**2020 Category A City: HASTINGS**

Currently a Step 3 GreenStep City as of June 2017

(joined April 2016)

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**20**

***Total BPs implemented:***

\* note: requirements are 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 BPs done?** |
| **1. Public** **Actions 1 & 2; & one action from actions 3-7** | **YES** | 1.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- data back to 20101.2 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – low-cost energy changes for City Hall, Fire Dept, Police Dept, LeDuc Historic Estate, and Public Works buildings1.4 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- reducing # of servers by moving to a virtualized computer infrastructure; all desktops, monitors, notebooks are EnergyStar certified and EPEAT Gold compliant |
| 2. Private any two actions | **NO** | 2.5 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- watering ordinance |
| 3. New action 1 or 2; one from 3-5 |  |  |
| 4. Lighting/Signals 2 actions with one from 5-8 | **NO** | 4.5 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- city uses LED's in outdoor areas |
| 5. Reuse any one action | **YES** | 5.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- historic preservation ordinances/regulations, HPC**YES** |
|  **LAND USE: 2 BPs required; are 2 BPs done?** |
| **6. Comp Plan** **Actions 1 & 2** | **YES** | 6.1 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR – updated every 10 years (in Met Council area)6.2 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR6.3 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – Intergov co-op: Met Council; Vermillion River Watershed JPO; Greater MSP; Dakota Co. Comm Development Agency6.4 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – Comp Plan goal: grow by investing in established areas, carefully planning new compact & contiguous neighborhoods, and protecting environmental & rural resources |
| 7. Density any one action | **YES** | 7.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- 14 DUA allowed in the DT Core District, no max.; 7 DUA in R-3 Zoning District7.2 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- Flexible lot size/frontage requirement for infill development allowed within R-4, RMU, & D(t)C Districts; accessory dwellings allowed in the R-2 an R-3 Districts7.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- commercial with reduced lot sizes included within the DC Zoning District7.4 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- Tax Increment Financing available within the Downtown to incentivize redevelopment |
| 8. Mixed Uses any two actions | **YES** | 8.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- Heart of Hastings Neighborhood Plan – 2002; Vermillion Corridor Plan – 2006; Comprehensive Plan 2007-20088.2 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- City Hall, County Courthouse, and Schools all in close proximity to City Loop Trail System8.5 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS8.6 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- DC Zoning District based on form-based codes8.7 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- DC Zoning District available for TIF, does not have a prescribed maximum density limit |
| 9. Highway Development any one action | **YES** | 9.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- Vermillion Street Development Guidelines strive for continued economic vitality of the corridor through future redevelopment at key intersections.9.2 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR9.4 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- C-2: Highway Auto Highway Specialized Commerce District |
| 10. Conservation Development any one action | **YES** | 10.7 COMPLETE @ 3 STARS -- Minnesota's 1st official Bird City as of April 2016; 33 Park & Rec sites for bird watching.**YES** |
|  **TRANSPORTATION: 2 BPs required; are 2 BPs done?**  |
| **11. Complete Green Streets** **1; & two additional actions** | **YES** | 11.1 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR – routine consideration of CS elements11.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- Conzemius Park ponding basin (added infiltration capacity), linear raingarden ditches alongside reconstructed streets in Industrial & Business Park, bioswales in 2 reconstructed parking lots in DT, on-site raingarden/infiltration basins at our Public Works facility when the site was redeveloped11.5 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – interconnects of park facilities and schools with neighborhoods11.6 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- 10th street project |
| **12. Mobility Options** **any two actions** | **YES** | 12.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- trail maps, trail signage, Zagster (bike rental program), park-and-ride lot downtown to encourage carpooling12.2 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – Regina Medical’s A Healthier Hastings for All (AH-HA) increasing exercise and adopting healthier eating habits12.3 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS --<http://www.hastingsmn.gov/residents/public-transit> 12.6 COMPLETE @ 3 STARS -- LOOP is new 2016 dial-a-ride/circulator city bus service by NGO DARTS: scheduled stops, flexibility to request a stop nearby; operates every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. |
| 13. Fleets any two actions | **YES** | 13.2 COMPLETE @1 STAR – right/down-size part of annual budget process13.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- more efficient vehicles 13.4 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- police department has bike patrol |
| 14. TOD / TDM any two actions | **NO** | 14.1 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- maximum parking standards applicable to all zoning districts |
| **YES** **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: 4 BPs required; are 4 done?** |
| **15. Purchasing** **1; and one additional action** | **YES** | 15.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – Sept. 2016 Council policy on purchasing EnergyStar, WaterSense and 30% recycled paper for all city departments15.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- By practice City seeks to purchase locally15.4 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR15.5 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- Engineering Specifications for street projects set minimum recycled content15.6 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR – most printing done by Graphic Design in Hastings, a MN certified Great Printer |
