**2022 Category B GreenStep Community: LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE**

Currently a Step 2 GreenStep Tribal Nation as of June 2015

- joined August 2014 -

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

***Assessor and date****: Kristin Mroz, 2/9/22*

**YES**

**21**

**NO**

***Total BPs done out of 12: 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/216) level involves, at a minimum:

* BP #15 (Environmental Purchasing): one additional action from [15.2-15.8](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-detail/81725)

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| Best practices (**required in bold**)  Action rules (req. actions in **bold**) | BP implemented? | | | Action summary by # and star level achieved |
| **YES**  **BUILDINGS: distribution requirement is 2 BPs; are 2 done?** | | | | |
| **1. Public Buildings**  **Actions 1 & 2** | | **YES** | 1.1 @ 3 STARS -- 68 Tribal-owned buildings, 148 total utility meters, savings potentials IDed, GESP being considered  1.2 @ 1 STAR -- outreach campaign involving reminders to staff  1.3 @ 3 STARS -- working to install 200Kw solar PV on the Reservation & implementing a 22-building GESP anticipated to save over $800,000 and 9,839 metric tons of GHG emissions per year  1.4 @ 1 STAR -- new lighting in facility center; outreach campaign  1.5 @ 1 STAR – LLBO Green Team works with core construction committees to implement green practices on each new construction project.  1.7 UNDERWAY -- feasibility study for wind & solar furnace on campus at the BugONayGeShig school | |
| 2. Private Buildings  any one action | | **YES** | 2.1 @ 1 STAR  2.2 @ 2 STARS – LLBO Green Team has direct input at planning and construction meetings (of private buildings and public?)  2.4 @ 1 STAR -- Promoted native vegetation to eliminate irrigation | |
| 3. New Green Buildings  any one action | | **YES** | 3.1 @ 1 STAR – energy efficient lighting, heating, high r-value insulation, passive solar/lighting, orientation of building encouraged depending on specific building proposed and budget  3.5 @ 1 STAR –LL Housing Authority renewable energy and land use ordinance which requires adopting storm water guidelines | |
| 4. Lighting/Signals  2 actions with one from 5-8 | | **YES** | 4.1 @ 3 STARS – efficient, Dark Sky lights required for new construction  4.5 @ 2 STARS -- PV lighting at Tribal Council Admin. building | |
| 5. Building Redevelopment  any one action | |  |  | |
| **YES**  **LAND USE: 2 BPs required; are 2 done?** | | | | |
| **6. Comp Plan**  **Actions 1 & 2** | | **YES** | 6.1 @ 1 STAR -- Leech Lake Land Use Ordinance is in place which regulates both fee and trust lands  6.2 @ 1 STAR -- Ordinance serves the land use plan  6.3 @ 1 STAR | |
| 7. Density  any one action | |  |  | |
| 8. Mixed Uses  any one action | | **YES** | 8.2 @ 1 STAR -- new Tribal Headquarters & Tribal-Owned gas station, Che We | |
| 9. Highway Development  any one action | | **YES** | 9.2 @ 1 STAR – Tribe consults with MN Regional Transportation Committee regularly | |
| 10. Conservation Development  any one action | | **YES** | 10.1@ 1 STAR – LU ord. has environmental checklist comparable to NRA  10.4 @ 1 STAR  **YES** | |
| **TRANSPORTATION: 1 BP required; is 1 done?** | | | | |
| 11. Complete Green Streets  1; & one additional action | |  |  | |
| 12. Mobility Options  any one action | | **YES** | 12.2 @ 2 STARS -- diabetes & exercise campaigns through which bike/walking trails promoted  12.5 @ 1 STAR -- some tribal employees telecommute or work 4-day/10-hr shifts  12.6 @ 2 STARS – LL Fitness Center available to wider public and has bicycles for rent | |
| 13. Fleets  any one action | | **YES** | 13.1 @ 1 STAR -- Palace Casino Transport for employees, Tribal members. Fleet Mgt. works with employees on trip bundle, etc.  13.5 @ 1 STAR -- idling reduction campaign; yearly sch. bus optimization; 65 school busses retrofitted for energy efficiency  13.6 @ 1 STAR -- retrofitted 65 buses, 25 DOCs, 2 DMFs & 4 re-powers | |
| 14. TOD / TDM  any two actions | |  | **YES** | |
| **ENVIRONMENTAL MGT: 3 BPs required; are 3 done?** | | | | |
| **15. Purchasing**  **1; and one additional action** | | **NO** | 15.1 @ 1 STAR – Leech Lake Housing Authority adopted policies requiring electronics and appliances meet energy star standards in 2021 | |
| **16. Trees**  **any one action** | | **YES** | 16.4 @ 1 STAR  16.5 @ 1 STAR -- reforesting to native species, removal of non-natives takes place throughout the reservation | |
| 17. Stormwater  any one action | | **YES** | 17.5 @ 1 STAR -- rain gardens @ Tribal HQ, proposed in all new construction projects  17.6 [action is now a road salt one] – LU ord. covers erosion & sediment control, storm water treatment | |
