

Allegan County Solid Waste Planning Committee (SWPC)



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Garth Llewellyn, Chairman
Vacant, Resource Recovery Coordinator

SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE (SWPC) – AGENDA

Vacant
Solid Waste Industry
Representative

Tuesday, August 29, 2023 – 6:00 PM

William Walker
General Public
Representative

Zimmerman Room, Human Services Building, 3255 122nd Avenue, Allegan
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81174310860?pwd=S2RRL284bm8rUmNpUE8valZ3S0RuUT09>

Passcode: 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

COMMUNICATIONS: EGLE Letter to Allegan County (*see attachment a*)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

PRESENTATIONS: None

Vacant
Township
Representative

Vacant
Industrial Waste
Generator
Representative

ACTION ITEMS:

- a. SWPC Applicant- Dan Fritsch (*See attachment b*)

David Redding
City Government
Representative

Denise Webster
General Public
Representative

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- b. Material Management Plan Update (*See attachment c*)
- c. Review SWOT analysis on 3 options on planning (*See attachment d*)
 - i. Regional planning using a consultant
 - ii. SWPC sub-workgroup
 - iii. SWPC using a consultantDetermine Next Steps and timeline for recommendations
- d. Resource Recovery Coordinator's Position Update
- e. Any questions on travel reimbursement forms
- f. The transferring station owned by Kent County and the Anegeria owns the digester and will need two letters of consistency. EGLE determined based on the new legislation that the SWPC does not have authority to issue a letter of consistency. Discussed with County Administration and a work order is submitted to legal to review and determine how Board of Commissioners will proceed with this item. Resource Recovery Program has not received any formal requests from either entity regarding this item.

Garth Llewellyn
General Public
Representative

Gale Dugan
County
Commissioner

Jack Brown
Solid Waste Industry
Representative

Daniel DeFranco
Environmental
Representative

Randy Rapp
Environmental
Representative

Matt Rosser
Solid Waste Industry
Representative

Vacant
Regional Solid Waste
Planning
Representative

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ROUND TABLE:

ADJOURNMENT:

NEXT MEETING: November 21, 2023 @ 6:00 PM.

Vacant
Solid Waste Industry
Representative

Mission Statement

"Allegan County shall plan, develop and evaluate the necessary policies and resources to ensure our county continues to progress and prosper"

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**Dan Fritsch, Resource Recovery
Coordinator**

SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE – AGENDA

Vacant
Solid Waste Industry
Representative

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 – 6:00 PM

Zimmerman Room, Human Services Building, 3255 122nd Avenue, Allegan

William Walker
General Public
Representative

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL: Gale Dugan, Jack Brown, Will Walker, Denise Webster, David Redding, Randy

Vacant
Township
Representative

Rapp

COMMUNICATIONS: EGLE letter re: Westshore and EGLE sent an email with a link to a survey to local units re: what recycling services/management infrastructure are provided in their jurisdictions. EGLE Sent email on 05/22/23 4:40pm regarding SWPC can no longer approve site consistency application. BOC and local governmental unit must approve.

Vacant
Industrial Waste
Generator
Representative

David Redding
City Government
Representative

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Move to approve minutes Jack Brown 7:12pm. Denise Webster made motion Commission Dugan Supported. Supported by all in attendance

Denise Webster
General Public
Representative

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

Garth Llewellyn
General Public
Representative

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jack Brown Denise Webster Moved to approve agenda with addition. Action Item to approve a letter meets citing criteria with additional considerations of consistency.

Gale Dugan
County
Commissioner

-The transferring station owned by Kent County and the Anegeria owns the digester. Two letters of consistency. State needs to approve.

