



Minnesota GreenStep Cities

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

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Press Release: Inver Grove Heights Recognized for Environmental Sustainability Efforts

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August 6, 2020, Inver Grove Heights, MN – The City of Inver Grove Heights was honored this week for advancing to become a Step 4 city in the Minnesota GreenStep program. Inver Grove Heights is one of 140 participating cities and tribal nations in the 10-year-old challenge, assistance, and recognition program.

The city accomplished Step 4 of 5 by measuring and reporting annual operations and development metrics related to city buildings and lighting, city fleets, parks and natural areas, stormwater, renewable energy, jobs and more. The primary purpose and benefit of Step 4 is for cities to gather data against which a city can compare itself to over time. Step 5 is achieved when a city makes progress in select metrics.

“The city’s continued progress in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program shows community members and other cities in Minnesota that the City of Inver Grove Heights and its residents are committed to promoting sustainability within our city operations and community-wide,” shared Ally Sutherland, Environmental Specialist and GreenStep program lead with Inver Grove Heights.



Photo of a Minnesota GreenStep Cities award



PARTNERS IN ENERGY

An Xcel Energy Community Collaboration

To build on the city's GreenStep Cities progress, in February 2020 the city applied and was selected to join Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy initiative to help the city achieve its energy goals and assist local residents and

businesses in reducing their energy bills and carbon footprints. Partners in Energy is working with Inver Grove Heights city representatives and community stakeholders to put the city's energy goals into action and provide the community with an energy efficient future. If you are an Inver Grove Heights business interested in sending a representative to join the stakeholder group, please contact Ally Sutherland (asutherland@invergroveheights.org). To learn more about the initiative, visit www.invergroveheights.org/PIE.

The City of Inver Grove Heights has worked hard to implement best practices to meet their own sustainability goals with support from the GreenStep program and their peers. Actions that taken within the program focus on cost savings, energy use reduction, resource conservation, climate change, and the encouragement of civic innovation. You can learn more about Inver Grove Heights's efforts at www.greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/city-detail/12144.

About GreenStep: Minnesota GreenStep is a voluntary challenge, assistance, and recognition program to help cities and tribal nations achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. Celebrating its 10th year serving Minnesota communities, this free continuous improvement program is based upon 29 best practices that are tailored to Minnesota cities and tribal nations. More at www.MnGreenStep.org.

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