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BURNSVILLE NAMED A FINALIST IN CITY LIVABILITY AWARD COMPETITION

Program Recognizes Innovative Ideas for Bettering Communities

The City of Burnsville is one of 15 across the nation to be named a finalist in the City Livability Awards, a program sponsored by the United States Conference of Mayors and co-sponsored by Waste Management. Burnsville is nominated for work done on the city's Sustainability Plan, forward-thinking effort to ensure long-term viability of the city.

The Burnsville City Council approved a Sustainability Plan following extensive public input from residents and area organizations along with discussion at multiple public meetings. Burnsville is one of the first suburban areas to create such a plan which identifies strategies and performance indicators for 14 "Best Practice Areas" where sustainability efforts would be most beneficial over the next fifteen years.

Examples of the focus areas include environmentally preferable purchasing, product stewardship, greenhouse gas reduction, sustainable land use, sustainable transportation, renewable energy, energy efficiency, sustainable building practices, community health, recycling and waste reduction, healthy urban forests, sustainability education, surface and groundwater resources and innovative opportunities. The complete plan is posted on the City of Burnsville's web site at www.burnsville.org/sustainability.

The City Livability Awards Program – in its thirty-first year – recognizes cities that exhibit innovative ideas for bettering their communities. These award winners and the programs they have developed serve as a resource to other cities to improve service to their residents and improve quality of life in communities.

Burnsville's application is one of 200 representing cities from across the country. Fifteen cities have been selected from each category to move on to the final round and awards are presented to ten cities in two population categories: under 100,000 in population and over 100,000 in population. Awards will be presented in June at the 78th Annual Meeting of the United States Conference of Mayors in Oklahoma City.

More information about the City Livability Awards Program is available at <http://www.usmayors.org/citylivabilityawards>.

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