**2020 Category B City: ARLINGTON**

Currently a Step 3 GreenStep City as of June 2016

- joined March 2011 -

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**18**

**YES**

**NO**

***Total BPs implemented: All required\* BPs done? BP distribution requirements\* met?***

*\* note: requirements are for Step 3 recognition*

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| Best practices (**required**) BP implemented? Action summary by # and star level achieved  Action rules (req. actions in **bold**) Distribution BPs done?  **YES** | | |
| **BUILDINGS: 2 BPs required; are 2 done?** | | |
| **1. Public**  **Actions 1 & 2** | **YES** | 1.1 COMPLETE @ 3 STARS – data since 2011; improving energy efficiency at the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant with MnTAP  1.2 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- all city buildings switched from standard fluorescent lights to lights with electronic ballasts, & some LEDs  1.4 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- completed upgrades to each lift station by adding a new SCADA system  1.5 UNDERWAY -- Sibley East remodel of High School |
| 2. Private  any one action | **YES** | 2.1 COMPLETE @ City offers a variety of residential rebates for purchase & installation of energy efficient products: the We Save Home program |
| 3. New  any one action |  |  |
| 4. Lighting/Signals  2 actions; one from 5-8 | **NO** | 4.5 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR – 2 solar powered LED crosswalk signs (1 to connect the north side of the City to the downtown and school) |
| 5. Reuse  any one action | **YES** | 5.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- design standards in CBD compatible with historic building patterns; EDA working Facade Improvement Grant to support the new ordinance  **YES** |
| **LAND USE: 2 BPs required; are 2 done?** | | |
| **6. Comp Plan**  **Actions 1 & 2** | **YES** | 6.1 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR – Dec. 2014 amended Plan (very thorough!)  6.2 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – Comp plan referenced >30 times in code |
| 7. Density  any one action | **YES** | 7.2 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- ADU survey and discussion of ADU ord. |
| 8. Mixed Uses  any one action | **YES** | 8.5 COMPLETE @ 3 STARS -- permitted uses of apartment and residential living in the downtown CBD |
| 9. Highway Development  any one action |  |  |
| 10. Conservation Development  any one action |  | **YES** |
| **TRANSPORTATION: 1 BP required; is 1 done?** | | |
| 11. Complete Green Streets  1; & one additional action | **YES** | 11.1 COMPLETE @ 3 STARS – 3/2016 CS policy (ordinance) has narrative standards & map illustrating focus corridors 11.4 UNDERWAY – if a policy 11.4 COMPLETE @ 3 STARS – CS policy used in 2015 Street & Utility Improvement Project: narrowed width of streets, added sidewalks and green space |
| 12. Mobility Options  any one action | **YES** | 12.2 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – SRTS; includes accessing regional trails, adopted a sidewalk inspection policy and annual $25k sidewalk budget  12.3 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS |
| 13. Fleets  any one action |  |  |
| 14. TOD / TDM  any two actions |  | **YES** |
| **ENVIRONMENTAL MGT: 3 BPs required; are 3 done?** | | |
| **15. Purchasing**  **1; and one additional action** | **YES** | 15.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS  15.7 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- budgeted $3,800 for paperless meeting process including iPads; carpooling encouraged; fax electronically without paper |
| **16. Trees**  **any one action** | **YES** | 16.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – 7 yrs.; "Growth" award in 2015 for “new or significantly improved activities in 2014”  16.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- tree replacement budget of $1,500 (2015) & $3,400 ( 2016); Ordinance 291 addresses oak wilt, emerald ash borer, and Dutch elm disease  16.4 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- robust boulevard tree program; thick public/private tree cover; HS student inventory |
| 17. Stormwater  any one action | **YES** | 17.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR |
| 18. Parks & Trails  any two actions | **YES** | 18.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- 24 acres park land/1000 residents  18.8 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- Adopt a Park/Trail program |
| 19. Surface Water  if state public water: 4; and one additional action  others: any one action |  |  |
| 20. Water / Wastewater  1 & 2; and one additional | **NO** | 20.2 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- water treatment plant has 4 VFDs; waste water plant has 16 VFDs  20.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- sump pump ordinance; $10,000 in 2 yrs. for I&I monitoring (televising, IDing, 2 remediations during street project) |
| 21. Septics  any one action |  |  |
| 22. Solid Waste  one from 1-3; & one from 4-8 | **YES** | 22.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- weekly on-site recycling service, yard waste site, hazardous waste drop-off, curbside brush removal/chipping; Arlington Clean-Up Day (over 400 residents partook)  22.4 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – 3 businesses which promote donating and/or purchasing used goods; photos on city web! |
| 23. Local Air Quality  any one action |  | **YES** |
| **ECON & COMM DEVELOP: 3 BPs required; are 3 done?** | | |
| **24. Benchmarks & Involvement**  **1; and one additional action** | **YES** | 24.1 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- "We're a GreenStep City" on homepage  24.4 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – 2016 Mayoral water challenge (<40gal/day/ person) - pledges to save over 900 gallons/day; 2016 1st farmers market incl. healthy eating and healthy living initiatives, Community Ed/Rec ongoing classes on the night of the market |
| **25. Green Businesses**  **any two actions** | **YES** | 25.2 COMPLETE @ 3 STARS – City coordinates annual business visits with a representative from MMPA to discuss potential energy saving projects; energy rebate forms/info at city hall, on web  25.4 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- city utilizes Arlington's Cemstone Products Company, which utilizes local recycled concrete  25.7 COMPLETE @ 3 STARS -- Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce has created a local currency called "Arlington Dollars"; City has pictures of businesses on its web page |
| 26. Renewable Energy  any two actions | **YES** | 26.2 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS  26.4 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- MMPA allows residential customers to buy 100% of their monthly electricity from renewable resources; 1% participate  26.5 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- MMPA funded a 160 kW City wind turbine in the City's NE industrial park & 5kW solar panel at the High School |
| 27. Local Food  any one action | **YES** | 27.3 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – 2-acre Farm-to-School program; 29 in CSA |
| 28. Business Synergies  2, 3 or 4 |  |  |
| **29. Climate Adaptation**  **action 1** | **YES** | 29.1 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- adopted Co. Haz. Mit. Plan; has City Emerg. Ops Plan; budgeted for a generator at newly IDed Emerg. Ops. Cts. When you have a moment, it would great to attach a PDF of the City Emergency Operations Plan to your entry. |

**ARLINGTON** – notable actions

* **Downtown design standards** compatible with historic building patterns; EDA working on Facade Improvement Grant Program to support standards
* **2016 accessory dwelling unit** survey and ordinance discussion
* **2016 Mayoral water conservation challenge** of 40 gal./person/day; current pledges to save over 900 gal./day
* **City coordinates annual business visits** with an electric utility staff to discuss potential energy saving projects
* **The local currency “Arlington Dollars”** created by Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce; City has pictures of businesses on its web page