



Memorandum

To: Mayor Nelson and Members of the City Council

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: July 11, 2023

Subject: GreenStep Cities participation resolution

Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program that provides a framework to help cities achieve their economic, environmental and quality of life goals. This free continuous improvement program, managed by a public-private partnership, is based on 29 best practices. Each best practice can be implemented by completing one or more actions at a 1, 2 or 3-star level, from a list of four to eight actions. These actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation.

At the July 10, 2023 City Council Work Session, the City Council directed me to draft a resolution authorizing participation in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program. Haley Morrison, Accounting Clerk/Recycling Coordinator, will be the City's GreenStep Cities coordinator.

Passage of this resolution will allow the City to be recognized as a Step 1 GreenStep City. Staff will begin work on documenting the various GreenStep best practices for recognition as a Step 2 GreenStep City.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.