

## 2020 Category B City: LEXINGTON

Currently a Step 3 GreenStep City as of June 2020

- joined August 2015 -

**Assessor and date:** Kristin Mroz, 4/1/21

**Total BPs implemented:** 18

Best practices (required in bold) Action rules (req. actions in bold)	BP implemented?	Action summary by # and star level achieved
		<b>BUILDINGS: distribution requirement is 2 BPs; are 2 done?</b>
<b>YES</b>		
<b>1. Public Buildings Actions 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>YES</b>	1.1 @ 2 STARS – 2 yrs. of gas/electric bills entered; monthly ongoing entry 1.2 @ 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	<b>YES</b>	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	<b>YES</b>	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		
		<b>LAND USE: 2 BPs required; are 2 done?</b>
<b>YES</b>		
<b>6. Comp Plan Actions 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>YES</b>	6.1 @ 1 STAR 6.2 @ 2 STARS – Comp Plan referenced in multiple zoning sections
7. Density any one action	<b>YES</b>	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	<b>YES</b>	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
9. Highway Development any one action		
10. Conservation Development any one action		
		<b>TRANSPORTATION: 1 BP required; is 1 done?</b>
<b>YES</b>		
11. Complete Green Streets 1; & one additional action		
12. Mobility Options any one action	<b>YES</b>	12.3 @ 2 STARS -- posted are Metro Mobility Bus, local cab service, senior Linkage Link
13. Fleets any one action	<b>YES</b>	13.1 @ 1 STAR – shared vehicle with neighboring Circle Pines
14. TOD / TDM any two actions		
		<b>ENVIRONMENTAL MGT: 3 BPs required; are 3 done?</b>
<b>YES</b>		

15. Purchasing 1; and one additional action	YES	15.1 @ 1 STAR 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%
17. Stormwater any one action	YES	17.5 @ 1 STAR – rain gardens park of renovated parks; some residential rain gardens
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
		<b>ECON &amp; COMM DEVELOP: 2 BPs required; are 2 done?</b>
		<b>YES</b>
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