



GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM: 2014

Recognizing Leaders in Minnesota’s Green City Movement

The League of Minnesota Cities is proud to recognize the 67 cities that are participating in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program. Currently 27% of the state’s population resides in a GreenStep city.

GreenStep Cities is a free, voluntary challenge, assistance, and recognition program to assist all Minnesota cities in implementing 28 sustainability best practices. 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.

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 fourth year, 1687 best practice actions have been completed, a 24% increase over last year. Please join the League in congratulating these cities for leading the way toward greener communities. 10 cities are new to the program this year at Step 1. Those cities and cities advancing to Step 2 and Step 3 are in **bold**:

STEP ONE CITIES

Arlington
 Brainerd
 Columbia Heights
Coon Rapids
 Delano
Duluth
Elko New Market
 Ely
Grand Marais
 Hanover
 Luverne
 Maple Grove
 Milan
Minnetonka
 Mountain Iron
 Nisswa
 Northfield
Pine City

Richfield
 Saint Louis Park
 Saint Paul Park

Sartell
Scandia
 Shorewood
Silver Bay

STEP TWO CITIES

Apple Valley
 Austin
 Bemidji
 Cottage Grove
 Farmington
 Grand Rapids
 Hoffman
Kasson
 La Prairie
Lake Crystal

Lake Elmo
 Mankato
 Marshall

Minnetonka
 North Saint Paul
 Oakdale
Pine River
 Red Wing
 Rosemount
 Royalton
 Saint Cloud
 Sauk Rapids
Silver Bay
Victoria
Warren
 Willmar

STEP THREE CITIES

Burnsville
 Eagan
Eden Prairie
 Edina
 Elk River
 Falcon Heights
 Hopkins
Mahtomedi
 Maplewood
 Newport
 Rochester
Rogers
 Saint Anthony
Shoreview
White Bear Lake
 Woodbury

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