

**Washtenaw County Materials Management Planning Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**11/14/2024, 10:00 AM**

**Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center  
4135 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48108**

**1. Roll Call**

David Seegert - Present

Jennifer Cornell - ~~Absent~~ Present, arrived late

Paul Mazanec - Present

Todd Bukowski - Present

Bryan Ukena - Present

Lindsey Kerkez - Present

Joseph Ohren - Present

Scott Frush - Present

Jason Maciejewski - Present

Bruce Reeve - Present

Sarah Mason - Present

David Drinan - Present

**2. Introductions**

**3. Land Acknowledgment – Angela Wright**

**4. Committee Ground Rules – Matthew Naud**

**5. Open Meetings Act – Theo Eggermont**

- a. Quorum is 7 for the Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC)  
(non-voting members not considered part of the quorum)
- b. Do not deliberate outside of the MMPC meetings
- c. All communications are subject to the Opens Meeting Act

**6. Agenda**

- a. Motion to approve the agenda motioned by Frush, seconded by Ohren. All in favor.

**7. Oath of Office**

- a. Motion to move on to the oath of office motioned by Ohren, seconded by Mazanec. All in favor.
- b. MMPC members stood and recited the oath of office

**8. Committee Chair and Vice Chair**

- a. Motion to nominate Joe Ohren as Chair motioned by Seegert, seconded by Reeve. All in favor. Ohren accepted.
- b. Motion to nominate Todd Bukowski as Vice Chair motioned by Ukena, seconded by Ohren. All in favor. Bukowski accepted.

- c. Terms end in 2024 and new elections will be held at beginning of each year
- 9. Overview of the Materials Management Planning – Matthew Naud
  - a. Matthew Naud reviewed the new changes in state law under Part 115 including a focus on diversion and recycling including food waste, economic loss and opportunity, and circular economy opportunities. Materials Management Plan (MMP) requirements were also reviewed including Benchmark Recycling Standards that require communities to provide curbside recycling and drop off recycling depending on population size.
  - b. MMP planning is a funded program by EGLE. Each county will receive a set amount per year plus additional funds based on population.
  - c. The county MMP is one of many single or multi-county MMPs under development across the state.
  - d. The Resilient Washtenaw Plan has explicit diversion and circular economy recommendations that could inform the MMP
  - e. Both SEMCOG and the State of Michigan have climate plans that call out waste diversion and food waste prevention and composting as areas in need of more focus and investment.
  - f. Washtenaw County updated its Solid Waste Plan for Washtenaw (approved in 2019). The MMPC reviewed the Guiding Principles from the current plan.

10. Work Program Overview – Theo Eggermont

- a. Theo Eggermont reviewed the proposed three-year work program highlighting the existing plan as a strong foundation, public engagement opportunities throughout the process (all MMPC meetings are open to the public with public comment available to in person attendees), and separate scheduled public meeting sessions.
  - b. The MMPC discussed the need for data and a baseline year to set. The County currently does not have access to the full set of data it needs to measure county-wide diversion.
  - c. As part of the MMP process, Eggermont anticipates a Municipality survey to identify what are community priorities, challenges, issues, and concerns. The goal is to have this happen sometime in the spring of 2025.
  - d. Once the MMP is approved by the MMPC and the County Board of Commissioners, each municipality in the county will have an opportunity to approve the plan. Before the MMP is sent to the state, two-thirds of municipalities that consider the MMP must approve it.
11. Bylaws are still in development. The MMPC will consider at the December meeting.
12. Future Meeting Schedule

- a. Joe Ohren requested a motion for December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting at 10am at the MSU Extension Classroom, Washtenaw County
- b. Motion to approve the December meeting posting motioned by Mazanec, seconded by Seegert. All in favor.

13. December Meeting Topics and Homework

- a. Update on plan implementation so far
- b. Other plans review (Resilient Washtenaw and 2019 County Solid Waste Plan)

14. Public Comment

- a. Chair Joe Ohren opened public comment noting a 2 minute limit
- b. Northville Township resident
  - i. Lives near the Arbor Hills landfill and noted chronic environmental issues including air quality noting that there are dozens of violations issued to the landfill operator by EGLE
  - ii. The State Attorney General has sued Arbor Hills landfill
  - iii. Noted that GFL is a Canadian company
- c. Northville Township Resident
  - i. Retired public school administrator is concerned about the landfill water pollution and the dust coming off the landfill. Their car is dirty everyday from the dust blowing off the landfill. He would like the dust to be controlled – polluting the lake, his car, his boat, etc.
- d. Northville Township resident
  - i. Lives by the landfill and dealing with constant odor from the landfill
  - ii. Sound is a constant nuisance from the trucks beeping
  - iii. Hopes the landfill does not expand
- e. Northville Township resident
  - i. Concerned about odors and she has complained to EGLE
  - ii. Concerned about noise with trucks coming in at 2am, 3am
  - iii. Seagulls bring trash to her property
- f. Northville Township resident
  - i. Arbor Hills landfill is not a good neighbor, and she is concerned that Johnson Creek is being poisoned and there is odor.
  - ii. She wants Washtenaw County to be good neighbors with us and we want to be good neighbors to them

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting motioned by Mazanec, seconded by Maciejewski.  
Meeting Adjourned at 11:35am.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

(Chair)

(Vice Chair)