**2022 Category A City: STILLWATER**

Currently a Step 2 GreenStep City as of June 2019

(joined July 2018)

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

***Assessor and date****: Kristin Mroz, 1/7/22*

**NO**

**18**

**NO**

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

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

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

* **Public Buildings**: BPA [1.1](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81743) and any one additional action from BPAs [1.3-1.7](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-detail/81714)
* **Living & Complete Streets**: BPA [11.1](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81802) & any one additional action from BPAs [11.2-4, 11.6](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-detail/81723)
* **Climate Adaptation & Community Resilience**: BPA [29.1](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81912) (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 Buildings** **Actions 1 & 2; & one action from actions 3-7** | **NO** | 1.2 @ 1 STAR – parking ramp lights updated; lighting upgrades as light burn out  |
| 2. Private Buildings  any two actions |  |  |
| 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 STARS -- transitioning over to LED street lights (over 600 lights switched to LED in 2019 – now 50% of all streetlights are LEDs); the city’s one traffic light has been switched over to LED4.5 @ 2 STARS -- LED solar-powered lighting in 2 parking lots; replaced a speed display sign to utilize solar |
| 5. Building Redevelopment any one action | **YES** | 5.1 @ 2 STARS -- Heritage Preservation Commission; every reasonable effort shall be made to provide a compatible use for a property which requires minimal alteration of the building or site5.3 @ 1 STAR -- 1990’s old Jr High assisted by city to become a Cub Foods; 2018 elementary converted to district office & alt. education 5.5 @ 2 STARS -- Neighborhood Conservation District established with infill Design Guidelines to protect, preserve and regulate the unique character of Stillwater's residential neighborhoods |
|  **LAND USE: 2 BPs required; are 2 BPs done? YES** |
| **6. Comp Plan** **Actions 1 & 2** | **YES** | 6.1 @ 1 STAR – 2019 comp plan; 2020 20-yr. plan coming6.2 @ 2 STARS -- comp plan repeatedly mentioned in City Codes6.3 @ 1 STAR – comp plan natural resources & transportation chapters emphasize need for intergovernmental cooperation6.4 @ 2 STARS – comp plan calls for maintaining inventory of all ravines and remnant lands, and for developing a policy regarding ravine management; plan to use the NRI information as a basis for updating its current environmental ordinances |
| 7. City Growth any one action | **YES** | 7.1 @ 3 STARS – Cottage Residential (7.5 DUA), Cove Townhouse (14.5 DUA); PUDs require 25+ DUA7.2 @ 1 STAR -- accessory dwelling units an allowable use in Traditional Residential zoning districts |
| 8. Mixed Uses any two actions | **YES** | 8.1 @ 1 STAR -- community planning process for mixed use highway district along Hwy 368.5 @ 3 STARS -- Downtown a mixed use district – office, commercial, residential; apartments integrated into DT in recent years |
| 9. Highway Development any one action | **YES** | 9.1 @ 1 STAR -- West Business Park District has established design guidelines and goals |
| 10. Conservation  any one action | **YES** | 10.1 @ 3 STARS -- 2005 Stillwater Annexation Area AUAR focused on natural resource protection (e.g., diverting storm water from Brown's Creek trout stream); 2040 comp plan recommends requiring project proposers to ID all natural resource data from the NRI to be used to ID any necessary setbacks or alignments of potential greenway corridors10.5 @ 2 STARS -- city has conservation easement on long narrow stretch of property (to be a park) along the St. Croix River; Liberty on the Lake & Legends housing developments have a 50% set aside of pervious area in the form of public open space and private easements10.7 @ 3 STARS - Bird City 2020 to promote tourism; Migratory Bird Festival |
|  **TRANSPORTATION: 2 BPs required\*; are 2 BPs done? NO** |
| **11. Living & Complete Streets** **1; & two additional actions** | **NO** | 11.5 @ 2 STARS -- 2015 Trail Plan maps out all existing trails & bike paths, IDs gaps and areas of opportunity to add trails and paths |
| **12. Mobility Options** **any two actions** | **YES** | 12.1 @ 2 STARS -- Stillwater Trails Master Plan; more bike parking in DT in recent years; a bike station; park and ride lot for bus to DT St. Paul 12.2 @ 1 STAR -- 70 to 80 kids biked to school on Bike To School Day in 201812.6 @ 1 STAR -- Community Thread Connector Loop Mondays 10-3, $3, stops at housing complexes, area businesses, retail stores and other community destinations |
