**2023 Category B City: LEXINGTON**

Currently a Step 3 GreenStep City as of June 2020

- joined August 2015 -

***Assessor and date****: Kristin Mroz, 6/2/2022*

**18**

***Total BPs implemented:***

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| Best practices (**required in bold**)  Action rules (req. actions in **bold**) | BP implemented? | | | Action summary by # and star level achieved |
| **YES**  **BUILDINGS: distribution requirement is 2 BPs; are 2 done?** | | | | |
| **1. Public Buildings**  **Actions 1 & 2** | | **YES** | * 1. @ 2 STARS – 2 yrs. of gas/electric bills entered; monthly ongoing entry   2. @ 2 STARS -- installed LED lights in all 4 of city buildings, daily turn-off routine; programmable thermostats; all furnace filters scheduled for routine change-out; as computers upgraded, purchase energy star-compliant that go into auto sleep mode | |
| 2. Private Buildings  any one action | | **YES** | 2.1 @ 1 STAR -- brochures in all building packets that go out.  2.5 @ 1 STAR -- odd/even watering ordinance | |
| 3. New Green Buildings  any one action | |  |  | |
| 4. Lighting/Signals  2 actions with one from 5-8 | | **YES** | 4.6 @ 3 STARS – all new updated lighting for parking lights and building  4.7 @ 2 STARS - city hall, liquor, FD, PW parking lots LED | |
| 5. Building Redevelopment  any one action | |  | **YES** | |
| **LAND USE: 2 BPs required; are 2 done?** | | | | |
| **6. Comp Plan**  **Actions 1 & 2** | | **YES** | 6.1 @ 1 STAR  6.2 @ 2 STARS – Comp Plan referenced in multiple zoning sections | |
| 7. Density  any one action | | **YES** | 7.1 @ 3 STARS -- neighborhood single family destiny at 7 units per acre or greater; allow 20 units/acre in M-1 (R & C)  7.2 @ 2 STARS - adopted PUDs for 3 apt. complexes for higher density and setbacks; 444 units; 180 units affordable | |
| 8. Mixed Uses  any one action | | **YES** | 8.3 @ 3 STARS -- new apartment complex to be developed next to a commercial area, in M-1 CBD: PUD up to 54 units per acre, which is above the allowed 20 units  8.5 @ 3 STARS – downtown zoning district allows for mixed use | |
| 9. Highway Development  any one action | |  |  | |
| 10. Conservation Development  any one action | |  |  | |
| **YES**  **TRANSPORTATION: 1 BP required; is 1 done?** | | | | |
| 11. Complete Green Streets  1; & one additional action | |  |  | |
| 12. Mobility Options  any one action | | **YES** | 12.3 @ 2 STARS -- posted are Metro Mobility Bus, local cab service, senior Linkage Link | |
| 13. Fleets  any one action | | **YES** | 13.1 @ 2 STARS – video conferencing; staff carpools; online/cable public meetings  13.3 @ 1 STAR – 2 hybrid police vehicles purchased 2022 | |
| 14. TOD / TDM  any two actions | |  |  | |
| **ENVIRONMENTAL MGT: 3 BPs required; are 3 done?** | | | | |
| **15. Purchasing**  **1; and one additional action** | | **YES** | 15.1 @ 1 STAR  **YES**  15.6 @ 1 STAR -- printers used are part of HP Eagle Solutions, which is certified by Minnesota Great Printers | |
| **16. Trees**  **any one action** | | **YES** | 16.4 @ 1 STAR – overall tree canopy of 53%  16.6 @ 2 STARS – hired arborist, updated ordinance in 2021, notify residents of damage/disease | |
| 17. Stormwater  any one action | | **YES** | 17.5 @ 1 STAR – rain gardens park of renovated parks; some residential rain gardens  17.6 @ 1 STAR – new salt shed build 2022 reduces runoff and allows for purchasing less salt | |
| 18. Parks & Trails  any two actions | | **YES** | 18.2 @ 2 STARS – planning & budgeting (via dedication fees from 3 lg. apt. bldgs.) for significant improvements in 2 parks  18.3 @ 3 STARS -- 9.3 park acres/1000 people; 2019 Park Score of 54%; most all within .5 mi of park  18.8 @ 3 STARS -- Parks Board, staffed by volunteers, maintains flower gardens, rain-gardens; they track invasive species, trash, help maintain buildings. Annual spring clean-up day for unneeded items, leaves , brush & tree debris | |
| 19. Surface Water  if state public water: 4; and one additional action  others: any one action | |  |  | |
| 20. Water / Wastewater  1 & 2; and one additional | |  |  | |
| 21. Septics  any one action | |  |  | |
| 22. Solid Waste  one from 1-3; & one from 4-8 | | **YES** | 22.2 @ 1 STAR -- currently the city is above the required 50% recycling rate and on well on our way to 75%  22.4 @ 1 STAR – reuse (& recycling & reduce) education on web site and in newsletter  22.6 @ 3 STARS – haulers required to provide recycling containers for all residents, including multi-unit housing, and businesses | |
| 23. Local Air Quality  any one action | | **YES** | 23.2 @ 2 STARS – outdoor burning: must have a license  **YES** | |
| **ECON & COMM DEVELOP: 2 BPs required; are 2 done?** | | | | |
| **24. Benchmarks & Involvement**  **1; and any one additional** | | **YES** | 24.1 @ 1 STAR – city web GS page/feedback option; newsletter; P&Z committee; recycling/energy tips  24.4 @ 1 STAR -- sustainability tips/contacts in 1/4ly newsletter; extensive rain gardens; social media; spring/fall clean up days | |
| **25. Green Businesses**  **any two actions** | | **YES** | 25.1 @ 2 STARS -- online business directory; business assistance page with utility & RETAP links & explicit encouragement of businesses implementing energy efficiency and sustainability  25.4 @ 1 STAR -- Free Market, MN Materials Exchange, plastic bag, compostables collection promoted; City Hall collection of used clothing for Granny's Closet; extensive spring clean-up day with reusables collection (eyeglasses, household goods) | |
| 26. Renewable Energy  any two actions | | **NO** | 26.1 @ 1 STAR -- solar energy standards in code | |
| 27. Local Food  any one action | | **YES** | 27.2 @ 1 STAR -- allows chickens with a permit  27.3 @ 2 STARS -- farmers market located on city parking lot | |
| 28. Business Synergies  any one action | | **NO** | 28.3 nice commercial projects but they don’t quite rate at a 1-star level | |
| **29. Climate Adaptation**  **action 1 at a 2 or 3-star rating** | | **YES** | 29.1 @ 2 STARS -- 2019 agreement to participate in Co. All Hazard Mitigation Plan, which outlines outreach/communications; contacts on city homepage  29.3 @ 1 STAR – police/city staff engagement during Night to Unite; Sept. open house at Fire Dept.; homepage news section | |

**LEXINGTON –** notable actions

* **54 dwelling units/acre** apartment complex allowed as a PUD above 20 DUA
* **Park dedication fees** from 3 large apartment complexes funding significant improvements in 2 parks
* **Garbage haulers required to provide recycling** containers for all residents, including multi-unit housing, and businesses
* **Business assistance that** explicitly seeks businesses that implement/are interested in implementing sustainability measures
* **Used clothing** collected at City Hall for local reuse store
* **Active Parks Board**, staffed by volunteers, maintains flower gardens, rain-gardens; they track invasive species, trash, help maintain buildings