




## Minnesota GreenStep Cities Best Practice Action 24.2

- *Organize goals/outcome measures from all city plans and report to community members data that show progress toward meeting these goals.*

Star guidance used to rate city submission for this action

 Report goals/outcomes annually from plans such as comprehensive, parks, library, housing, storm water, drinking water, transportation, economic development, energy, and sustainability.

 Achieve 1 Star rating AND identify specific steps from city departments on how to improve performance or meet goals that were not met in the previous year

 Integrate goals/outcomes reporting explicitly into the city capital improvement planning process, identifying how public dollars are targeted to meeting sustainability goals in the plans.

[ goals/outcomes are examples ]	STATUS	NOTES / DEPT. STEPS
<b>COMPREHENSIVE PLAN</b>		
<b>1. Community Identity</b> - Decisions influencing Northfield’s future land development will reflect the city’s history and natural and built environments, and enhance social capital.	On-Target	The Engineering Division and Community Development continuously work together to maintain and enhance the identity of Northfield by embracing the culture and the natural features that exist.
<b>2. Land Use</b> - An efficient use of land resources that emphasizes strategic development and redevelopment, preserved natural areas and agriculture resources, a strong and vibrant downtown, and promotes sustainable planning practice.	On-Target	New developments are held at a higher standard than previously to incorporate natural aspects into their site plan. These aspects may include infiltration basins that provide habitat for wetland species or site development that incorporates existing trees.
<b>3. Environmental Resources</b> - The natural environment will be protected, enhanced and better integrated into the community.	On-Target	Northfield has recently invested in the area environmental resources by purchasing and setting aside vulnerable wetland areas in a conservation easement.
<b>4. Sewer and Water Resources</b> - Provide potable water, wastewater collection and treatment, and surface water control to the community in an environmentally sensitive, financially equitable, and fiscally-responsible manner.	Behind Schedule	Northfield is currently enhancing its stormwater program by researching the feasibility of hiring a full-time stormwater manager.
<b>5. Parks and Recreation</b> - Promote a high quality of life in Northfield by providing a balanced and sustainable system	On-Target	Northfield recently embarked on a joint effort with Dundas to create a

of parks, natural open spaces, athletic facilities and trails consistent with the historic sense of place in the community.		Regional Park along the Cannon River Corridor. This park has the potential to be one of the largest in the area at 325 acres.
<b>6. Housing</b> - Provide affordable housing opportunities for all the people who live and work in Northfield. A variety of housing options, including rental housing, should be available as first-time homebuyers have families, become empty-nesters, become elderly and eventually need assisted living services. The historic neighborhoods that contribute to Northfield's sense of place and character will be protected. Green technology, environmental considerations, and strong neighborhood qualities should be combined to provide a safe, secure and pleasing living environment.	On-Target	In 2013, Northfield in conjunction with Three Rivers Developers created a LEED Certified Silver townhome project that serves low income and disenfranchised citizens.
<b>GREENWAY CORRIDOR SYSTEM PLAN</b>		
1. Work with a variety of partners to implement the Greenway Plan, including the City of Dundas, area Townships, local landowners, developers, residents, and interest groups.	On-Target	Along with the Regional Park project with Dundas, Northfield has paired up with surrounding townships to address flooding mitigation in the Spring Creek Watershed, which is a sub-watershed that affects around 40% of the City.
<b>LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE</b>		
1. Develop a tree preservation policy.	Scheduled for 2016	A draft policy is out for review. The timeline for adoption is 2016.
2. Pedestrian Access and Circulation will be consistent with the comprehensive plan.	On-Target	Annual review of pedestrian ramps and trail connectivity address that the Northfield trail network is maintained and developed for pedestrian use to freely circulate the city.
<b>NORTHFIELD PARKS, OPEN SPACE, AND TRAIL SYSTEM MASTER PLAN</b>		
1. Promote a high quality of life in Northfield by providing a balanced and sustainable system of parks, natural open spaces, athletic facilities, and trails consistent with the historic sense of place in the community.	On-Target	Northfield actively pursues grant dollars to enhance their parks, trails, open spaces, and athletic facilities. Staff has been successfully in acquiring grant dollars for projects of this nature.

Status can be noted using colors or words, such as:

- Colors: green, yellow, red

- completed; on-target; behind schedule; scheduled for 20xx; deferred indefinitely