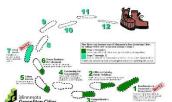


- This city loves energy efficiency, with a number of 3-star level actions under Best Practices 1 and
 This city is home to the George A. Hormel & Company (and SPAM!)
- 2. This city has been using drones with thermal imaging cameras to visualize building heat loss. Residents can see if their roof, windows, and doors are in need of weatherization or insulation.
- 3. At 105, this city has the most actions completed in the GreenStep program!
- 4. The newest city to join. Prince would be proud!
- 5. In the 2010 census, this city was Minnesota's "Center of Population." Last year they worked with MnTAP to reduce energy and chemical use in their WWTP with a goal of \$100,000 savings/year.
- 6. Residents in this city are hopeful about having a "bee friendly" city. In 2018, the council heard a presentation from "Humming for Bees" and adopted a resolution supporting pollinators and pollinator habitat.

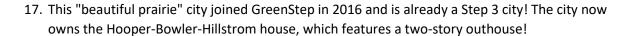


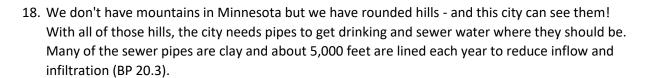
- 7. The first city to join the GreenStep Cities program in 2010! Their roadmap helped guide the work ahead.
- 8. This city's Green Team is made up of city staff that work to reduce junk mail, scan documents, host an earth day event, and more. This is home the World's Largest Raspberry (and the annual Raspberry Festival)!
- 9. This city with a French name, meaning "Great Marsh" sits at the trailhead of the Gunflint Trail. In partnership with the county, a local energy conservation and renewable energy plan was developed in 2012. (BP 6.5)
- 10. This city has 11 Best Practice Actions at a 3-star level! The construction of a dam here in 1912 made this city the northern terminus for navigating the Mississippi River (until the closure of the Upper lock at St. Anthony Falls in Minneapolis in 2015)
- 11. This is the only city in Minnesota participating in the Blue Zones Project, a community-wide well-being improvement initiative to help make healthy choices easier for everyone in the community.
- 12. It took just a year for this 5th largest city in the state to join GreenStep Cities and reach Step 3! They tend to do things on a BIG scale here.
- 13. Dave Theuer, who designed Atari's Missile Command game is from this city. This city has been a Tree City USA for 40 years, more than any other MN city!





- 14. This city has two sister cities Frameries, Belgium and Vileyka, Belarus. This year, the city will be working with the Koloni bike share program to bring 40 bikes, 10 hubs, and 10 solar chargers.
- 15. Located within the White Earth Nation, this city name comes from the Ojibwe meaning of "wild rice." The city joined GreenStep last year!
- 16. This south-central Minnesota city has a wind turbine in their logo. This city used a replacement schedule to replace streetlights with LEDs (BP 4.2)





- 19. Named after the region that includes Denmark, Norway, and Sweden, this city adopted a City Pollinator resolution in 2016 to cease the use of harmful pesticides and use MN native plants to provide habitat.
- 20. This city is home to the oldest (opened in 1956) fully-enclosed, climate-controlled shopping mall in the US. In 2018, this city reported having 36 municipal and/or private renewable energy generation sites that generated 377 kW. (Step 4)
- 21. This major iron ore port is on the Agate and Burlington Bays. As of 2015, this city has converted all of their traffic signals with LED lights (BP 4.8).
- 22. Named to honor the 5th Governor of Minnesota, this city has a robust GreenStep Business program that has recognized 35 local businesses for implementing sustainable actions.
- 23. Jesse James and his gang attempted to rob the First National Bank in this city. See the reenactments during The Defeat of Jesse James Days September 4-8. They may not be on horseback any more, but the police department added a bike patrol (BP 13.4) which resulted in one officer losing 50 pounds!
- 24. Once called Montezuma for the Aztec chief, this city completed their Complete Streets and Pedestrian & Bicycle plan in 2017 (BP11.1)







