**2020 Category B City: RUSH CITY**

Currently a Step 1 GreenStep City

- joined November 2019 -

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

***Assessor and date****: Philipp Muessig, 4/27/20*

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

***Recommend June 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**) | | |
| **BUILDINGS: distribution requirement\* is 2 BPs; are 2 done? NO** | | |
| **1. Public**  **Actions 1 & 2** |  |  |
| 2. Private  any one action |  |  |
| 3. New  any one action |  |  |
| 4. Lighting/Signals  2 actions; one from 5-8 | **NO** | 4.5 — 2 STARS: solar powered flashing speed limit sign at a high traffic location; planned solar-powered cross-walk sign; work on > LED lighting |
| 5. Reuse  any one action | **YES** | 5.3 — 2 STARS: City repurposed an old school building into City Hall offices, Chisago County Sheriff Dept Contract Office, gymnastics facility and locker rooms |
| **LAND USE: 2 BPs required\*; are 2 done?** | | |
| **6. Comp Plan**  **Actions 1 & 2** |  |  |
| 7. Density  any one action |  |  |
| 8. Mixed Uses  any one action |  |  |
| 9. Highway Development  any one action |  |  |
| 10. Conservation Development  any one action |  |  |
| **TRANSPORTATION: 1 BP required\*; is 1 done? YES** | | |
| 11. Complete Green Streets  1; & one additional action |  |  |
| 12. Mobility Options  any one action | **YES** | 12.2 — 1 STAR: June 2020 SRTS plan with strong committee will lead to walking and biking a safe possibility for students |
| 13. Fleets  any one action |  |  |
| 14. TOD / TDM  any two actions |  |  |
| **ENVIRONMENTAL MGT: 3 BPs required\*; are 3 done? NO** | | |
| **15. Purchasing**  **1; and one additional action** |  |  |
| **16. Trees**  **any one action** |  |  |
| 17. Stormwater  any one action | **YES** | 17.5 — 1 STAR: street construction projects will continue to install rain gardens where feasible |
| 18. Parks & Trails  any two actions |  | 18.2 — 2 STARS: City requires dedication of land or cash in-lieu-of for parks; sidewalks will be required in any new subdivision; over 1 mile of trails created over 10 years; City Park Board |
| 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** | 20.3 — 3 STARS: sewer inspections are mandatory at the time of property transfer and/or street constructions: needed I&I repairs (city loans available) need be completed in 6 months; half of properties inspected by 2020 |
| 21. Septics  any one action |  |  |
| 22. Solid Waste  one from 1-3; & one from 4-8 |  |  |
| 23. Local Air Quality  any one action |  |  |
| **ECON & COMM DEVELOP: 3 BPs required\*; are 3 done? YES** | | |
| **24. Benchmarks & Involvement**  **1; and one additional action** | **YES** | 24.1 — 2 STARS: GreenStep Team meets on a monthly to bi-monthly schedule to work on issues of sustainability; regular updates to city newsletter & planned council updates  24.4 — 2 STARS: public info gatherings included mayor; school and Lion’s Club involvement |
| **25. Green Businesses**  **any two actions** |  |  |
| 26. Renewable Energy  any two actions |  |  |
| 27. Local Food  any one action | **YES** | 27.3 — 2 STARS: City land in the industrial park has been donated for community garden use; City is the fiscal agent; donations to local food shelf |
| 28. Business Synergies  2, 3 or 4 |  |  |
| **29. Climate Adaptation**  **action 1**  (includes targeted emergency communications in appropriate languages to address vulnerable populations) | **YES** | 29.1 — 2 STARS: City uses the CodeRED service and social media such as Facebook to inform, alert and educate community on all safety concerns  29.7 — 1 STAR: Public Works uses software to create alarms for pumps not working, high/low water levels, and other risk factors |

**RUSH CITY** — notable actions

* **Sidewalks will be required** in new subdivisions
* S**treet construction projects** will continue to install rain gardens where feasible
* **Sewer inspections are mandatory at** the time of property transfer and/or street constructions: needed I&I repairs (city loans available) need be completed in 6 months; half of properties inspected by 2020
* **Donated City industrial park land** used for community garden