



Minnesota
GreenStep Cities

GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM: 2015

Recognizing Leaders in Minnesota's Green City Movement

The League of Minnesota Cities is proud to recognize the 83 cities, including one Tribal Nation, which are participating in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program. Currently one-third of the state's population resides in a GreenStep city.

GreenStep Cities is a free, voluntary challenge, assistance, and recognition program to assist Minnesota cities in implementing sustainability best practices that best fit their city. The League is working with the Preservation Alliance of MN, Clean Energy Resource Teams, Great Plains Institute, Izaak Walton League-MN Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Department of Commerce-Division of Energy Resources, and Urban Land Institute-MN to promote this program as a pathway to sustainability that is cost-effective, pragmatic and achievable for all cities. Learn from these innovative cities by viewing their accomplishments at www.MnGreenStep.org

This program benefits cities in multiple ways:

- Lower costs to government, business, educational institutions and citizens
- More local, green jobs
- Green buildings that are cheaper to operate
- Green infrastructure, low-impact development and cleaner water
- Transportation options that connect jobs and housing; walkable/bikeable communities
- Local food production
- Local renewable energy production and cleaner air

At the end of the program's fifth year, 818 best practices have been completed, a one-third increase over last year. Please join the League in congratulating all 83 cities below for leading the way toward greener communities. 17 cities are new to the program this year at Step 1. Those cities and cities advancing to Step 2 (15 cities) and Step 3 (5 cities) are in **bold**:

STEP ONE CITIES

Arlington	Gilbert	Milan	Sartell
Blackduck	Grand Marais	Mountain Iron	Scandia
Brooklyn Center	Hanover	New Hope	Sherburn
Chisholm	Hermantown	Nisswa	Shorewood
Crookston	Hutchinson	Pierz	Two Harbors
Crystal	Lauderdale	Pine City	
Delano	Leech Lake Band	Richfield	
Elko New Market	of Ojibwe	Roseville	
Ely	Luverne	Saint Louis Park	
Forest Lake	Marine on St.	Saint Paul	
Fridley	Croix	Saint Paul Park	

STEP TWO CITIES

Austin
Brainerd
Brooklyn Center
Columbia Heights
Coon Rapids
Cottage Grove
Crystal
Duluth
Farmington
Grand Rapids

Hermantown
Hoffman
Hutchinson
Kasson
La Prairie
Lake Crystal
Lake Elmo
**Leech Lake Band
of Ojibwe**
Mankato

Maple Grove
Marshall
Minnetonka
New Hope
North Saint Paul
Northfield
Pine River
Red Wing
Rosemount
Roseville

Royalton
Saint Cloud
Saint Paul
Sauk Rapids
Silver Bay
Two Harbors
Warren
Willmar

STEP THREE CITIES

Apple Valley
Bemidji
Burnsville
Eagan
Eden Prairie
Edina

Elk River
Falcon Heights
Hopkins
Mahtomedi
Maplewood
Newport

Northfield
Oakdale
Rochester
Rogers
Saint Anthony
Shoreview

Victoria
White Bear Lake
Woodbury

Stop by the GreenStep Cities display table near the League Registration Desk or visit www.MnGreenStep.org to learn more about this program and how you can implement proven sustainability best practices in your city!