

RESOLUTION 12-15
CITY OF NISSWA
COUNTY OF CROW WING
STATE OF MINNESOTA

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NISSWA
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Nisswa does hereby authorize the City of Nisswa (the “City”) to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program. Be it further resolved that the City:

1. Appoints Loren Wickham to serve as the city’s GreenStep Coordinator to facilitate best practice implementation and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members, civic, business and educational organizations, and other units of government as in the planning, promoting and implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Grants to the GreenStep program’s buildings advisor read-only access to the city’s B3 Benchmarking Database, so as to facilitate analysis and cost-savings advice to the city regarding its buildings’ energy use; and
4. Plans to take actions to implement the following best practices: 1.1 Enter baseline information into the Minnesota B3 database and routinely enter monthly energy use data from city owned buildings. 1.2 Make no/low cost facility operation and maintenance changes to city-owned buildings to reduce energy costs. 18.1 Identify and remedy gaps in your city’s system of parks, trails, and open spaces, and remedy at least one of them.
5. Will claim credit for having implemented and will work toward implementing at least 12 required and optional GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings and reduction in the community’s greenhouse gas footprint. A summary of the city’s implementation of best practices will be posted on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site.

Completed/Implemented:

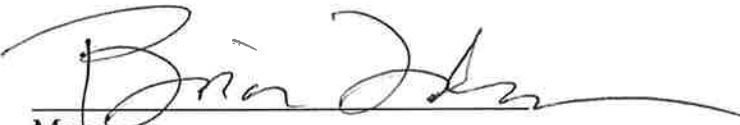
- 6.1. Adopt/have and adopted comprehensive plan.
- 6.2. Demonstrate that regulatory ordinances comply with the comprehensive plan including but not limited to having the zoning ordinance explicitly reference the comprehensive plans as the foundational documents for decision making.
- 6.3 Include requirements in comprehensive plans for intergovernmental coordination addressing land uses and watershed impacts, infrastructure, economic development and city/regional services.

- 7.2.D. Allowing accessory dwelling units by right in selected zoning districts.**
- 7.3.A. Include in the city zoning ordinance and zoning map a commercial district with reduced lot sizes and zero-lot-line setbacks**
- 8.1. organize a Minnesota Design Team planning charrette.**
- 8.2.a. Locate or lease a government facility that has at least two of these characteristics. A. Adjacent to an existing employment or residential center. B. Designed to facilitate and encourage access by walking and biking.**
- 8.5. Have a downtown zoning district that allows residential and compatible commercial development.**
- 9.1. Establish design goals for at least one highway corridor.**
- 9.2 Participate in regional economic development planning with representatives from surrounding townships, cities, the county and business interests to:**
- 10.4 For cities with undeveloped natural resource areas use, or adopt as policy the use of a conservation design scorecard as a tool in negotiating development agreements.**
- 14.1. In development standards, right-size parking minimum standards and add parking maximums in pedestrian-friendly or transit-served areas.**
- 16.4 Adopt an ordinance/policy relating to protection of trees on public and private parcels affected by city planning/regulatory processes.**
- 17.2 Adopt by ordinance one or more of the following: c. A stormwater runoff volume limit to pre-development volumes for the 5-year, 24 hour rainfall maximum event.**
- 17.6 Adopt an ordinance with erosion and sediment control provisions as well as requirements for permanent stormwater treatment.**
- 19.4 Adopt voluntary alternative shoreland standards or have a shoreland ordinance approved by the MN Dept. of Natural Resources.**
- 21.1 Report to landowners suspected noncompliant or failing septic systems as part of an education. Informational, and financial assistance and outreach program designed to trigger voluntary landowner action to improve septic systems.**
- 21. 4 Adopt a subsurface sewage treatment system ordinance based on the Association of Minnesota Counties model ordinance.**

24.a. Conduct or support a community education, visioning and planning initiative using a sustainable framework such as: a. Strong Towns, Natural Capitalism & e. Healthy communities

26.1 Adopt solar energy standards

27. Expand/strengthen or create at least one of the following means of expanding local food access: a. A farmer's market. D. a rural grocery store

By: 
Mayor

ATTEST:


City Administrator/ Manager/ Clerk

Date: Oct 17, 2012