- 25. The inventor of the pop-up toaster lived and worked here in 1919. The city joined the GreenStep program last summer.
- 26. Perhaps the birthplace of Paul Bunyan, this city was the first to achieve energy efficiency upgrades through the Commerce Guaranteed Energy Savings Program, saving \$126,000 annually.
- 27. Listed on the U.S. National Register of Historical Places, this city boasts a water tower known as "Paul Bunyan's Cup." Contrary to Paul's needs, this city was one of the first in the state to adopt a "small house" CUP option to help encourage infill development.
- 28. Surrounded almost entirely by lakes, this city has an ordinance for "Grading and road construction in Shoreland areas" that falls under BP 19.4. Stop by every Wednesday in the summer for the Turtle Races!
- 29. SKOL! This city houses the headquarters and training facility for the Minnesota Vikings. The city had the nation's first Green Globes Certified fire station in 2013.
- 30. Named after Franciscan order, of which Father Hennepin belonged, this city joined GreenStep Cities in 2017.
- 31. This city shared the name with a nearby state. Last year, this city replaced over \$28,000 worth of indoor and outdoor lighting with LEDs, which will save about \$5,000 annual in energy costs.
- 32. Named for its many lakes that one can see from their banks, this city purchased 2,581 MWh/Year of #RenewableEnergy in 2018, covering 100% of the total city #energy use from generated and/or purchased renewables. (Step 4)
- 33. Home to SuperMom's Bakery, which provides baked goods to SuperAmerica's, this city has a "Get Caught Recycling" program for someone caught using their curbside recycling bin can win \$50.
- 34. Currently a step 3 city, this city shares a name with municipalities in 25 other states. Their water tower is painted like a baseball!
- 35. First known as Loon Lake, this city in Blue Earth County found value in hosting a GreenCorps member who entered nearly 4 years of electric and natural gas usage data for the 14 city-owned buildings. B3 benchmarking is used to store, track, and review utility usage over time.
- 36. Named after a city in New York, this city is home to a world-famous health clinic. This city reported having 9 EV charging stations and 15 E85 fueling pumps in 2018 (Step 4).















- 37. This city is busy "building tomorrow today!" They are typically in the top 5 nation-wide rankings for National Night Out with over 145 neighborhood parties.
- 38. This "Norwegian Capital USA" was once home to the largest department store between Minneapolis and Aberdeen, South Dakota. They are now home to a CSA farm with an innovative deep winter greenhouse that uses passive solar and geothermal heating (BP 27.3)
- 39. Have you read Shoeless Joe or watched Field of Dreams? Moonlight Graham's character was based off of Archibald Wright "Doc" Graham who practiced medicine in this city for 50 years. It makes sense then, that this city has strong local air quality regulations under BP 23.2 all stoves must be EPA approved, use only untreated fuel and wood, and no outdoor stoves can't be used between April 15-September 15th.
- 40. This "gateway to the northwoods" joined GreenStep Cities on March 14, 2016. Be sure to stop by and visit Big Louie the Voyager!
- 41. The direction in this city's name may be deceiving. This city has an Adopt-A-Park program that encourages volunteers to pick up litter and reduce weeds and brush in local parks year-round.
- 42. Previously named Rose Hill, this city changed to a certified green printer for all city needs. (BP 15.6)
- 43. This city entirely surrounds the city of Hilltop. Once a brownfield site, this city's new library sparks revitalization of the community's main street and was recognized by MN Brownfields with a 2016 ReScape award. (BP 25.5)
- 44. Thomas Friedman, The New York Times columnist who writes about politics and the environment grew up in this city. In 2018, this city passed a Climate Action Plan that sets a goal for carbon neutrality by 2040. (BP 29.2)
- 45. Say hello to the 20-ton snowman in this city! Under the "Hometown WindPower" program, the city installed a 160 kW turbine in 2013 at the public works facility (BP 26.6)
- 46. This city has been a Tree City USA for 32 years and they recently have been planting 700 trees each year. Their unique "Hjemkomst Center" includes an entire ship inside!
- 47. Situated next to the Mississippi River, this "riverboat town" shares the name of the county they are located in. The city joined GreenStep in 2016.















