

2021 Category A City: WEST SAINT PAUL

Currently a Step 2 GreenStep City as of June 2019
(joined May 2017)

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

Assessor and date: Kristin Mroz, 2/9/21

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

Recommend June 2021 public recognition at: Step 3

Recognition at a Step 3 level involves completing, at a minimum:

- 1.1 (public building B3 & low-cost energy improvements)
- 1 complete streets actions: 11.1

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?			YES
1. Public Buildings Actions 1 & 2; & one action from actions 3-7	NO	1.2 @ 1 STAR - 2020 converted to LED in Ice Arena, indoor/outdoor pool, Dome; used Xcel rebates 1.7 @ 1 STAR – 2010 maint. facility has closed-loop geothermal system	
2. Private Buildings any two actions	YES	2.1 @ 1 STAR - actively promotes Xcel's Energy Rebate and Energy Assistance Programs 2.5 @ 1 STAR – 2001 mayoral authority to declare a watering ban 2.6 @ 1 STAR - EDA home impr. loans for HVAC, electrical, plumbing, exterior	
3. New Green Buildings action 1 or 2; one from 3-5			
4. Lighting/Signals 2 actions with one from 5-8	YES	4.5 @ 2 STARS - Robert Street corridor 2014-20 4.8 @ 3 STARS - all 15 traffic signals on state/county roads LED	
5. Building Redevelopment any one action			
LAND USE: 2 BPs required*; are 2 BPs done?			YES
6. Comp Plan Actions 1 & 2	YES	6.1 @ 1 STAR – finalizing update of 2019; includes sections on bike-ped, sustainability 6.2 @ 2 STARS -- comp plan referenced in multiple areas of the zoning code (which was updated 2015) including site plans and conditional uses	
7. City Growth any one action			
8. Mixed Uses any two actions	YES	8.1 @ 2 STARS -- Robert St Renaissance Plan (of 2001) developed with extensive facilitated citizen engagement 8.2 @ 2 STARS -- City Hall, Regional Athletics Center adjacent to a job & residential center, accessible by regular transit. Center has a shared parking agreement with adjacent LA Fitness 8.3 @ 3 STARS -- 2 planned mixed use development districts within the City	
9. Highway Development any one action	YES	9.1 @ 1 STAR - Robert Street Improvement plans include bump outs, islands, lower speed limits, ped/cycle tunnel 9.3 @ 2 STARS - Smith Dodd Small Area Plan 2017	
10. Conservation any one action			
			NO

