**2022 Category B City: Rush City**

Currently a Step 2 GreenStep City

(joined November 2019 )

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

***Assessor and date*** *Kristin Mroz, 4/5/2022*

**NO**

**NO**

**7**

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

***Recommend June 2022 public recognition at: Step 3***

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

* **Public Buildings**: [1.1](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81743) and [1.2](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81744)
* **Comprehensive Plan**: [6.1](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81775) and [6.2](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81776)
* **Sustainable Purchasing**: [15.1](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-action-detail/81825) and 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)
* **Green Businesses**: any two actions from [25.1-25.7](https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/bp-detail/81735)

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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** | **NO** | |  | |
| 2. Private Buildings  any one action |  | |  | |
| 3. New Green Buildings  any one action |  | |  | |
| 4. Lighting/Signals  2 actions with one from 5-8 | **NO** | | 4.5 @ 2 STARS - solar powered flashing speed limit sign at a high traffic location; planned solar-powered cross-walk sign; work on > LED lighting | |
| 5. Building Redevelopment  any one action | **YES** | | 5.3 @2 STARS- City repurposed an old school building into City Hall offices, Chisago County Sheriff Dept Contract Office, gymnastics facility and locker rooms | |
| **LAND USE: 2 BPs required; are 2 BPs done? NO** | | | | |
| **6. Comp Plan**  **Actions 1 & 2** | **NO** | |  | |
| 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? YES** | | | | |
| 11. Complete Green Streets  1; & one additional action |  | |  | |
| 12. Mobility Options  any one action | **YES** | | 12.2 @ 1 STAR- June 2020 SRTS plan with strong committee will lead to walking and biking a safe possibility for students | |
| 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** | |  | |
| **16. Trees**  **any one action** | **NO** | |  | |
| 17. Stormwater  any one action | YES | | 17.5 @ 1 STAR- street construction projects will continue to install rain gardens where feasible | |
| 18. Parks & Trails  any two actions | YES | | 18.1 @ 1 STAR – two missing trail sections completed along Fairfield Ave/CR 39  18.2 @ 2 STARS - City requires dedication of land or cash in-lieu-of for parks; sidewalks will be required in any new subdivision; over 1 mile of trails created over 10 years; City Park Board | |
| 19. Surface Water  if state public water: 4; and one additional action  if no state water: any one action | NO | | 19.8 @ 1 STAR – NFIP 2014, promoted on city website | |
| 20. Water / Wastewater  1 & 2; and one additional | NO | | 20.3 @ 3 STARS - sewer inspections are mandatory at the time of property transfer and/or street constructions: needed I&I repairs (city loans available) need be completed in 6 months; half of properties inspected by 2020 | |
| 21. Septics  any one action |  | |  | |
| 22. Solid Waste  one from 1-3; & one from 4-8 | NO | | 22.2 @ 3 STARS – plastic film collection started 2021 for Trex Company - local beer distributor bales the plastic - 10 community collection bins – 20,000 pounds collected in one year; city hall drop off battery recycling and taken to Household Haz. Waste Facility for recycling. | |
| 23. Local Air Quality  any one action |  | |  | |
| **ECON & COMM DVLP: 3 BPs required; are 3 done? YES** | | | | |
| **24. Benchmarks & Involvement**  **1; and any one additional** | **YES** | | 24.1 @ 2 STARS - GreenStep Team meets on a monthly to bi-monthly schedule to work on issues of sustainability; regular updates to city newsletter & planned council updates  24.4 @ 2 STARS - public info gatherings included mayor; school and Lion’s Club involvement; Earth Day celebration and expo with many partners | |
| **25. Green Businesses**  **any two actions** | **NO** | |  | |
| 26. Renewable Energy  any two actions |  | |  | |
| 27. Local Food  any one action | YES | | 27.3 @ 2 STARS - City land in the industrial park has been donated for community garden use; City is the fiscal agent; donations to local food shelf | |
| 28. Business Synergies  any one action |  | |  | |
| **29. Climate Adaptation**  **action 1 at a 2 or 3-star rating** | **YES** | | 29.1 @ 2 STARS - City uses the CodeRED service and social media such as Facebook to inform, alert and educate community on all safety concerns  29.7 @ 1 STAR - Public Works uses software to create alarms for pumps not working, high/low water levels, and other risk factors | |

**RUSH CITY** — notable actions

* **Sidewalks will be required** in new subdivisions
* S**treet construction projects** will continue to install rain gardens where feasible
* **Sewer inspections are mandatory at** the time of property transfer and/or street constructions: needed I&I repairs (city loans available) need be completed in 6 months; half of properties inspected by 2020
* **Donated City industrial park land** used for community garden
* **Plastic film recycling** drop off locations for residents is coordinated by Rush City GreenStep team and Rush City Area Chamber of commerce; 10 collection bins in 2021 provided over 20,000 pounds of plastic to be used in the making of composite decking.