- 48. 1/3rd of this city's 37 square miles is covered by water which provides 121 miles of shoreline. They joined GreenStep Cities on this day one year ago!
- 49. Previously known as "The Third Rapids," this city's ordinance allows for native vegetation without a permit which helps reduce the public's water resource demand. (BP 10.6)
- 50. This was the 100th city to join GreenStep, back in 2016! Today, they have over 40 completed actions.
- 51. This city adopted ordinances to allow for backyard chickens and bee-keeping. They are one of 5 GreenStep Cities located in Carver County.
- 52. The character Marshall Eriksen in How I Met Your Mother, was born and raised in this city (although it's portrayed smaller than it really is). In reality, this city sees a \$400,000/year energy savings from an energy efficiency and biofuel recovery project at the wastewater treatment facility.
- 53. Named after the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court (1845-1851), a friend of the county commissioner's at the time, this city has completed almost half of the GreenStep Best Practice actions, at 77 of 170.
- 54. Originally called Humbolt and home to the annual "Spud Fest," this city partnered with the University of St. Thomas last year through the Sustainable Communities Partnership.
- 55. This city shares the English name of the former nearby Ojibwe village of Chengwatana. With a \$10,000 grant from the Initiative Foundation, the city's farmers' market was revitalized in 2005. The City played a major role in building momentum for the market and increasing the number of vendors.
- 56. This city piloted America's first rural atomic power plant. Today, this city's LEED Gold public library uses half the energy of a normal library of the same size. BP 3.1
- 57. Named after the Queen of England from 1837-1901, this city has advanced to modern times by offering residents rebates for WaterSense and ENERGY STAR appliances and fixtures.
- 58. This city was named after French explorer Daniel Greysolon, Sieur du Lhut. 1/3 of this city's reported GreenStep actions are completed at a 3-star level!













- 59. This city has the 2nd oldest park system in the US and was named after a family of Civil War singers.
- 60. This city joined GreenStep Cities on February 9, 2016.



- 61. It is **CLEAR** that this city cares about the environment. They have completed 57 GreenStep City Actions since 2015!
- 62. The Disney movie, D3: The Mighty Ducks was filmed partially at the Columbia Ice Arena (now demolished) in this city. The city has an Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation Plan that combines selected removal, reforestation and treatment, and sets a goal of no more than 10% of any tree species in the city canopy. BP16.6



- 63. After a RETAP audit and a Department of Energy grant, this city installed new doors, lighting, insulation, etc. This is the only GreenStep city in Grant County.
- 64. Home to the Minnesota Zoo, this city was named after a city in California. The first METRO bus rapid transit line was developed here.
- 65. Named by Governor Ramsey using the Dakota names for "Big Water," this city has a strong tree protection ordinance that requires mitigation of trees removed more than 20 feet from a building. Trees help provide water quality benefits for the lake and surrounding water.
- 66. This small city south of St. Paul joined GreenStep in 2013 and has 39 completed actions. One, under BP 23.2 highlights their strong outdoor residential wood burning ordinance.
- 67. Visit Rocky Taconite in this city. You can also stop by their Eco-industrial park that encourages sustainable economic development opportunities. (BP 8.1)
- 68. This city is working at 3-star levels under Best Practice 8 Mixed Uses. The city has the opportunity to redevelop an old ammunition plant into a 427-acre multi-use development.
- 69. Lindsey Vonn first learned to ski on Buck Hill in this city. This city has 80 of the 170 Best Practice Actions completed!
- 70. This city share the annual * Arctic Fever festival with two neighboring cities. Each spring, this city has an annual tree sale for residents.
- 71. This city is the northern terminus of the 53-mile Agassiz Recreational Trail. You can feel safe if you are using it because the city has a "Severe Weather Emergency Management Plan" in place (BP 29.1) and a volunteer team with 30 community members.







