

Washtenaw County Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC)
Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes

9/18/2025, 12:00 PM

Washtenaw County Service Center
705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Members Present: Reeve, Bukowski, Drinan (ex-officio), Ukena, Kofflin, Williams, Hwang, Maciejewski, Mazanec, Seegert, Nicholson, Kerkez

Members Absent: Ohren, Mason (ex-officio)

Washtenaw County Staff Present: Wright

Resource Recycling Staff Present: Naud (Virtual), Wouters (Virtual)

Call to order: Bukowski called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

Roll Call

- a. David Seegert – present
- b. Paul Mazanec – present
- c. Todd Bukowski (Vice Chair) - present
- d. Bryan Ukena – present
- e. Lindsey Kerkez – present (arrived at 12:11 p.m.)
- f. Joseph Ohren (Chair) - absent
- g. Jason Maciejewski – present
- h. Bruce Reeve - present
- i. James Nicholson – present (arrived at 12:11 p.m.)
- j. Roland Hwang – present
- k. Marc Williams – present
- l. Josh Kofflin – present
- m. Sarah Mason (ex-officio) – absent
- n. David Drinan (ex-officio) – present

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda moved by Kofflin, seconded by Hwang. All in favor. Motion carries.

Working Session on Recycling Chapter Draft

Naud introduced the flow of the working session, including reviewing baseline data and modeling, policy questions to consider, and different ways to think about and quantify goals.

Wouters reviewed the data including sources and methods used for calculations. Initially the average tons per household from the state was used in the model but following committee comments on the draft, the numbers have been fine-tuned and models are now

based on reported municipal and commercial waste (MCW) from the past three years (2022-2024). The baseline waste diversion rate, using EGLE data, was initially only looking at residential however due to the challenges of that the goals and baseline have changed to include residential and commercial estimates. The committee discussed the data, what percentage the top ten materials make up of all the waste, and how to quantify the economic value of specific commodities.

The committee discussed food waste and ways to quantify the impact of reduction and composting, including the EPA's WARM model and quantifying carbon. The committee discussed the challenges of a cost on carbon since there is not a nationwide and widely accepted value. The committee discussed the social cost of carbon and other ways to measure impact on health, environment, infrastructure and more.

Naud shared the City of Ann Arbor MCW dashboard and compared that to the RRS model outputs for Washtenaw. The numbers are close except for organics, potentially due to food waste inclusion in Ann Arbor and the isolated incident of an ice storm that led to large amounts of organics recovery.

The committee discussed various policy considerations including advocating for EGLE to require collectors to report county level data and parameters for guiding where materials go for best impact such as having a tool for Materials Recovery Facilities and municipalities on how to quantify impact of recyclables in scoring an RFP when selecting a hauler and processor.

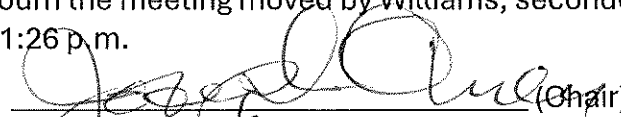
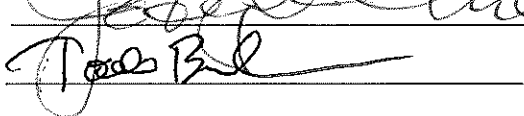
The committee discussed how to choose goals and expressed desire for input from RRS on what is achievable and also including a stretch goal, noting there is a desire to keep Washtenaw County as a leader in materials management.

Public Comment

Leslie Evans, Northville - Commented on proposed new landfill, concerned and encouraged committee to not just look at where jobs are being created but also how many people are impacted by facilities. Represents Township of Northville landfill working group and on the board of The Conservancy Initiative.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Williams, seconded by Seegert. Meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Approved by:  (Chair)
 (Vice Chair)