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## Belle Plaine Recognized for Environmental Sustainability Efforts

*GreenStep City recognized for work to conserve resources & reduce waste*

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**Thursday, June 28, 2018, Belle Plaine, MN** – One week ago the City of Belle Plaine received an award for advancing to become a Step 3 city in the GreenStep program at the League of Minnesota Cities annual conference June 21<sup>st</sup>.

“This recognition shows community members and other cities across Minnesota that the City of Belle Plaine is taking great steps in the direction of energy and resource conservation and innovation,” shared Laura Blue, who serves as the GreenStep program lead with Belle Plaine.



Photo of GreenStep Cities awards from the 2018 League of Minnesota Cities Conference

Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a challenge, assistance, and recognition program. As one of 122 participating cities and tribal nations, the City of Belle Plaine is helping to lead the way in sustainability across the state of Minnesota. The City of Belle Plaine has worked hard to implement best practices in order to fulfill their sustainability goals. Actions that are taken within the program focus on cost savings, energy use reduction, resource conservation, and the encouragement of civic innovation. You can learn more about Belle Plaine's efforts at <http://mngreenstep.org>.

"This award is a great achievement for Belle Plaine," said Mayor Christopher Meyer of Belle Plaine. "And by being part of the program, Belle Plaine and our peers are helping to make Minnesota more resilient for the future while also helping our cities thrive economically."

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You can download a photo of Belle Plaine accepting their award at

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**About GreenStep Cities:** Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance, and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. This free continuous improvement program is based upon 29 best practices that are tailored to Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation. More at [www.MnGreenStep.org](http://www.MnGreenStep.org).

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