**2020 Category B City: La Prairie**

a Step Two GreenStep City as of June 2013

- joined September 2010 -

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

***Assessor and date****: Philipp Muessig, 3/18/20*

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**NO**

**NO**

***Total BPs implemented: All required\* BPs implemented? Distribution BPs done?***

***Recommend new recognition at: Step 3***

Recognition at a Step 3 level involves, at a minimum, completing the additional actions:

* 15.1 (environmental purchasing) and 1 additional purchasing action
* 1 Urban Forestry action (BP # 16)
* 24.1 (green team) and 1 additional engagement action
* 2 Green Business actions (BP 25)
* 29.1 (emergency communications)

\* required for recognition at Step 3

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| Best practices (**required\***) BP implemented? Action summary by # and star level achieved  Action rules (req.\* in **bold**) ***Distribution BPs done?***  **YES** | | |
| **BUILDINGS: 2 BPs required\*; are 2 BPs done?** | | |
| **1. Public**  **1 & 2** | **Yes** | * 1. Complete-Star 2   1.2 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- new LED outside lighting at the city maintenance building, the city hall parking lot and warming house  1.3 Complete-Star 2 -- city hall evaluation resulted in new roof vents, added ceiling insulation, replaced entry doors, added outside wall insulation and new siding, improvements to furnace system; new gutters which drain to a grassy area rather than an impervious surface |
| 2. Private  any one action |  |  |
| 3. New  any one action |  |  |
| 4. Lighting/Signals  2 actions; one from 5-8 | **Yes** | 4.2 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR – LEDs at LaPrairie Ave and Highway 169  4.5 Complete -Star 1  4.6 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- 16 new LED, Dark Sky street lights on corridor 1 mile long |
| 5. Reuse  any one action |  | **YES** |
| **LAND USE: 2 BPs required\*; are 2 BPs done?** | | |
| **6. Comp Plan**  **1 & 2** | **Yes** | 6.1 Complete-Star 1  6.2 Complete-Star 1 |
| 7. Density  any one action | **No** | 7.1 Zoning Committee is revising in 2016 the Zoning Ordinance to remove barriers to higher density housing |
| 8. Mixed Uses  any one action | **Yes** | 8.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR |
| 9. Highway Development  any one action | **Yes** | 9.1 Complete- Star 1  9.2 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- member of the Iron Range Economic Alliance |
| 10. Conservation Development  any one action |  |  |
| **YES**  **TRANSPORTATION: 1 BP required\*; is 1 BP done?** | | |
| 11. Complete Green Streets  1; & one additional action | **No** | 11.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- Re-constructed a major arterial city street in collaboration with the county  11.4 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR – 11’, 1-mi. ped/bike trail connects to Mesabi Trail; added sidewalk to accommodate wheel chairs which leads to newly purchased handicapped equipment at playground  11.5 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR  11.6 Complete-Star 1 |
| 12. Mobility Options  any one action | **Yes** | 12.1 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS – connection of city to the City of Grand Rapids Trail system  12.2 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- with Get Fit Itasca, revised the city’s Comprehensive Plan; conducted a visual preference survey & walking audits; public input exercises; converted part of the tennis courts to a pickle ball court to encourage active lifestyles |
| 13. Fleets  any one action | **YES** | 13.2 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR – Right-sized truck with equipment trailer that can be towed by a replacement vehicle that is more fuel efficient |
| 14. TOD / TDM  any two actions |  | **YES** |
| **ENV MANAGEMENT: 3 BPs required\*; are 3 BPs done?** | | |
| **15. Purchasing**  **1; and one additional action** | **NO** |  |
| **16. Trees**  **any one action** | **NO** |  |
| 17. Stormwater  any one action | **Yes** | 17.5 Complete-Star 1 |
| 18. Parks & Trails  any two actions | **Yes** | 18.1 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- city has obtained property in one of the two identified gap areas  18.2 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- park and Rec committee is discussing how best to use and preserve the property  18.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- 80% of all city owned land has been established and is protected greenspace  18.4 Complete-Star 1 |
| 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-Star 1-- replacement of all pumps, rails and electronics in all of its lift stations  20.3 Complete – star 1  20.7 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR |
| 21. Septics  any 1 action | **YES** | 21.6 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- extended city water & sewer to 45 homes to replace failing septics systems that were leeching into the Prairie River, and provided safe drinking water to replace contaminated wells |
| 22. Solid Waste  one from 1-3; & one from 4-8 | **Yes** | 22.1 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- recycling center at city hall to accommodate the recycling of small electronics, printers, batteries etc.  22.4 Complete-Star 1  22.5 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- non-profit group employing handicapped adults chips and sells brush from community brush pile  22.6 Complete-Star 3  22.7 COMPLETE @ 2 STARS -- we have improved our recycling by 80% |
| 23. Local Air Quality  any one action |  | **NO** |
| **ECON & COMM DEVELOPMENT: 2 BPs required\*; are 2 BPs done?** | | |
| **24. Benchmarks & Involvement**  **1; and one additional action** | **NO** |  |
| **25. Green Businesses**  **any two actions** | **NO** |  |
| 26. Renewable Energy  any two actions |  |  |
| 27. Local Food  any one action | **Yes** | 27.1 considering a recommendation to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow for native vegetation  27.2 Complete-Star 1 Mayor urging residents to consider coop gardening  27.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR |
| 28. Business Synergies  2, 3 or 4 |  |  |
| **29. Climate Adaptation**  **action** **1** | **NO** | 29.4 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- Energy efficiency measures taken in the City office, shop and warming house, as part of a 2016 community resilience education event |

**LA PRAIRIE –** notable actions

* **Iron Range Economic Alliance** member
* **Community improved recycling by an estimated 80%,** expanded items that can be recycled and implemented volume-based pricing
* **Non-profit group employing handicapped adults** chips and sells brush from community brush pile
* **Renewables account for about 15%** of energy used by city operations
* **0% interest business loans** for energy efficiency improvements
* **Use of floating islands explored** via Crystal Waters Project to cleanse local lake
* **The city’s recreation center saves roughly $900/month** in energy savings due to a 2014 retrofit; retrofits in other city buildings decreased energy use up to 63%, with an 18% decrease in the city hall/library
* **City hall evaluation resulted in** new roof vents, added ceiling insulation, replaced entry doors, added outside wall insulation, new siding, improvements to furnace system; new gutters which drain to a grassy area rather than an impervious surface