

GreenStep Cities Update

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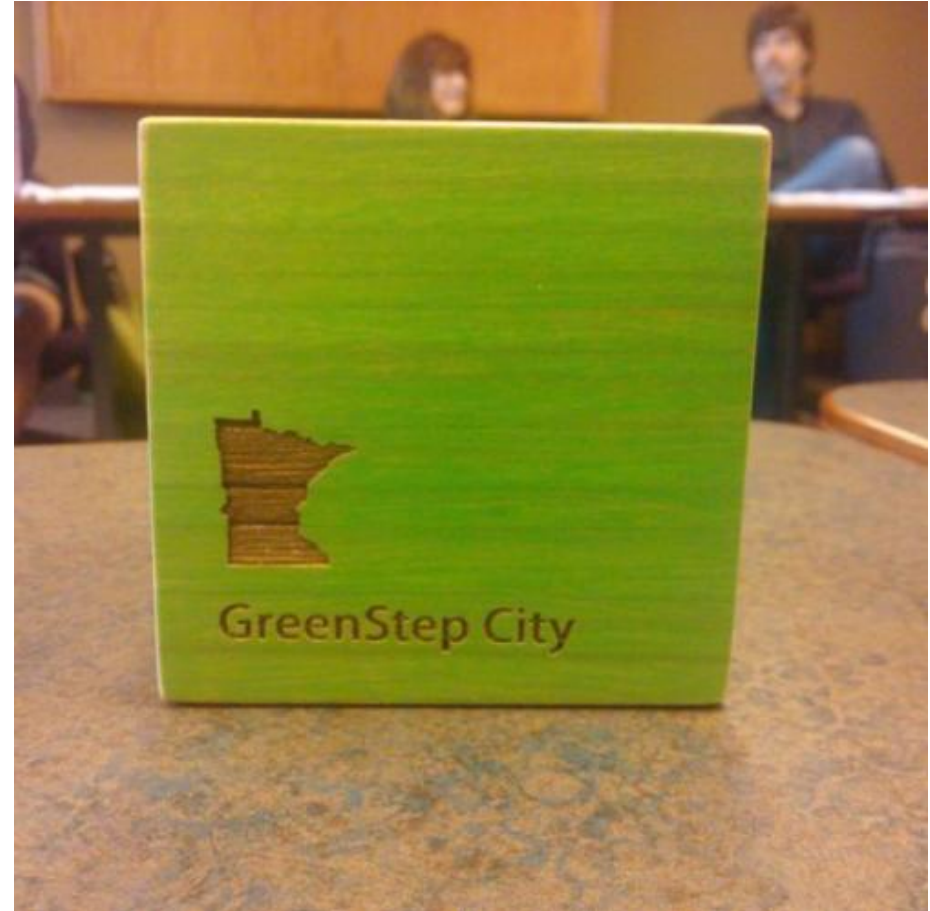
What is GreenStep Cities?

- Voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals.
- Free continuous improvement program, managed by a public-private partnership
- Menu of 29 optional best practices.



Northfield Status

- Joined in June 2010
- Step 3 City since 6/23/2015
- **Total completed actions:
52**





Categories

- Building Energy & Lighting
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Environmental Management
- Resilient Economic and Community Development





Taking the Next Step

- **Step 4:** Measure and report a minimum number of core and optional metrics for the previous calendar year or the most recent available data
- **Category A communities:** In addition to the CORE metrics, include 5 additional metrics of choice.





Step 4 Information



CORE Metrics

- City Buildings and Lighting
- City Fleets
- Transportation Modes & Miles
- Open Space, Parks & Trees
- Stormwater
- Waste Water
- Renewable Energy
- Climate

Optional metrics

- Green Buildings
- Infrastructure for Biking & Walking
- Car, Transit and Bike Options
- Land Use
- Drinking Water
- Surface Water
- Solid Waste
- Local Food
- Jobs & Employment



What we learned

- Data needed from across many departments
- GreenStep Cities reporting will help us track Climate Action Plan progress
- Some areas we are doing really well in and others have room for improvement



Next Steps

- Step 4 data submitted May 19 – waiting to hear if we have been accepted
- Submitted application to League of Minnesota Cities to receive Sustainability Award - \$1,000 prize
- Work on what and how we track some items – fuel use, energy information
- Report next year and if show progress move to Step 5

