**2021 Category A City: WEST SAINT PAUL**

Currently a Step 2 GreenStep City as of June 2019

(joined May 2017)

**X**

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

***Assessor and date****: Kristin Mroz, 3/12/21*

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**YES**

**YES**

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

**X**

***Recommend June 2021 public recognition at: Step 3***

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| Best practices (**required in bold**) Action rules (req. actions in **bold**)  | BP implemented?  | Action summary by # and star level achieved |
| **YES** **BUILDINGS: distribution requirement\* is 2 BPs ; are 2 BPs done?** |
| **1. Public Buildings** **Actions 1 & 2; & one action from actions 3-7** | **YES** | 1.1 @ 1 STAR – Started 2007. Updated 2020, adding historic data and assigned staff to regularly update. 1.2 @ 1 STAR - 2020 converted to LED in Ice Arena, indoor/outdoor pool, Dome; used Xcel rebates1.7 @ 1 STAR – 2010 maint. facility has closed-loop geothermal system  |
| 2. Private Buildings  any two actions | YES | 2.1 @ 1 STAR - actively promotes Xcel's Energy Rebate and Energy Assistance Programs2.5 @ 1 STAR – 2001 mayoral authority to declare a watering ban2.6 @ 1 STAR - EDA home impr. loans for HVAC, electrical, plumbing, exterior |
| 3. New Green Buildings action 1 or 2; one from 3-5 |  |  |
| 4. Lighting/Signals 2 actions with one from 5-8 | YES | 4.5 @ 2 STARS - Robert Street corridor 2014-204.8 @ 3 STARS - all 15 traffic signals on state/county roads LED |
| 5. Building Redevelopment any one action |  | **YES** |
|  **LAND USE: 2 BPs required\*; are 2 BPs done?** |
| **6. Comp Plan** **Actions 1 & 2** | **YES** | 6.1 @ 1 STAR – finalizing update of 2019; includes sections on bike-ped, sustainability6.2 @ 2 STARS -- comp plan referenced in multiple areas of the zoning code (which was updated 2015) including site plans and conditional uses |
| 7. City Growth any one action |  |  |
| 8. Mixed Uses any two actions | YES | 8.1 @ 2 STARS -- Robert St Renaissance Plan (of 2001) developed with extensive facilitated citizen engagement8.2 @ 2 STARS -- City Hall, Regional Athletics Center adjacent to a job & residential center, accessible by regular transit. Center has a shared parking agreement with adjacent LA Fitness 8.3 @ 3 STARS -- 2 planned mixed use development districts within the City |
| 9. Highway Development any one action | YES | 9.1 @ 1 STAR - Robert Street Improvement plans include bump outs, islands, lower speed limits, ped/cycle tunnel9.3 @ 2 STARS - Smith Dodd Small Area Plan 2017  |
| 10. Conservation  any one action |  | **YES** |
|  **TRANSPORTATION: 2 BPs required\*; are 2 BPs done?**  |
| **11. Complete Green Streets** **1; & two additional actions** | **YES** | 11.1 @ 1 STAR – ADA Transition Plan and Ped/Bike Plan in place; Complete Streets Policy adopted March 2021. 11.4 @ 2 STARS - Ped/bike Plan 2011; Robert Street Plan11.6 @ 2 STARS – 2014 bumpouts and flashing ped. Crossing on Maria Ave.; 2017 roundabout Wentworth/Oakdale, ped. Crossings, median refuge, lower speed.  |
| **12. Mobility Options** **any two actions** | **YES** | 12.1 @ 2 STARS - Ped/bike Plan 2011, trail gap studies 2017 and 2020, transp. options on website and @ city hall, dedicated park facilities @ MT park & ride, bike rack @ city hall 2018; 73 walk score12.2 @ 1 STAR - SRTS comp plan 2010 and grant 2015. Filled tail/sidewalk gap identified in 2011 Ped/bike plan.  |
| 13. Fleets any two actions |  |  |
| 14. TOD / TDM any two actions |  | **YES** |
|  **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: 4 BPs required\*; are 4 done?** |
| **15. Purchasing** **1; and one additional action** | **YES** | 15.1 @ 2 STARS – 2018 Council Sustainable Purchasing policy15.7 @ 1 STAR – electronic agenda packets; only compostable products at meetings and in employee break areas |
| **16. Trees** **any two actions** | **YES** | 16.1 @ 1 STAR – 2017 Tree City USA16.6 @ 3 STARS - 2015 EAB Action Plan (removal, injection treatments, reforestation) overseen by MN Certified Tree Inspector  |
| **17. Stormwater** **any one action** | **YES** | 17.3 @ 2 STARS - Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program 2007; stormdrain stenciling, Illicit discharge & dumping, ESC, stormwater management ordinances17.4 @ 2 STARS -- stormwater utility, with variable fees, created in 2005 |
