



Materials Management Planning Newsletter

What Is it?

Materials Management Planning (MMP) is a program that guides counties in managing materials like food waste, yard clippings, recyclables, and solid waste, with a focus on sustainable practices such as recycling and composting.

It supports safe disposal options and aligns with a new Michigan law establishing statewide recycling goals and standards. The MMP will outline strategies to achieve those goals.



Stay Informed

The Emmet County Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) meets to shape a new, data-driven Materials Management Plan for Emmet County.

This quarterly newsletter is designed to keep you informed on the planning timeline, key milestones, and upcoming opportunities—so you can easily share updates with your board and residents.

Your involvement is essential. Whether you participate in meetings, provide feedback, or complete surveys, your voice helps shape the future of materials management in our county. In 2027, we'll be seeking formal approval from your municipality to move the plan forward—so now is the time to become engaged.

2025 MMP Meetings

Eppler Road EMS Station

1201 Eppler Rd, Petoskey

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Monday, September 8

Monday, October 6

Monday, November 3

Monday, December 8

All meetings are open to the public

Meet Your Committee Members

Denny Keiser, Elected Official of a Township (Bear Creek) - Chair
Doug Fuller, Environmental Group (Audubon Society) - Vice Chair
Ashley McMurry, MRF (Emmet County) - Secretary

Lindsey Walker, Elected City Official (Petoskey)
Don Mapes, Elected County Official (Board of Commissioners)
Allen Elya III, Hauler (WM)
VACANT, Representative of a Business
Caroline Moellering, Out of County (LTBB)
Stephanie Marchbanks, Regional Planning Agency (Networks Northwest)
Kevin Donner, Compost Operator (Mshko'Ode Farm)
Chris Gee, Solid Waste Disposal Facility (GFL)





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Where are we in the process?

	Initiation Phase (July - Nov. 2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Determined County Approval Agency (CAA)Filed Notice of Intent (NOI)Appointed Designated Planning Agency (DPA)Formally appointed Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC)Developed and approved Work Program 
	Goal Setting and Strategy Development (Feb. - May 2025) 
	Plan Development and Specific Areas of Focus (June 2025 - May 2026) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Circular EconomyRecyclingOrganicsSpecial Materials 
	2026 Meeting Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Evening Public Input and Engagement Session #1Capacity and sitingFunding and additional resourcesEvening Public Input and Engagement Session #2
	Public Comment Period & Hearing Summer 2026 <p>A 60 day minimum public comment period will be observed, allowing stakeholders to review and provide feedback on the draft MMP.</p>
	MMP Approval and Adoption (September 2026 - July 2027) <ul style="list-style-type: none">MMPC ApprovalCAA ApprovalMunicipal ApprovalSubmit Final MMP to EGLE

Topics for MMP meetings include:

- Develop recycling goals related to commercial, industrial, institutional and multifamily
- Benchmark recycling standards
- Education and infrastructure support
- Develop organics goals related to food waste prevention, donation and landfill diversion
- Construction and demolition waste
- Methods and improvements for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)
- Reuse programs
- Disaster debris planning
- Funding for policy, education and outreach

Additional Resources:

State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE)

- Plan Development Items
- MMP tools
- MMP resources

<https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/materials-management/solid-waste/planning>



Emmet County MMP

- Meeting schedule
- Meeting agendas
- Meeting minutes

emmetrecycling.org/about-us/materials-management-planning