- 72. Home to one of only 6 drive-in movie theatres left in Minnesota, this city allows the downtown district to include commercial and residential units on the same parcel (BP 9.5)
- 73. Perhaps the only city in the Twin Cities metropolitan area without any commercial development or city staff, this city created a Firewise Committee in 2015/16 to explore the dangers of wildfire. The committee produced educational materials, conducted a fire department drive-through, and followed up with property owners as needed. (BP 24.4)



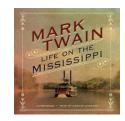
- 74. Home to the Grand Opera House, this city is the county seat of Watonwan County. The city purchases wind power from two windmills located nearby.
- 75. This city is home to a historic farm, home of Earl Brown who founded the MN State Highway Patrol. The city converted all city-owned streetlights with LEDs by 2015 (BP 4.8)
- 76. Known for its Irish traditions and annual Leprechaun Days, this city's Environment and Sustainability Task Force hosts a table to engage cities on topics like #WipesClogPipes and the city's Energy Action Plan.
- 77. Located on the Platte River, this city was the first to install #solar PV panels on a municipal building in Minnesota. (BP 26.5)
- 78. Be sure to visit Strawberry Fest from June 13-16 in this city! You may also enjoy some recreational trails. This city has identified street-trail gaps that are needed for safe travel between key areas, parks, and neighboring communities. (BP 11.5)
- 79. When the Dan Patch railroad and Antlers Amusement Park was built in 1910, this was a happening summertime place. This city joined GreenStep in late 2017.
- 80. A fitting name, this city is named after the Roman goddess of hearth and home. This city of just over 300 joined the GreenStep program just over a year ago and is home to the nation's first electric co-op.
- 81. One of six bands in the Minnesota Chippewa tribe their name in Ojibwe is Gaazagaskwaajimekaag. This GreenStep Tribal Nation is using GESP to upgrade and retrofit 22 buildings, including additional solar.
- 82. Home of the Fools Five Road Race, raising over \$2 million for cancer research to date, this city uses a Master Trail Plan to develop new trails and prioritize funding needs (BP 18.2).
- 83. This city probably loves sauerkraut! Their staff follow a purchasing policy under BP 15.1.







- 84. This city is home to the Flying Cloud Airport which was the 9th-busiest airport in the US in 1968. This city saw a reduction of the daily business gallons of water used per job of 26.5 gallons in 2017 to 23.5 gallons in 2018 (Step 4/5).
- 85. Their community sustainability team includes members from the city, county, university, schools, health, and faith communities. This city hosted a 3-day Rural Climate Dialogue in 2014 to learn from citizens and have continued working with IATP and the Jefferson Center since.
- 86. Mark Twain talked about the history of this city's name in "Life on the Mississippi" in 1883. This city has participated in the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation since 2013 and has been the only Minnesota city to rank in the top 10 last year!
- 87. Named after the basilica of the 'apostle of nations,' this is the first MN city to enact a green building policy.
- 88. This city is home to the first Target, Barnes & Nobel, McDonald's, and Dairy Queen in Minnesota. It's important then, that the city keeps a "pathways map" up to date to help residents and visitors get around. (BP 12.1)
- 89. Once known as "Rich Prairie," this city encourages to "buy local" by supporting the area's commercial club campaign and "bucks" that can be used for area businesses. (BP 25.7)
- 90. Will Steger, a polar explorer and advocate was born in this city. It's a good thing then, that this city's code requires dark-sky compliant policies for public and private outdoor lighting (BP 4.1)
- 91. Previously home to the largest stockyard in the US, today the city encourages redevelopment with various uses (BP 6)
- 92. Their name comes from a derivative of the native Santees of the Dakota/Sioux. 100% of housing is located within 1/2 mile of a bike route in this city (Step 4).
- 93. This is the taconite capital of the world! The city operates their own refuse and recycling system for residents and commercial sites. Their rates encourage smaller refuse containers and provide free recycling because the less that is landfilled, the more the city saves.
- 94. As you can see from the top of their historic water tower built in 1895, this city used a GreenStep pilot program to install 30 refurbished cobrahead LED streetlights. (BP 4.2)













- 95. This city is home to the oldest and largest 4th of July celebration in Minnesota, started in 1857. There are even fireworks in the city logo! It's a good thing that all residents live within 1/2 mile of a park or public green space so they can watch the fireworks! (BP 18.3)
- 96. This city was the first in Minnesota to have a newspaper outside of St. Paul. What was surely news at the time, this city started a stormwater utility fee in 2006 that supports projects to reduce and improve stormwater runoff. (BP 17.4)
- 97. 2/3rds of this city is public land. This city increased their annual production at city-owned renewable energy generation sites from 11 MHh/year in 2017 to 30 MHh/year in 2018! (Step 4/5)



