**2022 Category A City: WILLMAR**

Currently a Step Two GreenStep City as of June 2013

(joined 3/5/12)

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

***Assessor and date****: Kristin Mroz, 12/23/2021*

**NO**

**NO**

**11**

***Total BPs done: All required BPs done? Distribution BPs done?***

***Recommend new recognition at: Step 3***

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

* Public Buildings: [1.1](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81743), [1.2](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81744), and one action from [1.3-1.7](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-detail/81714)
* Complete Green Streets: [11.1](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81802)
* Sustainable Purchasing: [15.1](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81825)
* Stormwater: Any action from [17.1-17.6](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-detail/81727)
* Climate Adaptation: [29.1](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81912)

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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: 2 BPs required; 2 BPs done? YES** |
| **1. Public Buildings** **Actions 1 & 2; & one action from actions 3-7** | **No** |  |
| 2. Private Buildings  any two actions | **No** | 2.4 @ 1 STAR -- Willmar Community Theatre replaced old incandescent and florescent lighting fixtures with LEDs. |
| 3. New Green Buildings action 1 or 2; one from 3-5 |  |  |
| 4. Lighting/Signals 2 actions with one from 5-8 | **Yes** | 4.2 @ 2 STARS4.5 @ 2 STARS4.8 @ 3 STARS |
| 5. Building Redevelopment any one action | **Yes** | 5.1 @ 1 STAR5.2 @ 3 STARS – designated MN Main Street |
|  **LAND USE: 2 BPs required; 2 BPs done? YES** |
| **6. Comp Plan** **Actions 1 & 2** | **Yes** | 6.1 @ 1 STAR 6.2 @ 2 STARS |
| 7. City Growth any one action |  |  |
| 8. Mixed Uses any two actions | **Yes** | 8.1 @ 3 STARS – 2 MN Design Team visits in 2005; Willmar Design Center formed thereafter8.5 @ 3 STARS |
| 9. Highway Development any one action |  |  |
| 10. Conservation  any one action |  |  |
|  **TRANSPORTATION: 2 BPs required; 2 BPs done? NO** |
| **11. Complete Green Streets** **1; & two additional actions** | **No** | 11.4 @ 1 STAR – Bike trail constructed along Hwy 12 that completed a connection11.5 @ 3 STARS – city connection to Glacial Lakes Trail11.6 @ 2 STARS – 2 roundabouts w/ ped/bike lanes with Hwy 12 reconstruction |
| **12. Mobility Options** **any two actions** | **Yes** | 12.1 @ 3 STARS – 2016 Bike Friendly Community (bronze); developed Comprehensive Trail and Pedestrian Plan with maps that shows key civic/commercial sites, best bike and pedestrian routes, transit and future routes 12.2 @ 1 STAR12.3 @ 1 STAR 12.6 @ 2 STARS -- $5,000 from local business and volunteers put out 80 shared-use bikes during 2016 |
| 13. Fleets any two actions |  |  |
| 14. TOD / TDM any two actions |  |  |
|  **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: 4 BPs required; 4 BPs done? NO** |
| **15. Purchasing** **1; and one additional action** | **No** | 15.7@ 1 STAR |
| **16. Trees** **any two actions** | **Yes** | 16.1 @ 1 STAR 16.5 @ 2 STARS -- Parking areas are required to be landscaped |
| **17. Stormwater** **any one action** | **No** |  |
| 18. Parks & Trails any three actions | **Yes** | 18.1 @ 1 STAR18.3 @ 2 STARS -- 14.27 acres per 1000 resident, and 34% of the total city land area is protected green infrastructure18.8 @ 1 STAR |
| 19. Surface Waterif state public water: 4; and one additional actionif 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 |  |  |
| 23. Local Air Quality any two actions |  |  |
|  **ECON & COMM DEVELOPMENT: 3 BPs required; 3 BPs done? YES** |
| **24. Benchmarks & Involvement** **Actions 1 & 2** | **Yes** | 24.1 @ 1 STAR24.2 @ 1 STAR |
| **25. Green Businesses** **any two actions** | **Yes** | 25.3 @ 1 STAR25.7 @ 3 STARS – educational Buy Local First, with coupons |
| 26. Renewable Energy any two actions | **Yes** | 26.1 @ 1 STAR26.5 @ 3 STARS – 2 utility-scale wind turbines |
| 27. Local Food any one action | **Yes** | 27.3 @ 1 STAR  |
| 28. Business Synergies any one action |  |  |
| **29. Climate Adaptation** **action 1 at a 2 or 3-star rating** | **NO** |  |

**City of Willmar - Notable Actions**

* All **traffic signals converted to LED** as of 2012
* **MN Design Team assisted** with city review and downtown revitalization in 2005. Outcomes include a Comprehensive Downtown Plan, formation of the Willmar Design Center, Becker Farmers Market started, Willmar Walks plans developed.
* **Trail crossing at Ella Avenue** changed to improve safety in 2013
* **Comprehensive Trail and Pedestrian Plan** in 2012
* **Bicycle Friendly City** – bronze level in 2016
* **Yellow Bike-share program** started in 2016 includes 80 bikes and new bike racks installed at businesses. Bikes are donated and maintained by volunteers.
* **Paper-free public meetings** started in 2016 for City Council and committee meetings
* 34% of total city land area is **protected green infrastructure**; 14.27 acres of parks per 1000 residents
* Local Chamber of Commerce promotes “**Buy Local**” and coupon books for participating businesses
* 2 **wind turbines** owned by city – 1.9 MW each
* 2 farmers market and 1 community garden in city