

Washtenaw County Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC)
Meeting Minutes

1/8/2025, 10:00 AM

Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center
4135 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, 48108

Members Present: Seegert, Mazanec, Bukowski, Ukena, Frush (part of the time), Maciejewski, Reeve, Nicholson, Mason (ex-officio), Drinan (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Cornell, Kerkez, Ohren, Frush (part of the time)

Washtenaw County Staff Present: Eggermont, Wright

Resource Recycling Staff Present: Heflin, Oulton

Resource Recycling Systems Staff Absent: Matt Naud

Call to order: Bukowski called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

Roll Call

- a. David Seegert – present
- b. Jennifer Cornell – absent
- c. Paul Mazanec – present
- d. Todd Bukowski (Vice Chair) -present
- e. Bryan Ukena – absent – PRESENT – arrived at 10:24 a.m.
- f. Lindsey Kerkez – absent
- g. Joseph Ohren (Chair) - absent
- h. Scott Frush - present
- i. Jason Maciejewski – present
- j. Bruce Reeve - present
- k. James Nicholson – present
- l. Sarah Mason (ex-officio) – present
- m. David Drinan (ex-officio) – present

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda moved by Bukowski, seconded by Mazanec. All in favor.
Motion carries.

Addition to Agenda and Approval

Motion to approve an addition to the agenda (the election of officers) moved by Bukowski, seconded by Mazanec. All in favor. Motion carries.

Land Acknowledgement

Read by Eggermont

Election of Officers

Seegert nominated Ohren as Chair, seconded by Bukowski. All in favor. Motion carries.

Seegert nominated Bukowski as Vice Chair, seconded by Nicholson. All in favor. Motion carries.

Approval of 12/11/2024 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the 12/11/2024 Meeting Minutes moved by Reeve, seconded by Seegert. All in favor. Motion carries.

Washtenaw Data Review – high level

Oulton reviewed the top three data focus areas for the Washtenaw County MMP. Oulton asked the Committee if there were any additional focus areas they would like to incorporate. The Committee discussed concrete, asphalt, and other C&D. Ukena shared Recycle Ann Arbor accepts about 20K tons of C&D debris and that they are only recovering a small percentage of it right now, noting there is potential to increase this recovery. The Committee discussed challenges of sorting and recovery of C&D waste and competing with landfills.

Oulton reviewed a waste characterization from the last Washtenaw materials management plan. Oulton reviewed current contamination rates in recycling from the Washtenaw Regional Resource Management Authority (WRRMA) 2024 audit.

Data from the 2019 Plan Review

Oulton reviewed waste generation, projected landfill needs, and total waste diverted based on the current Washtenaw County Solid Waste Plan that used data from 2015. Oulton also reviewed projected diversion of waste based on the current plan that used data from 2015 and projected out to 2025.

Drinan asked about projections versus actual numbers of generation and diversion. Drinan asked about reported data to the landfills and Oulton clarified that this is where we will start – with landfill reported data. Oulton noted that data on recycling is not mandatory, but voluntary.

Seegert noted that one of the biggest challenges is the data and challenges with waste moving through transfer stations within a county but ending up landfilled elsewhere. The Committee discussed tonnage versus cubic yard measurements and preventing double

counting in tracking. Reeve added an observation – opportunity loss between contamination and potential recyclable materials. Oulton talked about education and the need for consistency across a region. Ukena mentioned lightweighting and the challenge it presents for Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs) with multiple materials and measuring what they manage at the Recycle Ann Arbor MRF.

Bukowski asked about bottle bill collection and if that is measured in diverted waste. Eggermont noted that he is unsure if bottle bill diversion is available by County but will inquire.

Oulton reviewed the ideal waste diversion calculation but noted we are waiting from EGLE for guidance on what factors should go into the diversion calculation (what should be in the numerator and denominator). Eggermont mentioned that Counties will have a good amount of autonomy to determine what goes into their diversion rate and is coordinating with other SEMCOG members to have some consistency.

Scott Frush exited the meeting at 10:55a.m. due to not feeling well.

The Committee discussed how the plan's focus should be the diversion rate of waste going to the landfill. Mason asked about the factors we can include in our diversion calculation. Mason mentioned the City of Ann Arbor is looking at per capita waste generation data – with the purpose of understanding reuse and consumption reduction tracking. Eggermont encouraged this type of input and noted we want to track what is impactful.

SEMCOG Data Review

Heflin reviewed high level SEMGOC data that could be used in the new plan. Ukena and Reeve asked for the county to share slide deck from this meeting.

Arbor Hills Landfill Data Review

Oulton reviewed the Arbor Hills landfill data on all sources of waste that are ending up at the Arbor Hills landfill from across Michigan. Oulton reviewed flow of waste generated within Washtenaw and all landfills that the waste is ending up at. Seegert added that locations of landfill destinations are a matter of location and transfer station ownership, fuel costs, etc.

Mega Data – EGLE Washtenaw County Profile Review

Oulton reviewed current County funding coming from different sources that funds County waste programs. Eggermont reviewed the programs that this funding supports, like the household hazardous waste program, County Cleanup Days, education and outreach, Waste Knot, etc.

Oulton reviewed waste generation estimations from the EGLE Mega Data county profile on Washtenaw. Oulton reviewed a list of active haulers in the county and noted that we want to understand where materials are flowing with multiple haulers and contracts and subscriptions in the County.

Eggermont noted we will need to update the services by community because current data in the Mega Data report is from a few years ago.

Our Goals – Needed Data, Desired Maps, Goals

Oulton reviewed our needed data and our old goals. Oulton mentioned that we will discuss our future goals in the next meeting.

Next Steps

Eggermont requested that the Committee review the data reviewed today in the presentation. In our next meeting, we will discuss data collection and get feedback from the Committee to inform our goals for this Materials Management plan.

Eggermont noted that the WWRA Facilities Manager will be joining us as a committee member moving forward if the board of commissioners approves his application.

Future Meetings Schedule

Next meeting February 12th

Public Comment

No public comment

Meeting adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Mazenec, seconded by Seegert. Meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Approved by: Joseph Ohren (Chair)

Tim Buhel (Vice Chair)