

Washtenaw County Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC)

Meeting Minutes

6/10/2026, 10:00 AM

Washtenaw County Learning Resource Center

4135 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, 48108

Members Present: Seegert, Mazanec, Ukena, Ohren, Reeve, Nicholson, Hwang, Williams (Marc), Williams (Chris), Mason, Drinan

Members Absent: Bukowski, Maciejewski

Washtenaw County Staff Present: Eggermont, Wright

Resource Recycling Staff Present: Naud, Heflin, Wouters (virtual)

Call to order: Ohren called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Roll Call

- a. David Seegert – present
- b. Paul Mazanec – present
- c. Todd Bukowski (Vice Chair) - **absent**
- d. Bryan Ukena – present
- e. Joseph Ohren (Chair) - present
- f. Jason Maciejewski – **absent**
- 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) – present

Land Acknowledgement (read by Wright)

Approval of Agenda

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

Last Meeting Minutes Approval

Motion to approve the 3/11/2026 Meeting Minutes moved by Nicholson, seconded by Seegert. All in favor. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the 4/28/2026 Public Engagement Session Minutes moved by Reeve, seconded by Mazanec. All in favor. Motion carries.

Takeaways from Public Engagement Session

Eggermont noted that feedback from the Public Engagement session was generally positive, and a key takeaway was the need to fund education. He noted the desire to have more specificity, but noted in some instances specificity would come during implementation. The demolition (C&D) goal will have limited impact as written. Overall, the Committee felt the session went well and that the engagement was strong. They also agreed that there is a need for an explanation as to why there are not more ambitious C&D goals and suggested that the Committee revisit these goals.

Review of Member Feedback Input Form

Naud reviewed new comments from the member input form. The Committee discussed the need to clarify what the auxiliary food packaging ban entails and discussed the intention and possibilities for the Materials Management Planning Committee to advocate at the state level.

Housekeeping

Naud reviewed original committee guidance for the upcoming discussions around siting and best practices for respectful and productive discussions.

Siting Process Discussion

Siting Plan Process Discussion

Naud presented a draft timeline for siting discussions over the next several months. He noted that there is an opportunity to create an “MMP forward” host agreement should the landfill process move forward.

Siting Process – inconsistent versus consistent

Naud noted that this Committee has the responsibility to determine what facilities are consistent with the plan, in other words, needed to manage materials. The MMP can also deem a facility inconsistent – the facility type would not be identified as necessary by the plan.

MMPC Siting Process Options:

1 - MMPC can use existing siting process before MMP approval

- BOC appoints siting committee
- BOC input at plan approval

2 - MMPC can modify existing process to follow before MMP approval

- MMPC is the review Committee
- BOC review at plan approval and BOC host agreement

3 - MMPC can create a new process to follow after MMP approval

- TBD

Eggermont explained what the MMP Committee has the authority to do when it comes to allowing or disallowing facilities. He gave the example of not allowing an anaerobic digester because there is sufficient capacity to process organic material generated from the county with existing infrastructure. The siting process can prohibit new or expansion of certain facilities only if the County can confirm sufficient capacity to process the material that the proposed facility would handle.

The Committee discussed the options of being the review body for facility siting requests, versus creating a separate Committee to do so. Hwang proposed that the MMPC be the siting review committee because there is a good diversity of committee members. Mazanec expressed support for that direction.

The Committee discussed how this decision would relate to the proposed expansion of the landfill and noted that the current Solid Waste Management Plan would have to be amended should the county allow for the expansion of the landfill. Naud noted that the plan is being opened now through this current planning process.

Nicholson asked about the role of other decision makers such as the Drain Commission, EGLE, etc. Naud noted that the state requires that a committee review siting requests, which would happen prior to state permits and other local processes. Eggermont clarified that the Siting Committee, if separate from the MMP Committee, would be a public body subject to the Open Meetings Act and, therefore, in-person meetings.

The Committee had a discussion about the potential conflict of interest should the MMP Committee be responsible for siting review. Eggermont has asked about conflict of interest with the state and legal counsel and shared that this Committee has the appropriate expertise to have these conversations. He noted that want to expand recycling, you should have the MRF's at the table.

Hwang made a motion to vote on option two for the siting review procedure. Seegert seconded. Some Committee members expressed concern about not having enough information at this time and enough understanding of the wider siting approval players and processes to make an informed decision at this time.

Naud shared EGLE communication about when the siting review committee would have to demonstrate 66 months of capacity at a landfill. This would happen only in the instance that a landfill came to the county with a request for a new or expanded landfill, and the

county denied that request. The county would have to prove 66 months of capacity to deny the request.

Hwang called the question. Ohren reintroduced the motion and second to vote on the siting review procedure moving forward.

Upon a vote to have the current MMP Committee develop a siting process and be the review committee, the vote was:

YES: Seegert, Mazanec, Ohren, Reeve, Nicholson, Hwang, Williams (C), Williams (M)

NO: Ukena

ABSTAIN: None

The motion passes.

Consistent versus Inconsistent Facilities

Naud reviewed a list of what could be considered consistent facilities – all existing facilities and existing facility expansions. The Committee asked for more information about a Host Agreement and why the MMP cannot enforce the requirement of data to be reported. Eggermont noted that the MMP does not have this power, but a Host Agreement would have the ability to get the county these data, which is necessary to help in tracking progress towards goals in the MMP.

Eggermont clarified the language around landfill expansions versus new landfills. An expansion is a vertical or lateral extension of the area accepting waste. The anticipated proposal would be considered a “contiguous new” landfill. The requirements of the law are much stricter for a “non-contiguous new” landfill.

Drinan requested a copy of the communications between Eggermont and EGLE regarding the requirement to prove capacity in the case of a landfill expansion or new build request. The Committee discussed that the siting review procedure will also need to take many criteria into account – there may be “good” capacity and “bad” capacity. As the committee

explores capacity, what does that cascading effect look like in terms of where materials go when a landfill closes.

Next Steps and Future Meetings Schedule

The next MMP Committee Meeting is scheduled for July 8th, 2026.

Public Comment

Jen Bolharski – Northville Township

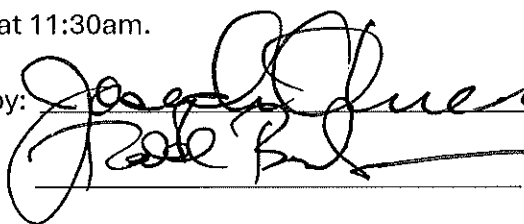
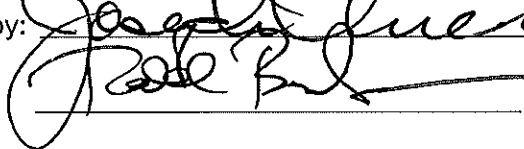
Celebrated Ukena's no vote on making the MMP Committee the siting review committee. Noted that the representation on the committee is coming from communities that receive funds from the landfill, and that more voices need to be considered.

Leslie Evans – Northville Township

Noted concern about the short duration of these Committee meetings that are making important decisions. Noted concerns about representation of the Committee and decision making and requested that the Committee look at what communities and counties are receiving funds from the landfill and how that sways opinion.

Meeting adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting moved by Hwang, seconded by Nicholson. Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Approved by:  (Chair)
 (Vice Chair)