

Washtenaw County Environmental Council

Tuesday, September 26
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Remote Meeting via Zoom

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes (5 Minutes)
 - a. August 22, 2023
 - b. July 7, 2023
5. Citizen Participation: (up to 4 minutes per speaker)
6. Council Responses to Citizen Participation (including written communications)
7. Special Presentations
 - a. Solid Waste Ordinance Revisions
8. Regular Business
9. New Business
 - a. Climate Action Plan Update
10. Communications and Reports
 - A. Councilmembers
 - B. Staff
 - C. Committees and Committee Reports
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- i. Standing Committees
 - 1. None
- ii. Special/ Ad-Hoc Committees
 - 1. Funding Committee - Kris Olsson
 - 2. Outreach Committee – Avni Rao
- b. New Committee Proposal

11. Adjourn

Next meeting:
October 24, 2023
5:00 PM
Remote through Zoom

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance.
Present: Michelle Deatrick, Kris Olsson, Yousef Rabhi, Avni Rao, Elizabeth Ratzloff, Katie Scott, Annie Somerville, Theresa Tupacz. Benjamin VanGessel, Hudson Villaneuve
Absent: Anne Brown, Andrew Comai, Ruby Horton, Gay MacGregor, Tim Redmond
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Moved by Kris
 - b. Second: LizAgenda was approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. Moved by Kris
 - b. Second: Liz
 - i. July 25, 2023
 1. Tabling this for the next meeting due to missing attendance and several other items.
 - ii. Chair requested that updated minutes be included in September Agenda Packet
5. Citizen Participation: (up to 4 minutes per speaker)
 - a. none
6. Council Responses to Citizen Participation
 - a. none
7. Committees and Committee Reports
 - a. Standing Committees
 - i. None
 - b. Special/ Ad-Hoc Committees

- i. Funding Committee Report - Kris Olsson, Committee Chair
 - 1. SEMCOG will be receiving a large chunk of money to enact it's climate action plan and will soon be asking folks to get more involved in their CAP process.
 - 2. Council received information on Solar For All Grants that we missed the deadline on.
 - 3. Comment from County Staffer Mary Braun: The DOE is not granting to local governments, they are targeting states to redistribute the money to local governments.
 - a. **Thursday, August 24th 9-10:30AM (90 minutes)**- Solar Market Strategy, Financial Assistance, and Technical Assistance – [Register Here for Session 1](#)
 - b. **Friday, August 25th 1-2PM (60 minutes)**- Impact Assessment and Meaningful Benefits/Equitable Access and Meaningful Involvement – [Register Here for Session 2](#)
 - 4. Outreach Committee Report – Avni Rao, Chair
 - a. Flyer is complete for use at different outreach events and was shared with the Council and staff
 - b. Ann Arbor Green Fair tabling. The Council is tabling.
 - i. Link to sign up to help:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Sv0FyIAI_Z4I1qS7_YjgL_qksHx7Usfvq11ypD456dbs/edit#gid=0
 - c. Council's main ask is to give public comment
 - d. Website changes
 - i. Michelle and Ashley will talk

8. Special Presentations

- a. Regional Resiliency Authority, Andrew DeLeeuw
 - i. Questions:
 - 1. Is it correct that the proposed RRA in Resilient Washtenaw plan is unique across the country? Is there any other entity doing anything similar to that or are structured in the same way we set it up here?
 - a. Yes and No
 - 2. Who do you envision making the decisions to set this up?
 - a. The BOC, with the recommendation coming through the WCEC.
 - 3. Could this group go beyond the reach of the CAP?
 - 4. Do we feel like this council could start with decision making on what we want the authority to look like? And how would we do that?
 - 5. Can we pick out actions in the climate action plan that folks on the council do without staff?
 - 6. Can we continue to have conversations about what we would recommend, but in order to make a recommendation we would

want to talk and learn more about the entities that would be part of a regional authority?

- a. Can we invite them to join a meeting and see how much they would like to join a meeting?
- 7. Michelle: What if we reached out to the townships and asked a representative of that government to see what they are doing currently?
- 8. Yousef: I think there is a lot more in state law currently that we can use moving forward that could be helpful to us.

