**2021 Category A City: BROOKLYN CENTER**

Currently a Step 2 GreenStep City

(joined January 2015 )

**X**

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

***Assessor and date****: Kristin Mroz, 4/1/21*

**YES**

**YES**

**21**

***Total BPs done: 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 |
| **BUILDINGS: distribution requirement is 2 BPs ; are 2 BPs done? YES** | | | | |
| **1. Public**  **Actions 1 & 2; & one action from actions 3-7** | | **YES** | * 1. @ 2 STARS - 5 years for gas and electricity   2. @ 1 STAR – Public Works remodel with LED upgrades and wash bay conversion; all sinks/faucets touchless high efficiency; occupancy sensors   1.6 @ 2 STARS – FacilityDude and PubWorks asset managmenet systems and Johnson Controls remote/automated HVAC controls. | |
| 2. Private  any two actions | | YES | 2.1 @ 2 STARS – Met Council grant for rebate program – 75% cost covered for WaterSense toilets, ENERGYSTAR washing machines, WatersSense irrigation equipment. Through June 2021.  2.4 @ 1 STAR – Medtronic reuse/recycle of cooling water tower.  2.5 @ 3 STARS – 75% rebate for WaterSense toilets, $100 for Energy Star washing machines and $200 for WaterSense irrigation controls, sprinkler heads, and/or rain sensors. | |
| 3. New  action 1 or 2; one from 3-5 | |  |  | |
| 4. Lighting/Signals  2 actions with one from 5-8 | | YES | 4.3 @ 3 STARS -- all City owned Streetlights have been replaced with LED's  4.5 @ 2 STARS – 3 LEDs installed: park parking lot lights | |
| 5. Reuse  any one action | | YES | 5.3 @ 2 STARS - During expansion/remodel of Brooklyn Center High School and Earl Brown Elementary school, temporary relocation of student to big-box commercial site. | |
| **LAND USE: 2 BPs required; are 2 BPs done? YES** | | | | |
| **6. Comp Plan**  **Actions 1 & 2** | | **YES** | 6.1 @ 1 STAR -- 2010  6.2 @ 2 STARS – City policy: zoning classifications must be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan | |
| 7. Density  any one action | | YES | 7.1 @ 2 STARS – updated zoning code include higher density housing and equity scorecard; Mixed use with 54 units/acre adjacent to MT’s BCTC.  7.4 @ 1 STAR – city owned land sold at discount for infill. | |
| 8. Mixed Uses  any two actions | | YES | 8.1 @ 1 STAR – Opportunity Site 80+ acres of city-owned property for new dev. Public engagement and partner engagement to refine Master Plan.  8.2 @ 1 STAR -- City Hall/Community Center have bike racks, are adjacent to regional bike trail & busses; Hennepin County Brookdale Service Center shares the same traits  8.3 @ 1 STAR – PUD ordinance allows mixed uses | |
| 9. Highway Development  any one action | |  |  | |
| 10. Conservation Development  any one action | |  |  | |
| **TRANSPORTATION: 2 BPs required; are 2 BPs done? YES** | | | | |
| **11. Complete Green Streets**  **1; & two additional actions** | | **YES** | 11.1 @ 2 STARS – formal 23 p. policy with worksheet  11.5 @ 3 STARS -- 3 Rivers trail connection on 57th Ave to connect Shingle Creek trail with Minneapolis Ms. River park/trail  11.6 @ 1 STAR -- 63rd Ave N: reducing street width, installation of several bump outs and medians | |
| **12. Mobility Options**  **any two actions** | | **YES** | 12.1 @ 2 STARS -- 52 bike racks at city building, parks and Metro Transit locations  12.2 @ 2 STARS – SRTS study with 9 schools; resident engagement with bike trail planning  12.3 @ 2 STARS | |
| 13. Fleets  any two actions | | YES | 13.4 @ 1 STAR -- 4 police bikes  13.6 @ 2 STARS -- All new mobile engines & generators are replaced with Tier 4 Diesel engines | |
| 14. TOD / TDM  any two actions | | YES | 14.3 @ 2 STARS – TIF provided for mixed use commercial/residential with 261 units on 4.8 acre site (54 units/acre) immediately adjacent to Metro Transit BCTC.  14.4 @ 2 STARS – 2015 Travel Demand Policy for redevelopment. A two tier system; a required TCM plan for employers with 200 stalls or more, and a good faith component for all others | |
| **ENVIRON MGT: 4 BPs required; are 4 done? YES** | | | | |
| **15. Purchasing**  **1; and one additional action** | | **YES** | 15.1 @ 1 STAR – Internal policy for recycled paper, EnergyStar, WaterSense, eco cleaning supplies, waste reduction  15.5 @ 2 STARS – require use of recycled asphalt and aggregate  15.7 @ 2 STARS: ordinance to eliminate the purchase of one time use plastic and Styrofoam straws, cups, plates and utensils with City funds for all City buildings | |
