**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 house1.3 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 1694.5 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 16.2 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 county11.4 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 playground11.5 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR11.6 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 system12.2 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 property18.3 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- 80% of all city owned land has been established and is protected greenspace18.4 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 stations20.3 Complete – star 120.7 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 122.5 COMPLETE @ 1 STAR -- non-profit group employing handicapped adults chips and sells brush from community brush pile 22.6 Complete-Star 322.7 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 vegetation27.2 Complete-Star 1 Mayor urging residents to consider coop gardening27.3 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