**2022 Category B City: Circle Pines**

Currently a Step 1 GreenStep City

(joined July 2019 )

X

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

***Assessor and date*** *Kristin Mroz, 3/16/2022*

**NO**

**NO**

**7**

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

**X**

***Recommend June 2022 public recognition at: Step 2 (any 6 BPs) Step 3***

Recognition at a [Step 3](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/media/216) level involves, at a minimum:

* **Sustainable Purchasing**: any one additional action from [15.2-15.8](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-detail/81725)
* **Trees**: any one action from [16.1-16.7](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-detail/81726)
* **Benchmarks & Involvement**: [24.1](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81880) and any one additional action from [24.2-24.7](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-detail/81734)
* **Green Businesses**: any two actions from [25.1-25.7](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-detail/81735)
* **Climate Adaptation:** [29.1](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81912) at a 2- or 3-star level

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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? NO** | | | | |
| **1. Public Buildings**  **Actions 1 & 2** | **YES** | | 1.1 @ 1 STAR – buildings added 2007 with 12 months of data  1.2 @ 1 STAR – LED retrofit to facilities and street lights | |
| 2. Private Buildings  any one action |  | |  | |
| 3. New Green Buildings  any one action |  | |  | |
| 4. Lighting/Signals  2 actions with one from 5-8 | YES | | 4.2 @ 1 STAR – Replace streetlights in-house with LED when they burn out; only LEDs purchased  4.3 @ 3 STARS – 100% converted to LED  4.5 @ 3 STARS – 3 LED solar powered flashing crosswalk signs in 2014; 2 more in 2022 | |
| 5. Building Redevelopment  any one action |  | |  | |
| **LAND USE: 2 BPs required; are 2 BPs done? NO** | | | | |
| **6. Comp Plan**  **Actions 1 & 2** | **YES** | | 6.1 @ 2 STARS – 2020-2040 plan approved by Met Council in 2020  6.2 @ 1 STAR – Chap. 13 zoning ordinance references Comp plan | |
| 7. Density  any one action |  | |  | |
| 8. Mixed Uses  any one action |  | |  | |
| 9. Highway Development  any one action |  | |  | |
| 10. Conservation Development  any one action |  | |  | |
| **TRANSPORTATION: 1 BP required; is 1 BP done? NO** | | | | |
| 11. Complete Green Streets  1; & one additional action |  | |  | |
| 12. Mobility Options  any one action |  | |  | |
| 13. Fleets  any one action |  | |  | |
| 14. TOD / TDM  any two actions |  | |  | |
| **ENVIRON MGT: 3 BPs required; are 3 done? NO** | | | | |
| **15. Purchasing**  **1; and one additional action** | **NO** | | 15.1 @ 2 STARS – Sustainable purchasing policy adopted 2021 reflects 30% recycled content paper, bulk purchasing, Energy Star, WaterSense, green cleaning products | |
| **16. Trees**  **any one action** | **NO** | |  | |
| 17. Stormwater  any one action | YES | | 17.2 @ 1 STAR – stormwater management assessment 2022 – 32%; 32% adaptation | |
| 18. Parks & Trails  any two actions | YES | | 18.3 @ 3 STARS – 13 parks in 2 sq. miles; 100% residents w/in 10 min. walk  18.5 @ 3 STARS – low/no mow areas in parks; 2 community gardens; all parks employees are Turf Grass Certified; pollinator gardens; stormwater for irrigation | |
| 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  one from 1-3; & one from 4-8 | YES | | 22.1 @ 2 STARS – increased recycling containers in public spaces  22.5 @ 2 STARS – organics recycling started 2022  22.7 @ 3 STARS - citywide organized collection for waste, recycling, yard waste, and organics (added 2022) since 1990. High recycling percentage | |
| 23. Local Air Quality  any one action |  | |  | |
| **ECON & COMM DVLP: 3 BPs required; are 3 done? NO** | | | | |
| **24. Benchmarks & Involvement**  **1; and any one additional** | **NO** | |  | |
| **25. Green Businesses**  **any two actions** | **NO** | |  | |
| 26. Renewable Energy  any two actions |  | |  | |
| 27. Local Food  any one action | YES | | 27.2 @ 2 STARS – allow licensing of honey bees and backyard chickens  27.3 @ 2 STARS – 2 community gardens in city parks; farmers market nearby | |
| 28. Business Synergies  any one action |  | |  | |
| **29. Climate Adaptation**  **action 1 at a 2 or 3-star rating** | **NO** | |  | |

**Circle Pines** – notable actions

* **13 Parks** located in city (2 square miles); 100% of residents live within a ten minute walk of a city park.
* **City-wide organized collection since 1990** for solid waste, recycling, yard waste, and organics (added 2022).