

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

Total BPs implemented: 18

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 done?
		YES
1. Public Buildings Actions 1 & 2	YES	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	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		
		LAND USE: 2 BPs required; are 2 done?
		YES
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		
		TRANSPORTATION: 1 BP required; is 1 done?
		YES
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?			YES
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% 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	
ECON & COMM DEVELOP: 2 BPs required; are 2 done?			YES
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
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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