

## GreenStep Cities Update—July 2010

A project of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, GreenStep Cities is a voluntary program for all Minnesota cities to support and recognize implementation of 28 sustainable development best practices focusing on energy efficiency and cost savings that lead cities beyond compliance and encourage a culture of innovation.

MPCA recently launched a [GreenStep Cities website](#) that includes all 28 of the GreenStep Best Practices and 163 unique Actions in the categories of Buildings and Lighting, Land Use, Transportation, Environmental Management and Community and Economic Development. The website also includes information on how to become a GreenStep City, including a sample city resolution.

The ULI MN Pilot with partner cities—Bloomington, Edina, Falcon Heights, St. Louis Park and Victoria—is in the final stages of completion with the development of individual city action plans for implementing selected Best Practices. The Pilot Cities have selected between 3 – 8 Best Practices for prioritization. The Pilot Cities envision implementation of the action plans will require a three to five year work plan.

The Pilot Cities have found that they are about halfway to achieving GreenStep City designation with already implemented plans, policies and/or initiatives.