

Washtenaw County Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC)

Special Meeting: Public Engagement Session

Meeting Minutes

4/28/2026, 7:00 PM

Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center

4135 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, 48108

Members Present: Mazanec, Bukowski, Ukena, Ohren, Maciejewski, Reeve, Nicholson, Hwang, Williams (Chris), Williams (Marc), Mason (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Seegert, Drinan (ex-officio)

Washtenaw County Staff Present: Eggermont, Wright, Morris, Mayo, Pyne

Resource Recycling Staff Present: Naud, Heflin, Wouters

Call to order: Chair Ohren called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

Roll Call

- a. David Seegert – absent
- b. Paul Mazanec – present
- c. Todd Bukowski (Vice Chair) - present
- d. Bryan Ukena – present
- e. Joseph Ohren (Chair) - present
- f. Jason Maciejewski – present
- g. Bruce Reeve - present
- h. James Nicholson – present
- i. Roland Hwang – present
- j. Marc Williams – present
- k. Chris Williams - present
- l. Sarah Mason (ex-officio) – present
- m. David Drinan (ex-officio) – absent

Land Acknowledgement (read by Wright)

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Williams (Marc), seconded by Reeve. All in favor. Motion carries.

Public engagement session

Chair Ohren provided an overview of the MMPC and the overarching goals of the planning process. Tonight's session will cover the draft goals and gather feedback.

Eggermont provided a brief overview of Washtenaw County Materials Management Division programs.

Naud reviewed the high-level breakdown of Washtenaw County's landfill-bound waste from residents and businesses, noting where the highest opportunities for recovery are. Naud reviewed the eight draft goals developed by the MMPC.

Members of the public sat at tables focused on each goal. Members discussed the specific table's goal and recorded feedback. A representative from each table shared their feedback on that goal aloud.

Public Comment

- Dan Ezekiel, City of Ann Arbor resident – Noted that we are leaders in waste reduction and recycling, citing examples of University of Michigan, Washtenaw County Water Resources, and City of Ann Arbor programs. However, the Ann Arbor Public Schools, Washtenaw County Parks, and many multi-family living locations do not have recycling. The overarching issue is our state's low landfill tipping fee, which provides no incentive to recycle, and siloed institutional infrastructure. Recommends streamlining and standardizing recycling solutions and opposing a landfill expansion.
- Leslie Evans suggested looking at other states that are doing things as examples to learn what the best practices are as we work on our goals.

Meeting adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Nicholson, seconded by Hwang. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Minutes prepared by Angela Wright

Approved by: _____

 (Chair)

(Vice Chair)