

TO: GreenStep Committee Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: January 3, 2019
RE: Meeting Notice
Wednesday, January 30, 2019
4:30 p.m., City Council Chambers
La Crescent City Hall

AGENDA

1. Meeting minutes – November 28, 2018.
2. Chris Meyer, the local CERT's representative, will be in attendance at the meeting to review PACE funding and the Drive Electric corridor.
3. Jim Schreck, a member of the Lake City Sustainability Commission, will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss the City of La Crescent's experience with the GreenStep program.
4. Additional items as time allows:
5. SolSmart application – letter included.
6. 2019 general fund budget adopted. Items include establishment of a contracted Sustainability Coordinators position and participation in the Regional Blufflands Coalition.
7. Tree City USA – 2018 designation completed and submitted.
8. Arbor Day – April 26, 2019. Tree planting at Veterans Park is the 2019 Arbor Day activity.
9. Bird City USA designation. The City Council has established a Natural Resource Advisory Group. Jim Nissen is Chairperson of the group. Additional members of the Natural Resource Advisory Group include – Phyllis Feiock, Randy Urich, Jason Ludwigson, Ruth Nissen, Reid Smith, Brian Krenz, Janelle Ramaker and Tyler Ramaker. An organizational meeting is being planned.
10. 2019 MnDOT Landscape Partnership Project – a preliminary meeting with MnDOT was held, and a prairie/pollinator planting in project area number 1 has been identified as the 2019 project. A preliminary site map is included. MnDOT is in the process of finalizing plans for the project.
11. CERT's seed grant update.
12. Solar project review/update.
13. Solar thermal at aquatic center. 2019 project. Process to obtain proposals for the project.
14. Recycling education.
15. School District's GreenTeam.
16. Single sort roll out for recycling.
17. Additional pollinator areas.
18. Construction and demolition waste.
19. Additional discussion items/next agenda/next meeting date.
20. Adjournment.

Please call me at 895-4668, or e-mail me, if you will not be able to attend, or have questions or need more information.

Thank you.

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
GreenStep Committee Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: December 4, 2018
RE: Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2018

The La Crescent GreenStep Committee met at 4:30 pm, on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, in the conference room at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Brian Krenz, Reid Smith, John Lambert, Angie Boettcher, Janelle Ramaker, Tyler Benish, Jason Ludwigson, Michael Alfieri, and Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the members present to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2018 and October 10, 2018 GreenStep meetings as presented.
2. Janelle Ramaker and John Lambert were introduced as new members of the GreenStep Committee.
3. An update was provided regarding the CERT's seed grant project. The project is approximately 50% complete, with the balance of the project to be completed by March of 2019.
4. The committee was updated on the status of the proposed 2019 City general fund budget, including funding for a contracted sustainability coordinators position and participation in the Regional Blufflands Coalition.
5. Tree City USA designation for 2018 will be completed and submitted, and the proposed 2019 Arbor Day tree planting project was reviewed with the committee.
6. Bird City USA designation was reviewed. It was the consensus of the Committee that the City continue to work towards completing the requirements for designation as a Bird City USA, and the membership of the natural resources advisory group was discussed.
7. The Committee discussed the 2019 MnDOT Landscape Partnership Project, and agreed to set a meeting date with MnDOT staff to finalize a plan for the 2019 project.
8. The proposed pollinator resolution was reviewed and it was the consensus of the Committee to recommend that the City Council adopt the resolution as presented.
9. An update was provided regarding the City's recently approved solar project at four municipal buildings, and information was provided regarding the potential for the school district to install solar on school facilities.
10. The committee discussed the solar thermal project that is planned for the aquatic center in 2019, the drive electric corridor, and the opportunity to replace the current City bus in 2020 with a new electric bus.
11. Information was presented regarding the PACE funding program. It was agreed to invite a representative from CERTs to the next greenstep meeting to present information on the program.
12. B-3 benchmarking data for 2017 was distributed and reviewed at the meeting.
13. It was agreed that the following items would be added to the agenda for a greenstep meeting in January: school districts greenteam, recycling education, additional pollinator areas, single sort roll out for recycling, and construction and demolition waste.
14. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 pm.

Bill Waller

From: Peter Lindstrom <plindstr@umn.edu>
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2018 1:30 PM
To: Craig Wainio; Cory Boushee; John Howard; Clarissa Hadler; Josh Malchow; Andrew Boucher; Jill; Tom Johnson; Tim Magnusson; Kathy George; Honor Schauland; David Abasz; Bill Waller; Heather Cunningham; Caleb Anderson; Jerry Gabrielatos
Cc: Jenna Greene
Subject: SolSmart: Ready to Roll

Greetings and happy holidays!

Remember last June when you submitted your official letter of intent to participate with us on SolSmart (<https://www.solsmart.org/>)? Well, things are now official! With contracts now in place, we're writing to make sure you have SolSmart on your radar and on your work plans for 2019.