| **16. Trees** **any two actions** | **YES** | 16.1 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- a Tree City for 19 years16.3 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- plants nearly 30 trees/yr. for Arbor Day activities; currently utilizing i-tree to conduct tree inventory on City property16.4 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- adding trees DT: part of Riverfront Renaissance project, Phase 316.5 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- policy relating to protecting trees on public and private parcels affected by city planning and regulatory processes16.6 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- City Forester |
| **17. Stormwater** **any one action** | **YES** | 17.4 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- storm water utility adopted 2010; fee reductions granted provided a property owner meets certain storm water runoff volume and parcel area requirements |
| 18. Parks & Trails any three actions | **YES** | 18.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- 2017, 2018 trail gaps completed (on 10 Mile Loop trail; along the Mississippi River) 18.2 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- park dedication policy funds a network of parks/green spaces for new development18.3 COMPLETE @ 3 STARS -- 18.61 acres of park/1,000 residents, 20% of total city land is in protected green infrastructure, 90% or more of residents are within 1/2 mile of park or other protected green/blue space18.7 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- Native landscaping utilized in many parks18.8 COMPLETE @2 STARS -- Hastings Environmental Protectors, Annual Park Cleanup Day, Arbor Day tree planting, and Adopt-a-Park Program |
| 19. Surface Water if state public water: 4; and one additional actionif no state water: any one action | **NO** | 19.4 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR19.6 UNCLEAR – is the city putting money into implementing the TMDL plan? |
| 20. Water / Wastewater 1 & 2; and one additional | **NO** | 20.2 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR20.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR20.6 odd-even watering ordinances fall short of 1-star for this action20.7 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- upcoming Utility Rate Study will provide an opportunity to advance water conservation |
| 21. Septics any one action | **YES** | 21.1 COMPLETE @ 3 STARS -- county reminds homeowners re: septic pump every 3 years, co. inspection reports yearly to city, which handles enforcement21.2 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- MSTS 7080 rules deal with any septic’s that do not pass a compliance inspection21.3 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – city permits, for septic installations, and review of the design, soils, monitoring21.4 COMPLETE @ S STARS -- ordinance approved by MPCA |
| 22. Solid Waste 1 or 2; & one from 4-8 | **YES** | 22.1 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- city goal: reduce waste 4-6% & recycling /composting 75% of waste by 2030; recycling opportunities exist for 35 city parks/athletic areas, buildings, and city-sponsored events. 22.2 this action is now about consumer products/packaging22.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- contract with our hauler diverts waste through recycling; quarterly reports; Civic Arena has organics option22.4 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR – city advertises monthly Fix-It Clinics, reuse area of The Recycling Zone, Dakota County Reuse Guide, which lists donation resources |
| 23. Local Air Quality any two actions | **NO** |  23.1 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR – ed. materials for the public on burning, installation of stoves - attached to our open burning permits and on the city website**YES** |
|  **ECON & COMM DVLP: 3 BPs required; are 3 done?** |
| **24. Benchmarks & Involvement** **Actions 1 & 2** | **YES** | 24.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- Hastings Environmental Protectors, residents who share a common interest in environmental health & sustainability efforts, will assist the City in its GreenStep work: ID metrics, future actions, develop a sustainability report for community & Council 24.2 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- budget document outlines outcome measures for most city departments; Rivertown News mailed to residents reports on new projects underway, data on city-provided service  |
| **25. Green Businesses** **any two actions** | **YES** |  25.3 COMPLETE @ 3 STARS -- a designated Bike City; Zagster bike rentals helps to promote green tourism25.3 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- Block 1 (Artspace) & Hudson Manufacturing remediation for mixed R/C; Napa Auto – removal of a former gas station and construction of a new commercial structure |
| 26. Renewable Energy any two actions |  |   |
| 27. Local Food any one action | **YES** | 27.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- Westview Shopping Center hosts Farmer's Market; whole foods co-op store; hospital Spring Lake Park Reserve have community gardens |
| 28. Business Synergies action 2, 3 or 4 | **NO** | 28.3 good elements - shared parking allowed, most commercial districts within walking distance of residential, use of renovated buildings promoted – but falls short of 1-star rating for this action |
| **29. Climate Adaptation** **action 1**(Category A & B cities must achieve a 1-star rating plus either a 2- or 3- star rating for Step 3 recognition). | **YES** | 29.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- City, with Dakota Co., has a 2014 All-Hazard Mitigation Plan; Community Relations Coordinator responsible for communications with all populations  |

**HASTINGS** – notable actions

* **Accessory dwellings allowed** on lots of a minimum size in R-2 & R-3 zoning districts
* **Form-based code** in the Downtown Core zoning district
* **Stand-out plans and programs** include Heart of Hastings Neighborhood Plan, Vermillion Street Development Guidelines, A Healthier Hastings, dial-a-ride/circulator city bus service, maximum parking standards, the civic group Hastings Environmental Protectors, park-and-ride lot downtown
* **Minnesota's 1st official Bird** City as of April 2016; 33 Park & Rec sites for bird watching