TRANSPORTATION: 2 BPs required* ; are 2 BPs done?		
11. Complete Green Streets 1; & two additional actions	NO	11.4 @ 2 STARS - Ped/bike Plan 2011; Robert Street Plan 11.6 @ 2 STARS – 2014 bumpouts and flashing ped. Crossing on Maria Ave.; 2017 roundabout Wentworth/Oakdale, ped. Crossings, median refuge, lower speed.
12. Mobility Options any two actions	YES	12.1 @ 2 STARS - Ped/bike Plan 2011, trail gap studies 2017 and 2020, transp. options on website and @ city hall, dedicated park facilities @ MT park & ride, bike rack @ city hall 2018; 73 walk score 12.2 @ 1 STAR - SRTS comp plan 2010 and grant 2015. Filled tail/sidewalk gap identified in 2011 Ped/bike plan.
13. Fleets any two actions		
14. TOD / TDM any two actions		
		ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: 4 BPs required* ; are 4 done?
		YES
15. Purchasing 1; and one additional action	YES	15.1 @ 2 STARS – 2018 Council Sustainable Purchasing policy 15.7 @ 1 STAR – electronic agenda packets; only compostable products at meetings and in employee break areas
16. Trees any two actions	YES	16.1 @ 1 STAR – 2017 Tree City USA 16.6 @ 3 STARS - 2015 EAB Action Plan (removal, injection treatments, reforestation) overseen by MN Certified Tree Inspector
17. Stormwater any one action	YES	17.3 @ 2 STARS - Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program 2007; stormdrain stenciling, Illicit discharge & dumping, ESC, stormwater management ordinances 17.4 @ 2 STARS -- stormwater utility, with variable fees, created in 2005
18. Parks & Trails any three actions	YES	18.1 @ 3 STARS – 2014 \$6.2M reconstruction of Harmon Park included a school shared use agreement, new trails 18.3 @ 3 STARS - 91% of youth in WSP live within a 10-min walk of a park (Parkserve.org); 18 acres/1000 people 18.5 @ 2 STARS - Pollinator Habitat resolution; Bee Safe City – public spaces, refrain from systemic pesticides, educate community 18.8 @ 1 STAR - Adopt-A-Park year round for residents to pick litter and clean up weeds and brush
19. Surface Water if state public water: 4; and one additional action if <u>no</u> state water: any one action	YES	19.1 @ 1 STAR - Local Surface Water Management Plan (in 2040 Comp Plan) 2018; assessment and monitoring of stormwater basins & Thompson lake w/ city/county. 19.3 @ 1 STAR - 2018 Local Surface Water Management Plan 19.4 @ 1 STAR - Shoreland ordinance 1963
20. Water / Wastewater 1 & 2; and one additional	NO	20.3 @ 1 STAR -- 2008 I&I ordinance includes mandatory inspections
21. Septics any one action	YES	21.4 @ 1 STAR - Sanitary Sewer Policy (in 2040 Comp Plan); I&I reduction, new dev. & existing to be connected to city sewer, adopted MN Rules and County ord.
22. Solid Waste 1 or 2; & one from 4-8	YES	22.1 @ 2 STARS -- City Hall building participates in organics collection (Food waste and BPI certified compostable paper products) 22.2 @ 1 STAR – website interactive disposal guide 22.4 @ 3 STARS – City partners with Dakota County to host Fix-It Clinics at the local library 22.5 @ 2 STARS – City partners with Co. on an organics drop site located at city park; 487 households participating; yard waste pickup or dropoff. 22.6 @ 1 STAR -- 2017-18 Co.-led Multi-unit Recycling Pilot Project (2 buildings)
23. Local Air Quality any two actions	YES	23.2 @ 1 STAR – City regulates residential burning location, duration, time, fuel sources 23.5 @ 1 STAR -- County Park located in City currently has EV charging station (2 outlets)

		ECON & COMM DVLP: 3 BPs required*; are 3 done?	YES
24. Benchmarks & Involvement Actions 1 & 2	YES	24.1 @ 3 STARS – 2008 Council-established Environmental Committee with a Council Member and youth position 24.2 @ 1 STAR -- annual neighborhood meetings held by city to gauge resident perception of city performance and discover priority topics; info used to shape the next year’s strategic goals for staff and Council	
25. Green Businesses any two actions	YES	25.2 @ 1 STAR - Website shares business assistance and rebate programs; 2020. 25.7 @ 1 STAR – Robert Street 1990’s “WSP, We’re Close to it all!” campaign; 2015-17 “Shop Robert Street” campaign during road reconstruction; COVID times “#ShopWestStPaul” shop local campaign.	
26. Renewable Energy any two actions			
27. Local Food any one action	YES	27.2 @ 2 STARS -- domesticated chickens, pot-bellied pigs and beehives allowed 27.3 @ 2 STARS -- farmers market weekly June-Oct at shopping mall; produce donations/unsold produce collected for food shelf; school district uses City’s park land for a school forest; city easement for community garden next to elementary school	
28. Business Synergies any one action			
29. Climate Adaptation action 1 at a 2 or 3-star rating	YES	29.1 @ 2 STARS – Included in Dakota County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. WSP police chief resp. for city preparedness and emergency response. Emergency Alert Notifications for residents of Dakota County. 29.2 @ Not Rated - Pollinator Habitat Resolution 29.7 @ Not Rated – discussed in Comp Plan 2018	

Notables:

- **Planned mixed use development districts** authorized within the City
- **School shared use agreement**, new trails part of 2014 \$6.2M reconstruction of Harmon Park
- **Fix-It Clinics** at the local library hosted by the city and county
- **Annual neighborhood meetings** held by City to gauge resident perception of city performance and discover priority topics; info used to shape the next year’s strategic goals for staff and Council
- **Inflow & Infiltration** reduction through inspections, corrected sewer lines, and education. The city spend \$5,316,577 for I&I improvements between 2007-2017.