

GREENSTEPS ACTIONS COMPLETED IN 2015

Buildings and Lighting

- 1-installed 16 new street lights on a corridor street that is 1 mile long. The new lights are LED and "Dark Sky" compliant.
- 2-Installed new outside lighting at the city maintenance building, the city hall parking lot and warming house with energy efficient LED lighting.

Transportation

- 1-Green storm water infrastructure, built a new storm water system as part of a street reconstruction project that returns water to the ground through an infiltration pond and an infiltration ditch that protects runoff from reaching the river.
- 2-Remedied a street-trail gap by constructing an 11 ft trail, that is one mile long to accommodate pedestrian and bike traffic. The trail was constructed to provide connectivity to the larger Mesabi Trail system.
- 3-Purchased and installed a bike rack at the city hall and city park to encourage the use of bicycles.
- 4-Built a temporary roundabout on a city intersection to evaluate the impact of speed reduction before and after the installation in cooperation with **Get Fit Itasca** and the **Wilder Foundation**.
- 5-Contributed financial aid to assist a local snowmobile club in the relocation of a snowmobile trail in order to make it more compatible with our existing walking trail which allows the city to keep the walking trail open all winter for pedestrians.
- 6-Purchased easements for the construction of an additional walking/biking trail to be constructed in 2016 and will have connection to existing trails.
- 7-Constructed a sidewalk to accommodate wheelchairs which lead to newly purchased handicapped playground equipment.
- 8-Right sized the city maintenance truck by purchasing an equipment trailer that can be towed by a replacement vehicle that is more fuel efficient.
- 9-Re-constructed a major arterial city street in collaboration with the county in compliance with the complete street policy.
- 10-Did a mill and overlay on 5 other city streets by re-using the same asphalt that was removed.

Land Use

- 1-In partnership with **Get Fit Itasca**, revised the city's Comprehensive Plan with significant resident participation. We brought in a consultant, walkability expert Dan Burden of *Walkable and Livable communities Institute*. We conducted a visual preference survey and walking audits, small group discussions and facilitated public input exercises.
- 2-Zoning Committee is revising the Zoning Ordinance to remove barriers to higher density housing.
- 3-Converted part of the tennis courts to a pickle ball court to encourage active lifestyles.

Environmental Management

- 1-Instituted a recycling center at city hall to accommodate the recycling of small electronics, printers, batteries etc.
- 2-Improved infrastructure by extending city water and sewer to an area of the city that was previously an un-served area of the city. The result was 45 new services for sewer and 45 for water. This action replaced failing private septic systems that were leeching into the Prairie River and provided safe drinking water to replace contaminated wells. This project also added two new lift stations that will complement our other 6 lift stations that were retrofitted in 2013.
- 3-Camered our existing sewer lines and cleaned our lift stations as part of our ongoing efforts to maintain our sewer system