

# Ten Years Later

Sustainability Achievements

# Stevens Point Eco-Municipality Task Force

- Mayor Andrew Halverson - June 2007
- Develop a sustainable framework for Stevens Point's future
  - Specific policy recommendations for city government
  - Specific community projects, educational programs
  - Sustainability resolution
- Task force = 11
- Subcommittees = 79
- 54-page report, A Path to a Sustainable Stevens Point, June 2008

# This Update

- Achievements since June 2008
  - Highlights only
  - Subcommittees
- Purpose
  - Motivation
  - Starting point for future sustainability efforts
- Annotated version to city staff

# Civic Involvement and Education

- UWSP Ed. D., Educational Sustainability, Fall 2017
  - Integrate sustainability tenets into education, community development, business
- Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology, 2010
  - Research, lab services, education for business and industry
- City radio, TV, streaming radio (in progress)

# Development and Land Use

- Downtown
  - Mall reconstruction
  - 1055 Main
  - Facade improvement grants - 1055 Main, Diversitea/El Jefe
  - Square redesign
- Infill development
  - Cobblestone Hotel
  - District 8 subdivisions
  - Church Street Kwik-Trip, storage/antique mall
- Zoning modifications to decrease required parking, add bicycle parking

# Development and Land Use (2)

- TAP grant, Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee, adoption of Portage County Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan
- Revised Zoning Code to include unique use patterns, form-based zoning, better standards for **environmental** protection, greenspace, parking.
- Comprehensive plan re-do: Sustainability 1 of 4 Guiding Principles

# Food

- Farmshed facility
  - \$100K TIF
  - Patrick Rothfuss
  - Commercial kitchen
  - Workshops, courses
  - Central Wisconsin Farm Fresh Atlas
- Market on Strongs
- East Side Winter Market
- 15 community gardens: Portage County Hunger Poverty Prevention Partnership, Golden Sands RC&D

# Green Building and Energy

- Transit building designed to be LEED certifiable
  - In progress: plans for solar
- City departments track energy usage and costs
- \$400K in Focus on Energy grants last 8 years
- Bio-digester
- Lights moving to LEDS for efficiency
- 11/32 stoplights flash late nights

# Parks and Tourism

- Tourism Commission to decide room tax expenditures
- Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Sculpture Park, 2010
- Redredged Iverson Park Channels
- EAB control and replanting

# Transportation

- Hybrid buses, 2010
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- TAP grant
- Adoption of county bicycle/pedestrian plan
- Pedestrians
  - Franklin and Division signal
  - In progress: Safe walk to school
  - Sidewalk infill

# Waste/Recycling

- Single-stream recycling
  - 20% increase
- Convenient drop-off hours
- Walk-up service
- In progress: exploring feasibility of city-wide organics pickup

# Water/Wastewater

- Stormwater utility, 2013
- Rain gardens: Credit, demonstration at airport
- In progress: customer billing interface
  - Set up alarms to monitor water usage
- More investigation of wellhead protection areas than most municipalities
- Effluent water heat sink for city heat pumps
- Constant attention to energy efficiency/renewable energy technologies

# What's Next?

- Sustainability committee or coordinator?
  - Recommended at end of report
- Review goals/objectives/actions
  - Map out future
    - Green Tier?
    - Other framework?
- The fate of the living planet is the most important issue facing mankind. - Gaylord Nelson