9. Regular Business

10. New Business

- a. Climate Action Plan Update

11. Adjourn

- a. Moved by Liz
- b. Second: Avni
- c. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting:
September 29, 2023
5:00 PM
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Washtenaw County Environmental Council

Tuesday, July 25
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Remote Meeting via Zoom

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Attendance:
Present: Ann Brown, Michelle Deatrick, Ruby Horton, Gay MacGregor, Kris Olsson, Yousef Rabhi, Avni Rao, Tim Redmond, Katie Scott, Annie Somerville, Benjamin VanGessel
Absent: Andrew Comai, Elizabeth Ratzloff, Theresa Tupacz
3. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Moved by Ben
 - b. Second Kris
 - c. Agenda was approved unanimously.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes (5 Minutes)
 - a. Moved by Avni
 - b. Second: Tim
 - c. Friendly amendment to add “conversation included these questions” before the highlighted yellow section.
 - d. Minutes approved unanimously.
5. Citizen Participation: (up to 4 minutes per speaker)
 - a. None
6. Council Responses to Citizen Participation
 - a. None
7. Special Presentations
 - a. Lean and Green Michigan – PACE Loan Group
 - i. Mary Freeman, Owner and Outreach
 - ii. Questions:
 1. What do Counties need to do in order to take part in PACE?
 2. Difference between PACE & MI Saves?

3. What is the Henry?

8. Regular Business

9. New Business

a. Fleet Management Update

ii. Jason Fee, Director Facilities Management

1. Commissioner Scott suggest finding ways to integrate hybrid vehicles into the mix
2. Ben asked about Hybrid/EV options and how they will fit in with capital expenditures in the near term.
3. Member of the public asks if the County is aware of the DTE incentives available for EV infrastructure?
4. Michelle is wondering at what point are we incorporating considerations of not just MPG but also Co2 impact of the vehicle construction?
 - a. Important to consider the chain of production
5. MD- Is the County buying union produced vehicles? The current fleet policy was written in 2015.
6. Commissioner Scott believes that we need very thoughtful integration of our fleet policy & responsible contractor policy.
7. Do we have solar on vehicle garages?
8. Chair requests Jason & mary come back in 6 months for another fleet presentation.
9. How does purchasing policy get created?

b. Climate Action Plan Update

i. Andrew gave update on staffing

1. Hopes to give update at the next meeting on how the staffing update was scored in internal budget ask system.
 - b. Total budget ask was \$385K
 - b. The support of the climate action plan is a component of the scoring criteria of the budget ask.
2. Commissioner Rabhi gave update on meeting with Chair Hodge with a concern around the amount of time it will take to approve this budget and hire.
3. Gay suggests that if we fast-track any positions, hire the resiliency officer.

10. Communications and Reports

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C. Committees and Committee Reports

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 - a. Work has started and we hope to make updates to the website soon.

11. Adjourn

- a. Moved by Yousef
- b. Second: Katie
- c. Passed unanimously

Next meeting:
August 22, 2023
5:00 PM

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MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING AND COUNTY ORDINANCE OVERVIEW

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Overview

- Materials Management Plans (MMP)
 - Why Plan?
 - What is the BOC's responsibility?
 - Timeline
- Solid Waste Ordinance
 - Goals of the Ordinance
 - Mechanics of the Ordinance



Why Plan?

Real answer is to “get stuff where it should go” – ties into resilience plan

- Each County needs to have an MMP
- Gather additional information, determine where to go
- Opportunity to create a vision and corresponding goals and strategy
 - Some goals already identified- i.e. 45% recycling rate

*Funding is provided for planning and some implementation



What is included?

- MMP requirements include:
 - County goals, gaps, and areas of desired growth
 - An implementation plan
 - Capacity for organics, recyclables, and solid waste
 - Inventory of facilities
 - Recycling rate
 - Benchmark recycling standards
 - Siting process with minimum criteria
 - MMPs are a tool for managing solid waste, recycling, and organics



