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SURVEY OPEN FOR FEEDBACK ON BURNSVILLE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN UPDATE

City Recognized for 'Continuing Participation at Step 5' in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities

In 2009, the City of Burnsville adopted its first Sustainability Guide Plan. Burnsville was one of the first in Minnesota to create such a plan, which provides practical ideas, activities and strategies for the City and community to support environmental stewardship. The plan focuses on areas such as greenhouse gas reduction, energy efficiency, protecting water resources and promoting the benefits of "being green."

City staff, along with project consultants from *paleBluedot*, have begun planning to update the Sustainability Guide Plan to reflect current conditions, build on past achievements, and identify goals and strategies to guide sustainability efforts in the coming years.

Provide Feedback Through Survey

To help gather feedback, a survey has been created to identify sustainability needs, opportunities, priorities and issues for the community.

Take the survey at <http://palebluedot.llc/burnsville-sustainability-survey>

The survey is open to both residents and non-residents. Anyone who completes the survey by Aug. 15 will be entered into a prize drawing to win (10) \$25 Gift Cards; (2) \$50 Gift Cards or (1) Portable Solar Phone Charger [\$60 value].

City Again Recognized in Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program

The City of Burnsville received a "Certificate for Continuing Participation at Step 5" in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program at the League of Minnesota Cities annual conference in June.

Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a challenge, assistance, and recognition program that highlights Sustainability efforts of local municipalities. As one of 127 participating cities and tribal nations, Burnsville was one of the first communities to reach the Step 5 designation (2017). The City continues to implement best practices and initiatives to meet the goals outlined in the program.

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Burnsville Sustainability Highlights

Recent highlights include the implementation of public electric car charging stations; enhanced organics collection and recycling at City facilities; enhanced recycling options at City parks; continued reduction in greenhouse gas emissions; planting of pollinator habitat and prairie restoration; and the use of goats to battle buckthorn on public property – reducing the need for herbicides.

To learn more about Burnsville’s environmental initiatives visit www.burnsvillemn.gov/sustainability.

To learn more about Minnesota GreenStepCities visit www.MnGreenStep.org.

Cutline: City staff members of Burnsville’s Sustainability Team with GreenStep Cities Certificate.

Front Row (L to R):

- Sue Bast, Recycling
- Jennifer Rhode, Finance
- Deb Garross, Planning
- Regina Dean, Community Development

Back Row (L to R):

- Dan Hill, Facilities
- Chris Slania, IT
- Ryan Peterson, Public Works

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