| 18. Parks & Trails any three actions | YES | 18.1 @ 3 STARS – 2014 $6.2M reconstruction of Harmon Park included a school shared use agreement, new trails18.3 @ 3 STARS - 91% of youth in WSP live within a 10-min walk of a park (Parkserve.org); 18 acres/1000 people18.5 @ 2 STARS - Pollinator Habitat resolution; Bee Safe City – public spaces, refrain from systemic pesticides, educate community18.8 @ 1 STAR - Adopt-A-Park year round for residents to pick litter and clean up weeds and brush |
| 19. Surface Waterif state public water: 4; and one additional actionif no state water: any one action | YES | 19.1 @ 1 STAR - Local Surface Water Management Plan (in 2040 Comp Plan) 2018; assessment and monitoring of stormwater basins & Thompson lake w/ city/county.19.3 @ 1 STAR - 2018 Local Surface Water Management Plan19.4 @ 1 STAR - Shoreland ordinance 1963 |
| 20. Water / Wastewater 1 & 2; and one additional | NO | 20.3 @ 1 STAR -- 2008 I&I ordinance includes mandatory inspections |
| 21. Septics any one action | YES | 21.4 @ 1 STAR - Sanitary Sewer Policy (in 2040 Comp Plan); I&I reduction, new dev. & existing to be connected to city sewer, adopted MN Rules and County ord.  |
| 22. Solid Waste 1 or 2; & one from 4-8 | YES | 22.1 @ 2 STARS -- City Hall building participates in organics collection (Food waste and BPI certified compostable paper products)22.2 @ 1 STAR – website interactive disposal guide22.4 @ 3 STARS – City partners with Dakota County to host Fix-It Clinics at the local library22.5 @ 2 STARS – City partners with Co. on an organics drop site located at city park; 487 households participating; yard waste pickup or dropoff. 22.6 @ 1 STAR -- 2017-18 Co.-led Multi-unit Recycling Pilot Project (2 buildings)  |
| 23. Local Air Quality any two actions | YES | 23.2 @ 1 STAR – City regulates residential burning location, duration, time, fuel sources 23.5 @ 1 STAR -- County Park located in City currently has EV charging station (2 outlets) |
| **YES** **ECON & COMM DVLP: 3 BPs required\*; are 3 done?** |
| **24. Benchmarks & Involvement** **Actions 1 & 2** | **YES** | 24.1 @ 3 STARS – 2008 Council-established Environmental Committee with a Council Member and youth position24.2 @ 1 STAR -- annual neighborhood meetings held by city to gauge resident perception of city performance and discover priority topics; info used to shape the next year’s strategic goals for staff and Council |
| **25. Green Businesses** **any two actions** | **YES** |  25.2 @ 1 STAR - Website shares business assistance and rebate programs; 2020. 25.7 @ 1 STAR – Robert Street 1990’s “WSP, We’re Close to it all!” campaign; 2015-17 “Shop Robert Street” campaign during road reconstruction; COVID times “#ShopWestStPaul” shop local campaign.  |
| 26. Renewable Energy any two actions |  |   |
| 27. Local Food any one action | YES | 27.2 @ 2 STARS -- domesticated chickens, pot-bellied pigs and beehives allowed27.3 @ 2 STARS -- farmers market weekly June-Oct at shopping mall; produce donations/unsold produce collected for food shelf; school district uses City's park land for a school forest; city easement for community garden next to elementary school  |
| 28. Business Synergies any one action |  |  |
| **29. Climate Adaptation** **action 1 at a 2 or 3-star rating** | **YES** | 29.1 @ 2 STARS – Included in Dakota County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. WSP police chief resp. for city preparedness and emergency response. Emergency Alert Notifications for residents of Dakota County. 29.2 @ Not Rated - Pollinator Habitat Resolution 29.7 @ Not Rated – discussed in Comp Plan 2018 |

**Notables:**

* **Planned mixed use development districts** authorized within the City
* **School shared use agreement**, new trails part of 2014 $6.2M reconstruction of Harmon Park
* **Fix-It Clinics** at the local library hosted by the city and county
* **Annual neighborhood meetings** held by City to gauge resident perception of city performance and discover priority topics; info used to shape the next year’s strategic goals for staff and Council
* **Inflow & Infiltration** reduction through inspections, corrected sewer lines, and education. The city spend $5,316,577 for I&I improvements between 2007-2017.