**2021 Category A City: SAINT PETER**

Currently a Step 2 GreenStep City

(joined August 2019)

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

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**NO**

**NO**

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

***Recommend June 2022 public recognition at: Step 3***

Recognition at a [Step 3](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/media/16) level involves implementing, at a minimum:

* BP #1 (public buildings): action 1.2 and one other action (1.3-1.7)
* Action 6.2 (zoning code references comp plan)
* Action 11.1 + 1 additional action (complete streets)
* BP #15 (purchasing): action 15.1 and one other action (15.2-15.8)
* BP #24 (engagement/metrics): action 24.1 and 24.2
* BP #25 (green business): any 2 actions (25.1-25.7)
* Action 29.1 (emergency preparedness) at a 2 or 3-star rating

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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** | **NO** | | 1.1 @ 1 STAR | |
| 2. Private Buildings  any two actions | YES | | 2.1 @ 3 STARS -- City requires all municipal utility customers with newly installed or replacement central air conditioning to participate in a peak shaving program that cycles AC on/off during hot weather  2.3 @ 1 STAR -- online energy analysis where residents and business owners view their energy usage  2.4 @ 1 STAR - energy efficiency measures at the state hospital are saving over $150,000/yr., reducing annual electric consumption by over 1.5 million kwh  2.5 @ 1 STAR – rain barrel promotion by stormwater utility | |
| 3. New Green Buildings  action 1 or 2; one from 3-5 | NO | | 3.4 @ 1 STAR -- Transverse Green Subdivision offers reduced pricing based on income eligibility | |
| 4. Lighting/Signals  2 actions with one from 5-8 | YES | | 4.1 @ 1 STAR - all city-owned parking lot lights and lights outside the buildings are LEDs  4.4 @ 2 STAR - signal time on Hwy. 169 allows motorists to hit more green lights when traveling the speed limit  4.7 @ 3 STARS -- all city-owned parking lot lights and lights outside the buildings are LEDs  4.8 @ 2 STARS | |
| 5. Building Redevelopment  any one action | YES | | 5.1 @ 2 STARS -- designated Saint Peter Heritage Preservation District | |
| **LAND USE: 2 BPs required\*; are 2 BPs done? YES** | | | | |
| **6. Comp Plan**  **Actions 1 & 2** | **NO** | | 6.1 @ 1 STAR -- last comprehensive plan was updated in 2016; 10-year updates | |
| 7. City Growth  any one action | YES | | 7.3 @ 1 STAR | |
| 8. Mixed Uses  any two actions | YES | | 8.1 @ 3 STARS – 1999 MN Design Team Charrette; current DT commercial project with ground floor space and residential use on top  8.2 @ 1 STAR  8.3 @ 1 STAR  8.5 @ 1 STAR  8.7 @ 2 STARS: City offers DT lots @ $1 to interested buyers | |
| 9. Highway Development  any one action | YES | | 9.1 @ 1 STAR -- 2009 improvements on Hwy 169 through DT addressed 6 main goals including ped/vehicle safety, mobility, appearance, historic context; bump-outs, timers, bike racks, benches  9.2 @ 2 STARS -- charter member of 169 Corridor Coalition; involved in regional economic development programs  9.3 @ 1 STAR | |
| 10. Conservation  any one action | YES | | 10.6 @ 1 STAR | |
| **TRANSPORTATION: 2 BPs required\*; are 2 BPs done? NO** | | | | |
| **11. Complete Green Streets**  **1; & two additional actions** | **NO** | | 11.2 @ 1 STAR: street design standards  11.5 @ 2 STARS – 2015 Trail Plan; state & local trails exist; coordination with surrounding communities; abandoned ROW now a trail  11.6 @ Not Rated seal coating on a 5-6 year cycle, but this action is about traffic calming | |