In case you wanted a bit of background on SolSmart, check here: <https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/solar/solsmart>

To get us going, we are planning to schedule individual calls/meeting with you in January. During those calls we will:

1. review the pathway of actions needed to get to Bronze designation
2. conduct an initial review of what you (your city, county, township) have already accomplished from this list
3. discuss whether or not you're hoping to go beyond Bronze designation and what that might entail

I plan on reaching out the first week of January to start getting meeting times on the calendar. These initial conversations are likely to take 45 minutes to an hour. In advance of these calls, we will send you a spreadsheet that previews the Bronze designation actions so that you have a bit of time to review that list and get feedback from your colleagues on the items listed therein.

Of course, if you have any immediate questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

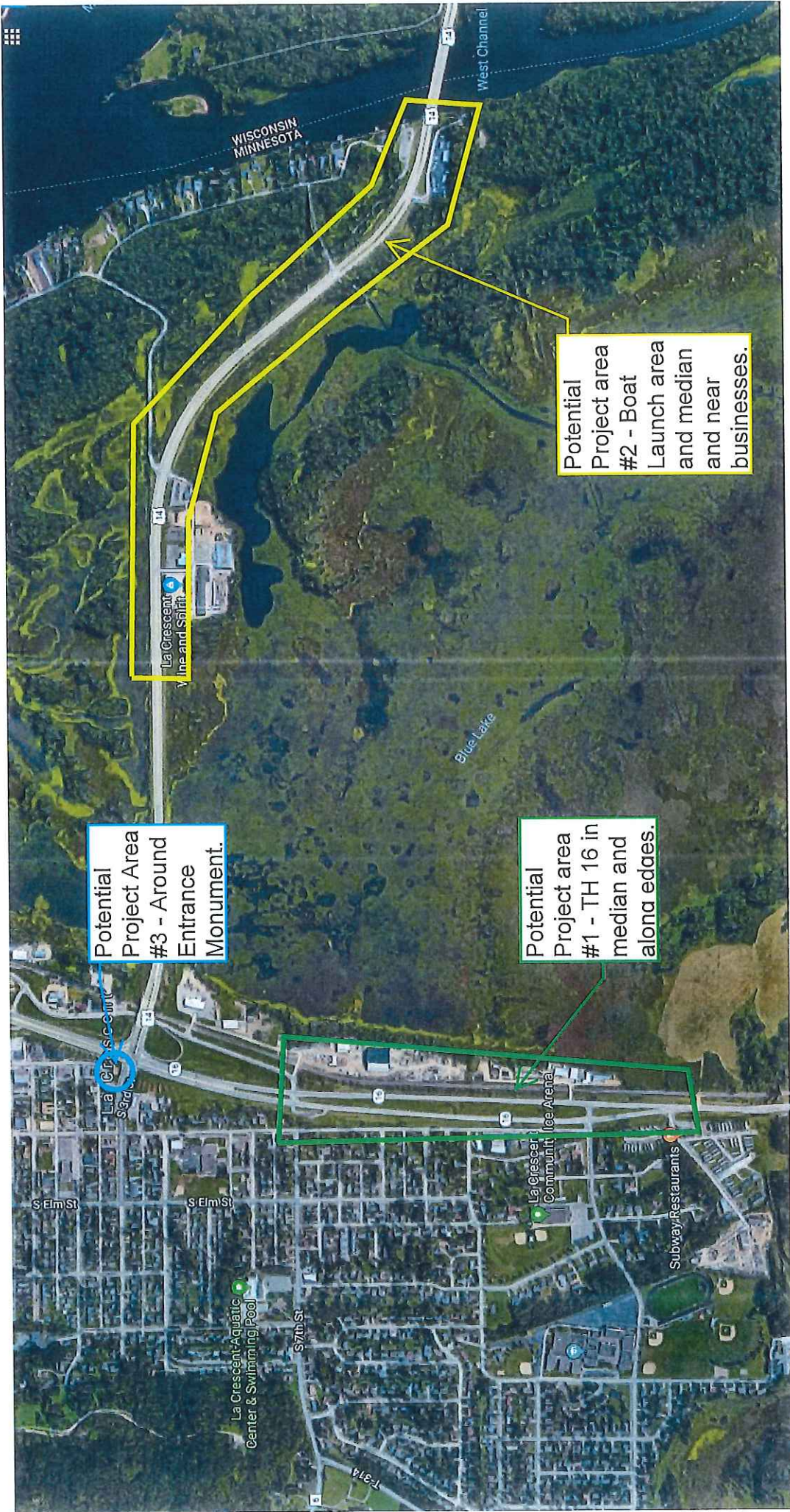
Kind regards,

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Potential Project Area #3 - Around Entrance Monument.

Potential Project area #1 - TH 16 in median and along edges.

Potential Project area #2 - Boat Launch area and median and near businesses.