- 98. This city was named by its German settlers from Köln. Like many German communities, this city is offsetting 100% of their electricity usage through solar garden shares.
- 99. This city still uses the Village Hall, built in 1888, making it the oldest hall still being used for governmental purposes in the state. Known for its historic lumber sawmilling, today this city protects trees by having a Urban Forest Task Force and Urban and Community Forest Management Plan (BP 16.6)
- 100. This tribal nation's reservation surrounds most of MN's largest lake (located entirely within the state). This GSTN had a housing rehab project that updated 40 homes to ENERGYSTAR compliance. (BP 5.5)
- 101. This city with "warm country feelings, minutes from the cities" was featured in the 2017 video that was shown at the LMC Conference in 2017.
- 102. This city's name comes from the Dakota words meaning "white bear lake." The city created an Energy Action Plan in 2017 through the Xcel Energy Partners in Energy program.
- 103. Located just northwest of the largest solar garden in the Midwest, this city lowers their carbon footprint by going 100% paperless for city meetings, posting materials on the cloud. (BP 15.7)
- 104. Add an "e" at the end of this city's name and you get a central MN county (which are both named after the same individual). This city boasts 20 acres of parks, enough that every citizen lives within 1/2 mile of a green space. (BP 18.3)
- 105. This village was once considered too rural to incorporate by the Minnesota Supreme Court. Today, all of the development creates stormwater runoff but the city was the first to install a multi-source water reuse facility in the state. (BP 18.5)





- 106. Dismantled in 1951, this city was home to the "spiral bridge" over the Mississippi River. The city has been a Minnesota Bird City since 2016 and manages 33 bird watching sites (BP 10.7).
- 107. This city has an unusual school building built in 1911 which is a museum today. This city has the smallest population size of any GreenStep City at just 254 people.
- 108. This city combines the names of the two cities that merged in 2006. The city has since eliminated minimum parking requirements for new development. (BP 14.1)
- 109. Home to the International Wolf Center, this city has over 70 acres of municipal park for its 3,500 residents (BP 18.3)
- 110. Many of this city's names revolve around the Revolutionary War Paul Revere Mobile Home Park, Minutemen Lane, Patriot Lane, Liberty Lane. You can get to these places by finding information about mobility options on the city's website and cable channel (BP 12.3)
- 111. You know this city for their shoes! But did you know that this Step 5 city saw a reduction of daily business gallons of water used per job fall from 43 gallons in 2016 to 35 gallons in 2018?
- 112. The Garden Club in this city recognizes residential, commercial, and public spaces with an annual Acorn Award. This Step 5 city recognizes the importance of green spaces and has been a Tree City USA for 23 years (BP 16.1).
- 113. This city had 230 inhabitants when it incorporated in 1890. By 1893, the population fell to just 21. Today, it is up to 660. Strong community ties and leadership helped the community grow back. For example, the city encourages curbside recycling by contracting with local hauler and provides a recycling center at city hall for small electronics, printers, batteries, etc. (BP 22.6)
- 114. The fair-staple Tilt-A-Whirl was invented by Herbert Sellner in this city in 1926. This year, the city worked with the MPCA and paleBLUEdot to create a Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Adaptation Framework which will be used for comprehensive planning. (BP 29.2)
- 115. This city's highway split to St. Paul or Minneapolis was featured in the opening episode of the Mary Tyler Moore Show in 1970. It's fitting that this city has a robust woodland preservation ordinance (BP 16.5).





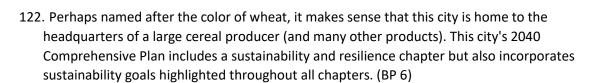




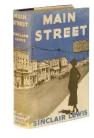
- 116. The largest Hindu Temple in Minnesota is located in this city. The city is currently holding a photo contest that includes categories for nature and wildlife in the community.
- 117. One of six Chippewa Indian Bands that make up the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, NAH-GAH-CHI-WA-NONG has a comprehensive water quality monitoring program to assess indicators for both environmental and human health (BP 19.3)



- 118. Originally called Dakota City, this city preserves its heritage through an ordinance and Heritage Preservation Commission (BP 5.1)
- 119. Lake Ore-be-gone is in this city. The city not only purchased new trucks that improved the MPG from 9 to 16 but they also downsized their fleet to improve efficiency overall (BP 13.2)
- 120. Judy Garland's hometown, this city focuses on best practice 17 stormwater management and has been a leader in the Blue Star awards.
- 121. Sinclair Lewis wrote the 1930 Nobel Prize for Literature book Main Street, in this city. All streets in this city have had traffic lights converted to LED fixtures, saving approximately \$50,000 annually (BP 4.8).