| 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** | **YES** | 15.1 @ 2 STARS – Sustainable Purchasing Policy passed 2019 15.2 @ 2 STARS -- clean energy powers 57% of city operations via 2 community solar gardens and 3rd party solar installations on 3 city buildings |
| **16. Trees** **any two actions** | **YES** | 16.2 @ 3 STARS -- tree protection plan required for concept PUD, preliminary subdivision plan review, grading plan16.5 @ 3 STARS -- when tree replacement required, 50%+ must be species indigenous to the area16.6 @ 3 STARS – EAB Management Plan 2020 and public tree inventory 2018 |
| **17. Stormwater** **any one action** | **YES** | 17.1 @ 3 STAR – City council approved MIDS in 201917.2 @ 3 STAR – Blue Star Award |
| 18. Parks & Trails any three actions | **YES** | 18.1 @ 3 STARS -- 2019 park/trail budget of $400,000; 2018 projects included LEDs, reseeding/irrigation, new river park; DT connection to Gateway Bike Trail18.3 @ 2 STARS -- 32% of the city’s land area is parks and open spaces (16% water; 16% land); 35 acres parks & open space/1,000 residents18.5 @ 1 STAR -- pest management plan |
| 19. Surface Waterif state public water: 4; and one additional actionif no state water: any one action | **YES** | 19.3 @ 2 STARS – 2 lake management plans with metric goals19.4 @ 2 STARs -- Shoreland Management overlay districts |
| 20. Water / Wastewater 1 & 2; and one additional |  |  |
| 21. Septics any one action | **YES** | 21.3 @ 3 STARS -- City inspect septic tank connections pre-burial; County monitors maintenance, reminds residents to check/empty tank21.4 @ 2 STARS -- has adopted the County's septic system ordinance |
| 22. Solid Waste 1 or 2; & one from 4-8 |  |    |
| 23. Local Air Quality any two actions |  |   |
|  **ECON & COMM DVLP: 3 BPs required\*; are 3 done? YES** |
| **24. Benchmarks & Community Engagement** **Actions 1 & 2** | **YES** | 24.1 @ 3 STARS – GreenStep Committee with Sustainable Stillwater monthly24.2 @ 1 STAR – GSC mentioned in quarterly newsletter; webpage; Sustainable Stillwater website and social media |
| **25. Green Businesses** **any two actions** | **YES** | 25.3 @ 1 STAR – Bird City 2021 to promote tourism; Migratory Bird Festival25.7 @ 2 STARS – Sustainable Stillwater Green Business Directory lets shoppers align their values by choosing businesses with green, sustainable, and resilient products and practices |
| 26. Renewable Energy any two actions |  |   |
| 27. Local Food any one action | **YES** | 27.1 @ 2 STARS -- Agricultural Preservation District created to maintain ag, hold land for phased urban expansion, preserve open space and natural resource areas27.2 @ 2 STARS -- permits bee keeping permitted in all zoning districts; chickens allowed on all properties > 3 acres, everywhere in RB and RA zoning districts provided they obtain a chicken keeping permit27.3 @ 2 STARS – community garden (40 plots in 2018); farmers market at Vets Memorial bi-weekly Saturdays June-August27.4 @ 2 STARS -- River Market Community Co-op; Axdahl Garden Farm & Greenhouse, licensed by MN Grown and certified by Food Alliance Midwest, has wholesale accounts with local grocery stores, restaurants, and distributors |
| 28. Business Synergies any one action | **YES** | 28.3 @ 1 STAR -- shared parking, recycled-content in manufacturing company, business park allows future mixed use, brewery reused as a hotel, permeable parking lot at post office |
| **29. Climate Adaptation** **action 1 at a 2 or 3-star rating** | **NO** |  |

**City of Stillwater – Notable Actions:**

* **Clean energy powers 57%** of city operations via 2 community solar gardens and 3rd party solar installations on 3 city buildings
* **Neighborhood Conservation District** established with infill Design Guidelines; West Business Park District has established Design Guidelines and goals
* **Zoning districts include** Cottage Residential (7.5 dwelling units/acre), Cove Townhouse (14.5 DUA); Planned Unit Developments require 25+ DUA
* **Greenway corridors envisioned** in 2040 Comp Plan requirement of developers to identify all Natural Resource Inventory data so as to determine setbacks, alignments
* **50% set aside of pervious area** in the form of public open space and private easements in Liberty on the Lake & Legends housing developments
* **Bird City designation** February 2020
* **Green Business Directory** hosted bySustainable Stillwater lets shoppers align their values by choosing businesses with green, sustainable, and resilient products and practices and recognizes green businesses