| **16. Trees**  **any two actions** | | **YES** | 16.1 @ 1 STAR – 22 yrs.  16.6 @ 2 STARS | |
| **17. Stormwater**  **any one action** | | **YES** | 17.3 @ Not Rated – illicit discharge and sediment/erosion control ordinances.  17.4 @ 1 STAR | |
| 18. Parks & Trails  any three actions | | YES | 18.3 @ 1 STAR -- at least 7 acres of parks for 1000 residents  18.5 @ 1 STAR – native landscaping at West Palmer Park, Arboretum, and Water Treatment Plant; use of compost as soil amendment.  18.8 @ 2 STARS -- Adopt a Park / Garden / Bus Shelter programs; Shingle Creek annual clean-up | |
| 19. Surface Water  if state public water: 4; and one additional action  if no state water: any one action | | YES | 19.4 @ 1 STAR  19.6 @ 2 STARS -- Improved practices for applying road salt; 5-five year review of practices | |
| 20. Water / Wastewater  1 & 2; and one additional | | NO | 20.4 @ 3 STARS: Treatment plant cost-cuttingwith electricity peak-shaving strategies, reduced fluoride levels, reclaiming 90% of backwash water | |
| 21. Septics  any one action | |  |  | |
| 22. Solid Waste  1 or 2; & one from 4-8 | | YES | 22.1 @ Not Rated – recycling provided in all city building and parks.  22.2 @ 1 STAR – partners with HRG to provide education.  22.5 @ Not Rated – In process (2021) of updating ordinance to require waste haulers provide organics recycling to public. | |
| 23. Local Air Quality  any two actions | |  |  | |
| **ECON & COMM DVLP: 3 BPs required; are 3 done? YES** | | | | |
| **24. Benchmarks & Involvement**  **Actions 1 & 2** | | **YES** | 24.1 @ 2 STARS -- Park & Rec Commission – community members - leads/engages on issues within the community on conservation and sustainability  24.2 @ 2 STARS – Council 2-day goal setting retreat with staff and commission reps; 4 neighborhood meetings about parks  24.6 @ 1 STAR: Youth in Government Day started 2015 | |
| **25. Green Businesses**  **any two actions** | | **YES** | 25.4 @ 2 STARS – Free Bikes 4 Kidz MN uses former Target location (city-owned) – collects and refurbishes up to 10,000 bikes/year for distribution or salvage. At least 500 bikes to BC kids/year; Trim Trax reduce food waste; Earl Brown donates food to Second Harvest Heartland.  25.5 @ 1 STAR – Creosote contaminated site cleanup is now a commercial building. | |
| 26. Renewable Energy  any two actions | |  |  | |
| 27. Local Food  any one action | | YES | 27.2 @ 1 STAR – permitted chicken and bee keeping by ordinance.  27.3 @ 2 STARS – Support for Staturday PopUp and Fun Foods Farmers maket; community gardens at Centennial West park. | |
| 28. Business Synergies  action 2, 3 or 4 | |  |  | |
| **29. Climate Adaptation**  **action 1 at 2- or 3-star rating** | | **YES** | 29.1 @ 2 STARS – 3 PW, 2 FD, 2 PD certified emergency managers; member of North Suburban Emergency Management Planning Group, Emergency Operations Plan; Hazard Mitigation Plan  29.3 @ 2 STARS: 2015 BrookLynk, a youth employment program with Brooklyn Park with three components: 21st century skill building and training, experiential employment opportunities and development of social capital  29.7 @ 1 STAR – wells, large lift stations, and water treatment plant have back up power generation. | |

**BROOKLYN CENTER** – notable actions

* **4 police bikes, 52 bike racks** around town, Safe Routes to School study of 9 schools
* **Improved road salt** application practices; 5-five year review of salt practices
* **Formal complete streets policy** includes a project worksheet
* **2015 Travel Demand Management policy** for redevelopment has a two-tier system: a required TDM plan for employers with 200 car parking stalls or more, and a good-faith component for all others
* **Treatment plant cost-cutting** with electricity peak-shaving strategies, reduced fluoride levels, reclaiming 90% of backwash water
* **2015 BrookLynk, a youth employment program** for 21st century skill building and training, experiential employment opportunities ,and development of social capital
* **Water conservation rebates** in 2019 for WaterSense and EnergyStar products for residents and businesses.
* **Used big-box commercial site** for students during highschool and elementary school expansion/remodel.
* **City-owned big-box commercial site** provided in 2020 to Free Bikes 4 Kids MN as warehouse space to collect and distribute 7-10,000 bikes and salvage/recycle bikes that are unrepairable.