BOC (CAA) Responsibilities

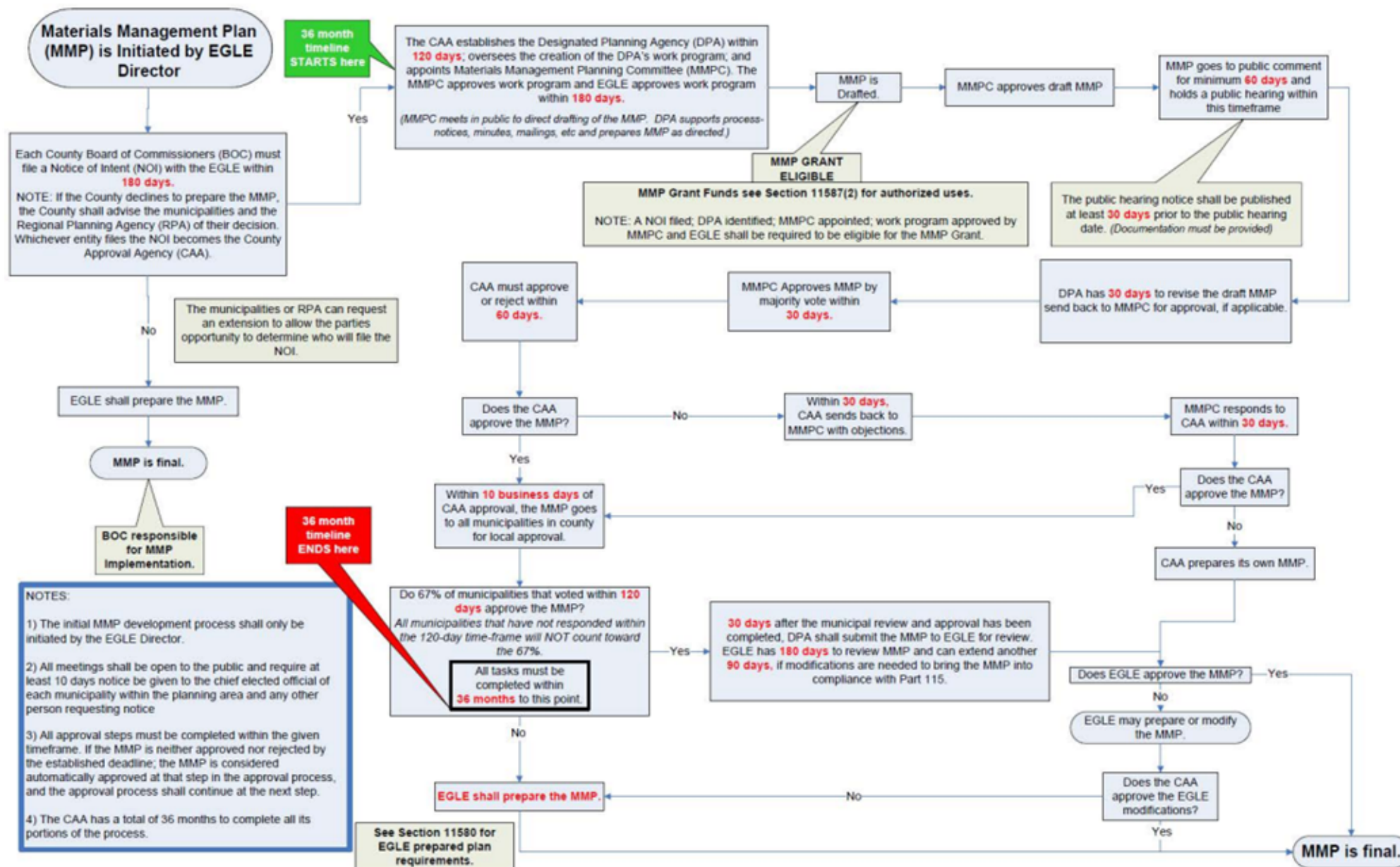
- Ultimately responsible for MMP and MMP implementation
- Submit the Notice of Intent
- Appoints a designated planning agency (DPA)
- Consults with adjacent counties about preparing a multicounty MMP
- Appoint a planning committee (includes 1 County elected official)
- Oversee the creation and implementation of the DPA's work program
- Approve or reject the prepared MMP, approve or reject modifications by the state

*Funding structure for Materials Management Division



Timeline

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL PROCESS



Timeline (must all happen within 36 months)

- Notice from Department expected September 25th
- BOC has 180 days to file Notice of intent
- After NOI,
 - BOC has 120 days to appoint the DPA
 - BOC has 180 days appoint Planning Committee and submit draft workplan
- Complete planning process with ~300 days for public comment, Committee approval, BOC approval, municipal consideration and submission to state



PART 2- Ordinance Preview



Ordinance Goals

- Require metrics that improve County MMP recycling rate accuracy
- Regulate waste haulers
- Provide mechanism for funding
- Educational Requirement for what is and what is not recyclable



Ordinance Mechanics

- Create licensure requirement
 - Hauler applies for a license Sept-Nov, BPW approves/denies
- License requires:
 - Haulers abide by rules like not comingling trash and recycling
 - Must bring all materials to County Designated County Facilities (DCF)
 - Not knowingly collect banned materials (like explosives)



Ordinance Mechanics

- Haulers collecting material from within Washtenaw must be licensed
- License requires hauler to bring to a Designated County Facility (DCF)
- Any landfill can become a DCF by signing an agreement to collect metrics and report back to Public Works, pay tipping fees as outlined in agreement



Ordinance Mechanics

- Designated County Facility must collect a tip fee (by cubic yard or ton)
- DCF must pay the tip fee to the County quarterly with reported metrics
- BOC can adjust the tip fee through resolution
- Initial Fee is set to zero or nominal amount
- Funds aren't required at this time
- Increasing the cost of trash would impact municipalities who should have plenty of advance notice





Thank you!
Questions?

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