09/2017

Implementation details:

Recently changed to a certified green printer for all city printing needs including our quarterly newsletter

Outcome measures/metrics:

Descriptive links:

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Stormwater Management { BP no. 17 }

3 Star(s) Action 4: Create a stormwater utility that uses variable fees to incentivize enhanced stormwater management, minimize the volume of and pollutants in runoff, and educate property owners.

Date action report first entered: 04/28/2015

Implementation details:

The City implemented a storm water utility by ordinance many years ago. In 2010, the City adopted a policy that gave property owners credit (reduction in their storm water utility fees) for implementing best management practices (BMPs) that provide for volume control, water quality via phosphorus reduction, and water quantity (rate control). All storm water utility fees are receipted in the City's storm water enterprise fund (Fund 602) and used exclusively for storm water utility operating costs and infrastructure improvements.

Outcome measures/metrics:

Descriptive links:

<http://www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us/vertical/sites/%7B5F73237E-9F78-407B-A785-DA0D9F5C945F%7D/uploads/%7BFD846529-B502-4D6B-8E14-21BC3B2937DF%7D.PDF>

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Sustainable Consumption and Waste { BP no. 22 }

2 Star(s) Action 6: Improve recycling services and expand to multi-unit housing and commercial businesses.

Date action report first entered: 03/24/2015

Implementation details:

The City organizes recycling collection. The contractor is Eureka Recycling (<http://www.eurarecycling.org/page.cfm?ContentID=30>). Eureka Recycling is a not-for-profit recycling company with a mission to educate people about waste reduction. Eureka Recycling also provides recycling collection for multi-family housing units within the City. In addition, City ordinance requires all recycling and waste collection be on the same day (Mondays).

Outcome measures/metrics:

Descriptive links:

http://www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us/index.asp?SEC=8227E770-E325-43F3-89DC-13B4E336CB29&Type=B_BASIC

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Partners:

Eureka Recycling

Local Air Quality { BP no. 23 }

1 Star(s) Action 2: Regulate outdoor residential wood burning, using ordinance language, performance standards and bans as appropriate, for at least one of the following:

a. Recreational burning.

b. Outdoor residential wood boilers.

Date action report first entered: 04/01/2016

Implementation details:

The City of Lauderdale revised its recreational fire ordinance to limit the location, duration, and type of fuel that is allowed with outdoor fires.

Outcome measures/metrics:

Descriptive links:

http://www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us/vertical/sites/%7B5F73237E-9F78-407B-A785-DA0D9F5C945F%7D/uploads/Microsoft_Word_-_05-07_Recreational_fire_2012_final_cleaned_up.pdf

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Resilient Economic & Community Development

Local Food { BP no. 27 }

1 Star(s) Action 2: Facilitate creation of home/community gardens, chicken & bee keeping, and incorporation of food growing areas/access in multifamily residential developments.

Date action report first entered: 04/28/2015

Implementation details:

In 2013, the City Council updated its animal ordinance to allow for the keeping of bees (up to two hives) and hen chickens (up to 12; more by Council approval). This is allowed on any residentially zoned property in the City (single-family or multi-family).

Outcome measures/metrics:

Descriptive links:

http://www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us/vertical/sites/%7B5F73237E-9F78-407B-A785-DA0D9F5C945F%7D/uploads/05-03_2013_animal_ordinance.pdf

1 Star(s) Action 3: Create, assist with and promote local food production/distribution within the city:

a. A farmer's market or co-op buying club.

b. An urban agriculture business or a community-supported agriculture (CSA) arrangement between farmers and community members/employees.

c. A community or school garden, orchard or forest.

Date action report first entered: 04/28/2015

Implementation details:

The City's Park and Community Involvement Committee coordinates a farmer's market at Lauderdale Community Park five times per year (once a month from June through October).

Outcome measures/metrics:

Descriptive links:

http://www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us/index.asp?SEC=189ED1A4-5F93-42D6-A596-53E37EFBC4C9&Type=B_EV