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### **City of Jordan Recognized for Sustainability Efforts as a Step 5 GreenStep City.**

**Friday, May 28, 2021, Jordan, MN** – The City of Jordan has been recognized with the highest step in the Minnesota GreenStep City Program, Step 5. Jordan is one of 143 participating cities and tribal nations in the 11-year-old challenge, assistance, and recognition program. After first joining the program at Step 1 in 2015, the City leapt to Step 3 in 2019, Step 4 in 2020, and has now achieved the top step, Step 5.

“This award is a great achievement for the City of Jordan,” Stated Mayor Mike Franklin. “Saving energy, waste and money is top of mind for our City’s leadership, and Greensteps prompts us to challenge ourselves to become more efficient in all of those ways. This voluntary program is a fantastic way to challenge ourselves - and our neighbor communities - to do more with less, and include sustainability and quality of life goals in many of our municipal processes”.

Jordan has worked hard to implement best practice actions in order to meet its own goals with support from the GreenStep program and supporting agencies. Actions taken within the program focus on cost savings, energy use reduction, resource conservation, climate change, and the encouragement of civic innovation.

“This award shows community members and other cities across Minnesota that the City of Jordan is committed to continually taking steps in the direction of energy and



*City of Jordan Mayor, Mike Franklin pictured in front of the City’s new Organics drop-off site, holding Jordan’s Minnesota GreenStep Cities award*

resource conservation,” shared Nathan Fuerst, Planner/Economic Development Specialist and GreenStep program lead with the City of Jordan.

One of the most recent accomplishments towards the City’s sustainability goals is the completion of the City’s Household Organics and Yardwaste Site. This site is available to residents 24/7, and free to use when dropping off household organic waste such as food scraps and compostable paper products. In the months since its launch, over 100 (and growing!) residents have signed up.

Looking forward, the City plans to make further investments in building and street lighting efficiency. It will also continue to track progress it makes on best practices. You can learn more about Jordan’s efforts at <https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/city-detail/12156>.

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