- 123. Andrew Volstead, author of the Volstead Act which started Prohibition in 1919 was from this city. Granite Falls Energy has started using water runoff from tiling on an adjacent farm site for cooling at the Ethanol Plant (BP 28.2)
- 124. The Jackson Project was a federal program designed to move people trapped in poverty in the cities to new homes in rural areas, completed in 1937. Today, the central "marketplace" zoning district allows for mixed uses from multifamily to light industrial (BP 8.5).
- 125. This "apple capital of Minnesota" has a 39.9 kW solar array on top of the fire station (BP 26.5)
- 126. Our newest GreenStep City, their new pollinator garden was designed and planted with help from the Main Street Committee, 4H Club, and UMC students (18.5).
- 127. A true railroad town, this city once had a train turn-table with 45 stalls to repair locomotives. The city has 40 acres of parks that allow 90% of residents to access green space within a 10-minute walk (BP 18.3).







Answers

- 1. Austin 2. Warren 3. Maplewood 4. Chanhassen 5. Rogers 6. New Hope 7. Pine River 8. Hopkins 9. Grand Marais 10. Coon Rapids 11. Albert Lea 12. Bloomington 13. Fergus Falls 14. Willmar 15. Mahnomen 16. Winthrop 17. Belle Plaine 18. Mounds View 19. Scandia 20. Edina 21. Two Harbors 22. Marshall 23. Northfield 24. Winona 25. Stillwater 26. Bemidji 27. Brainerd
- 38. Milan 39. Chisholm 40. Barnum 41. West Saint Paul 42. Lauderdale 43. Columbia Heights 44. Saint Louis Park 45. North Saint Paul 46. Moorhead 47. Aitkin 48. Crosslake 49. Sartell 50. Inver Grove Heights 51. Mayer 52. Saint Cloud 53. Woodbury 54. Big Lake 55. Pine City 56. Elk River 57. Victoria 58. Duluth 59. Hutchinson 60. Stacy 61. Crystal 62. Fridley 63. Hoffman 64. Apple Valley 65. Minnetonka 66. Newport 67. Silver Bay 68. Arden Hills 69. Burnsville 70. Shorewood 71. Crookston

37. New Brighton

72. Lake Elmo 73. Sunfish Lake 74. Saint James 75. Brooklyn Center 76. Rosemount 77. Royalton 78. Cottage Grove 79. Lakeville 80. Vesta 81. Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe 82. Lewiston 83. New Germany 84. Eden Prairie 85. Morris 86. White Bear Lake 87. Saint Paul 88. Roseville 89. Pierz 90. Richfield 91. South Saint Paul 92. Isanti 93. Mountain Iron 94. Kasson 95. Delano 96. Sauk Rapids 97. Falcon Heights 98. Cologne 99. Marine on Saint Croix 100. Red Lake Band of Chippewa

101. Jordan

102. Mahtomedi

104. Sherburn

103. North Branch

105. Saint Anthony 106. Hastings 107. Hewitt 108. Elko New Market 109. Ely 110. Lexington 111. Red Wing 112. Oakdale 113. La Prairie 114. Faribault 115. Forest Lake 116. Maple Grove 117. Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa 118. Farmington 119. Gilbert 120. Grand Rapids 121. Mankato 122. Golden Valley 123. Granite Falls 124. Hermantown 125. La Crescent 126. Hallock 127. Dilworth

28. Nisswa

29. Eagan

30. Saint Francis

31. Wyoming

32. Shoreview

34. Arlington

35. Lake Crystal

36. Rochester

33. Saint Paul Park