**2020 Category B City: DETROIT LAKES**

Currently a Step 1 GreenStep City

- joined August 2019 -

***Which assessment****? Preliminary: for city review Final: May 1st recommendation to LMC*

***Assessor and date****: Philipp Muessig, 3/11/20*

**6**

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

***Recommend June 2020 public recognition at: Step 1 Step 2 (any 6 BPs) Step 3***

Recognition at a Step 3 level involves, at a minimum:

* Implementing 12 best practices, including:
  + 6 specific BPs: #1, #6, #15, #16, #24, #25, #29
  + 2 Building BPs, 2 Land Use BPs, 1 Transportation BP, 3 Env. Mgt. BPs, 3 Comm./Econ. BPs
* Completing 17 actions, including:
  + 7 specific actions: #1.1 & #1.2; #6.1 & #6.2; #15.1; #24.1; #29.1

***\* Note****: requirements are only for Step 3 recognition*

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| Best practices (**required\* in bold**) BP implemented? Action summary by # and star level achieved  Action rules (req.\* actions in **bold**) | | |
| **YES**  **BUILDINGS: distribution requirement\* is 2 BPs; are 2 done?** | | |
| **1. Public**  **Actions 1 & 2** | **NO** | 1.2 COMPLETE @ 3 STARS -- City routinely does energy efficiency audits; recent $1.8M Community & Cultural Center conservation project improved lighting & insulation; similar work in 5 other buildings |
| 2. Private  any one action | **YES** | 2.1 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR – DL Public Utilities offers various EE rebates through the Bright Energy Solutions program |
| 3. New  any one action | **YES** | 3.5 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR - Land Disturbance Permits control CC&Rs |
| 4. Lighting/Signals  2 actions; one from 5-8 | **NO** | 4.8 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- currently switching traffic signals to LEDs; in new developments and as old street lights are replaced, LEDs are installed |
| 5. Reuse  any one action | **YES** | 5.5 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- Redevelopment Tax Increment Financing Districts, Development Authority revolving loan fund for business development/building repurposing, Facade Improvement Grant Program |
| **NO**  **LAND USE: 2 BPs required\*; are 2 done?** | | |
| **6. Comp Plan**  **Actions 1 & 2** | **NO** | 6.1 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR – Comp Plan adopted in 2000 and amended most recently in 2018 |
| 7. Density  any one action |  |  |
| 8. Mixed Uses  any one action | **YES** | 8.7 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- mixed use projects in DT: 2016 McKinley Plaza (retail, rental); 2019 Norby's Flats (old dept. store to multiple businesses); Midtown development beginning |
| 9. Highway Development  any one action |  |  |
| 10. Conservation Development  any one action |  |  |
| **TRANSPORTATION: 1 BP required\*; is 1 done?** | | |
| 11. Complete Green Streets  1; & one additional action |  |  |
| 12. Mobility Options  any one action |  |  |
| 13. Fleets  any one action |  |  |
| 14. TOD / TDM  any two actions |  | **NO** |
| **ENVIRONMENTAL MGT: 3 BPs required\*; are 3 done?** | | |
| **15. Purchasing**  **1; and one additional action** |  |  |
| **16. Trees**  **any one action** | **YES** | 16.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – Tree City since 1988 |
| 17. Stormwater  any one action |  |  |
| 18. Parks & Trails  any two actions | **NO** | 18.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STAR -- Master Trails Plan & Parks Strategic Plan; sub-division ordinance requires dedication of 6% of undeveloped land to trails/ parks |
| 19. Surface Water  if state public water: 4; and one additional action  others: any one action | **NO** | 19.4 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS |
| 20. Water / Wastewater  1 & 2; and one additional | **NO** | 20.6 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- constructing a new $35M wastewater treatment plant in 2019 |
| 21. Septics  any one action |  |  |
| 22. Solid Waste  one from 1-3; & one from 4-8 | **NO** | 22. COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- requires garbage haulers required since 2017 to provide curbside single-stream recycling, waste removal, and an annual data report |
| 23. Local Air Quality  any one action |  | **NO** |
| **ECON & COMM DEVELOP: 3 BPs required\*; are 3 done?** | | |
| **24. Benchmarks & Involvement**  **1; and one additional action** |  |  |
| **25. Green Businesses**  **any two actions** | **NO** | 25.2 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- Detroit Lakes Public Utilities meets with major local businesses twice per year to encourage energy conservation and to promote new programs |
| 26. Renewable Energy  any two actions | **NO** | 26.4 COMPLETE @ 3 STARS – from 2017, DLPublic Utilities offers partici-pation in a community solar garden; 100% RE purchases in 2020 via the muni’s Bright Energy Choices program |
| 27. Local Food  any one action | **YES** | 27.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- participates in local efforts including Becker County Energize and Manna Food Co-op |
| 28. Business Synergies  2, 3 or 4 |  |  |
| **29. Climate Adaptation**  **action 1**  (includes targeted emergency communications in appropriate languages to address vulnerable populations) |  |  |

**DETROIT LAKES**  -- notable actions

* **$1.8M energy conservation** project to improve retrofit lighting and insulation at the Community and Cultural Center
* **Municipal Solar Garden** participation offered via the city utility
* **Meetings twice/yr. with major local businesses**, by Public Utilities staff, to encourage energy conservation and to promote new programs
* **Garbage haulers required** to provide annual data report on tonnage of 4 recycling/waste streams from residential, and commercial, accounts