| 18. Parks & Trails  any two actions | | **YES** | 18.1 @ 2 STARS -- trails placed near Tribal Communities as part of larger transportation projects  18.2 @ 1 STAR -- new housing projects contain plans for green space  18.5 @ 2 STARS – natives, IPM, rain gardens  18.8 @ 2 STARS -- Community members involved in restoration; NR committee incl. elders; members hired to do projects | |
| 19. Surface Water  if state public water: 4; and one additional action  if no state water: any one action | | **YES** | 19.2 @ 1 STAR -- members converse regularly about WQ prevention, maintenance & degradation in public & private forums  19.3 @ 1 STAR – work with MPCA, 5 SWCDs, lake associations, Mississippi Headwaters Association  19.4 @ 1 STAR | |
| 20. Water / Wastewater  1 & 2; and one additional | | **NO** | 20.1 @ 1 STAR -- pilot project with 2 communities by Extension | |
| 21. Septics  any one action | | **YES** | 21.1 @ 1 STAR  21.5 @ 1 STAR -- EPA funding through IHS  21.6 @ 2 STAR -- recirculating ozone system @ Northern Lights Casino | |
| 22. Solid Waste  one from 1-3; & one from 4-8 | | **YES** | 22.1 @ 3 STARS -- Composting projects throughout the reservation have created a 25% reduction in the waste stream  22.2 [action is now a consumer products and packaging one] -- goal of 25% all-waste decrease through-out reservation  22.3 @ 1 STAR  22.5 @ 1 STAR -- commercial-sized composting bins throughout reservation; outreach campaign, individual composter sales at events (sold 80 earth machine composters at reduced rates)  22.7 would need volume-based pricing or organized collection for tribal members to claim credit | |
| 23. Local Air Quality  any one action | | **YES** | 23.1 @ 1 STAR -- Burn Wise educational campaign  23.2 @ 1 STAR -- open burning, burn barrel & fire prevention ordinance  23.3 @ 3 STARS -- Housing Authority has a no-smoking policy in certain community developments  **YES** | |
| **ECON & COMM DEVELOP: 2 BPs required; are 2 done?** | | | | |
| **24. Benchmarks & Involvement**  **1; and any one additional** | | **YES** | 24.1 @ 2 STARS – LL Green Team: employees & community members; to promote traditional teachings, sustainability, green ideas  24.3 @ 1 STAR -- Green Team plays a big part in the public process and involving Tribal Council on process of sustainability efforts  24.4 @ 2 STARS -- outreach at each community event, ads, newspaper articles, radio show on Tribal radio KOJB; Summer Youth Experience Program; environmental staff presentations to local schools  24.5 @ 2 STARS – focus on reconnecting members to traditional knowledge and skills | |
| **25. Green Businesses**  **any two actions** | | **YES** | 25.2 @ 1 STAR -- work with Ottertail Power  25.3 @ 2 STARS -- Green Routes promotion of tourism and hospitality businesses from Star Island to Deer River  25.5 @ 2 STARS -- multiple brownfield projects completed / in- process. Leech Lake a leader in the Tribal Brownfield program arena  25.7 @ 1 STAR -- local foods map shows where local food is grown, distributed and sold | |
| 26. Renewable Energy  any two actions | | **NO** | 26.5 @ 1 STAR – 2 solar furnaces: 24m & 35m BTUs | |
| 27. Local Food  any one action | | **YES** | 27.1 @ 2 STARS -- land use ordinance protects agriculture and forests  27.2 @ 1 STAR -- 80 residential gardens; 1 community garden; 4 new community gardens in 2015  27.3 @ 1 STAR -- farmers market planned; community garden is located at the Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Tribal school | |
| 28. Business Synergies  any one action | | **NO** | 28.3 this action is only for an industrial/business park | |
| **29. Climate Adaptation**  **action 1 at a 2 or 3-star rating** | | **YES** | 29.1 @ 2 STARS -- FEMA-approved Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan; 14 weather warning sirens; 12 American Red Cross shelters with some back-up power, with bottled water  29.8 @ 1 STAR -- Installed 40kW of solar energy to benefit up to 100 low-income households in the Energy Assistance Program | |

**LEECH LAKE BAND OF OJIBWE** – notable actions

* **First community solar garden in an Indian Nation in the country**. The electricity will be designated to recipients of Minnesota's Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Leech Lake Tribal College graduates will install the solar panels.
* **Dark Sky, energy efficient outdoor lighting** required for new construction on Tribal Lands
* **25% reduction in solid waste** achieved through organics composting projects
* **National leader in the Tribal Brownfield program arena**