**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 LED  4.5 @ 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 site  5.3 @ 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 coming  6.2 @ 2 STARS -- comp plan repeatedly mentioned in City Codes  6.3 @ 1 STAR – comp plan natural resources & transportation chapters emphasize need for intergovernmental cooperation  6.4 @ 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+ DUA  7.2 @ 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 36  8.5 @ 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 corridors  10.5 @ 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 easements  10.7 @ 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 2018  12.6 @ 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 plan  16.5 @ 3 STARS -- when tree replacement required, 50%+ must be species indigenous to the area  16.6 @ 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 2019  17.2 @ 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 Trail  18.3 @ 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 residents  18.5 @ 1 STAR -- pest management plan | |
| 19. Surface Water  if state public water: 4; and one additional action  if no state water: any one action | | **YES** | 19.3 @ 2 STARS – 2 lake management plans with metric goals  19.4 @ 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 tank  21.4 @ 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 monthly  24.2 @ 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 Festival  25.7 @ 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 areas  27.2 @ 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 permit  27.3 @ 2 STARS – community garden (40 plots in 2018); farmers market at Vets Memorial bi-weekly Saturdays June-August  27.4 @ 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