| **12. Mobility Options**  **any two actions** | **YES** | | 12.1 @ 1 STAR – City has increased transit by posting Dial-A-Ride hours of operation, other updates on route services on City web  12.2 @ 1 STAR - 2019 funding application for the City’s Safe Routes To School Project  12.3 @ 1 STAR  12.6 @ 1 STAR - in 2017, Saint Peter and Le Sueur Transit merged into Minnesota River Valley and this was with a view to expanding the transport system in the city | |
| 13. Fleets  any two actions |  | |  | |
| 14. TOD / TDM  any two actions |  | |  | |
| **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: 4 BPs required\*; are 4 done? YES** | | | | |
| **15. Purchasing**  **1; and one additional action** | **NO** | |  | |
| **16. Trees**  **any two actions** | **YES** | | 16.1 @ 1 STAR  16.2 @ 2 STARS -- Only tree workers who have City licenses are allowed to operate in the City; extensive web page on tree planting  16.6 @ 3 STARS – 2018 EAB Plan - 22% of all boulevard trees (1,000) are ash – with selective treatment, education, diverse replanting | |
| **17. Stormwater**  **any one action** | **YES** | | 17.1 @ 3 STARS – compliance with MIDS, by code, esp. for TSS & TP  17.4 @ 1 STAR  17.5 @ 1 STAR – rain barrels incentivized ($10-$25 utility rebate) | |
| 18. Parks & Trails  any three actions | YES | | 18.1 @ 1 STAR - new pavilion completed 2019 in Minnesota Square Park  18.2 @ 1 STAR- Community Spirit Park located in the newly constructed Transverse Green Subdivision  18.8 @ 2 STAR - over 60 volunteers and Lake Hallet Association members teamed up with Great River Greening in 2019 to create four eco-friendly floating islands to improve water quality | |
| 19. Surface Water  if state public water: 4; and one additional action  if no state water: any one action |  | |  | |
| 20. Water / Wastewater  1 & 2; and one additional |  | |  | |
| 21. Septics  any one action |  | |  | |
| 22. Solid Waste  1 or 2; & one from 4-8 | NO | | 22.7 @ 3 STARS – organized recycling and garbage collection | |
| 23. Local Air Quality  any two actions | YES | | 23.2 @ 1 STAR - standard guidelines for setting up a recreational fire  23.5 @ 2 STARS - SMPPA commitment to paying for several EV charging stations | |
| **ECON & COMM DVLP: 3 BPs required\*; are 3 done? NO** | | | | |
| **24. Benchmarks & Involvement**  **Actions 1 & 2** | **NO** | |  | |
| **25. Green Businesses**  **any two actions** | **NO** | | 25.2 @ Not Rated - Home Energy Squad Minnegasco visits to residents (though action 25.2 is about getting assistance to businesses in town) | |
| 26. Renewable Energy  any two actions | NO | | 26.4 @ 3 STARS -- SOLARCHOICE is a city community solar garden program | |
| 27. Local Food  any one action | YES | | 27.3 @ 2 STARS: Farmer’s Market and Traverse Green Neighborhood Garden supported by the City | |
| 28. Business Synergies  any one action |  | |  | |
| **29. Climate Adaptation**  **action 1 at a 2 or 3-star rating** | **YES** | | 29.1 @ 2 STAR – worked with Region 9 to develop climate change report and action plans; city plan to keep municipal sites with AC open extended during extreme heat. | |

**SAINT PETER** – notable actions

* **AC peak shaving sign-up required** by City municipal utility for all newly installed or replacement central air conditioners
* **Hwy. 169 Corridor Coalition**: charter member
* **Only licensed tree workers** allowed to operate in the city
* **2018 EAB Plan** includes selective treatment, education, diverse replanting
* **City-organized garbage** and recycling and collection
* **SOLARCHOICE** is a city community solar garden program
* **Farmer’s Market and** Traverse Green Neighborhood Garden supported by the City
* **South Central Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment & Adaptation Plan** (2017)in collaboration with Region Nine Development Commission