**2022 Category B City: Rush City**

Currently a Step 2 GreenStep City

(joined November 2019 )

X

***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 3918.2 @ 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 actionif 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 updates24.4 @ 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 concerns29.7 @ 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.