PRESENTATIONS: None

Jack Brown
Solid Waste Industry
Representative

ACTION ITEMS:

Daniel DeFranco
Environmental
Representative

1. **Action Item to approve a letter meets citing criteria with additional considerations of consistency. To Board of Commissioners and Dorr Township Board. Jack Brown Approval, Supported Denise Webster and Motion David Redding. Roll call vote. Will-Yes David-Yes Denise-Yes Gale Dugan- Yes Randy Rapp-Yes Jack Brown-Yes. 7:22pm**

Randy Rapp
Environmental
Representative

DISCUSSION:

Matt Rosser
Solid Waste Industry
Representative

- a. Legislative Update re: Solid Waste Plan
 - i. EGLE has not provided a letter to Allegan County regarding updating the Solid Waste Plan. **Resource recovery coordinator contact EGLE and they responded with no timeline available.**
- b. Do SWOT analysis on 3 options on planning (attachment in packet)
 - i. Regional planning using a consultant
 - ii. SWPC Sub-Workgroup
 - iii. SWPC using a consultant

Vacant
Regional Solid Waste
Planning
Representative

Vacant
Solid Waste Industry
Representative

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(Resource Recovery Coordinator is funded thru Participating Governmental Units so that time can not

- c. Review funding structures for new members (attachment in packet)
Member requesting local unit funding structure. How much general fund may be appropriated for service delivery. Include services received for each PGU.
- d. Resource Recovery Coordinator's Report.
- e. Reimbursement Process (attachments in packet) Motion Dugan-Approved Jack Brown-Seconded Randy Rapp.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

ROUND TABLE:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Randy Rapp-Seconded David Redding

NEXT MEETING: August 22, 2023 @ 6:00 PM.



GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
LANSING



AARON B. KEATLEY
ACTING DIRECTOR

VIA EMAIL

TO: County Board of Commissioners or County Executive

FROM: Elizabeth M. Browne, Director, Materials Management Division *EMB*

DATE: June 23, 2023

SUBJECT: New Materials Management Plans

Michigan's Solid Waste Program has recently been updated with the passage of significant amendments to Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, 1994 PA 451, as amended ([Part 115](#)). These changes were signed into law in December 2022 and became effective on March 29, 2023. This is exciting news for the state of Michigan, as this new framework focuses on sustainable materials management approaches, such as recycling and composting, instead of just landfilling waste.

The shift to sustainable materials management will require commitment and collaboration across state, county, and local government. Every county will be required to have a Materials Management Plan (MMP), either individually or in collaboration with neighboring counties, to map out a strategy for increasing recycling and diversion of materials from landfills. The MMPs will replace existing solid waste management plans. As with solid waste management plans, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) must call for the development of MMPs, then review and approve them.

The EGLE Director will initiate the MMP development process in September 2023, as required by Part 115. Once the process is initiated, the law establishes deadlines for plan development and local approvals. Counties will have 180 days to submit a notice of intent to prepare an MMP and determine and document if plans will be developed individually or with a multicounty planning area. After submitting the notice of intent, materials management planning committees must be appointed, and a work plan will need to be developed and approved by all appropriate parties within another 180 days. Grant funding will be available to counties for the development and implementation of MMPs, with additional funds available for counties that collaborate in multicounty planning.

EGLE encourages all counties to prepare for MMP development by becoming familiar with the planning requirements and engaging with neighboring counties regarding potential multicounty planning efforts. Planning agencies should also begin to consider possible members of the planning committee. The new MMP requirements are found in [Subpart 11 of Part 115](#). Please visit www.Michigan.gov/EGLEMMP for additional

resources. This webpage is being updated frequently with additional guidance and information.

EGLE has already begun outreach to counties to prepare for MMP development. If your county is not already involved, a representative of your county is invited to participate in our MMP Workgroup. This workgroup meets monthly to provide guidance and opportunities to connect with other counties for future collaboration. To join the workgroup, please email: EGLE-MMP@michigan.gov.

EGLE is excited about Michigan's materials management future and looks forward to working with every county to achieve statewide recycling and materials management goals. If you have any questions about the new Part 115 planning changes, please email: EGLE-MMP@michigan.gov.

cc: County Designated Planning Agency
Michigan Association of Regions Directors
County Planning File

Candidate Profile/Job

<p>Dan Fritsch</p> <p>📍 Byron Center, Mi</p> <p>✉️ Danielfritsch@gflenv.com</p> <p>☎️ 616-421-5309</p> <p>📅 Applied on June 28, 2023</p>	<p>Allegan County Solid Waste Planning Committee Member</p> <p>📍 Allegan, MI</p> <p>🏛️ Boards and Commissions</p> <p>★ Traci Prelwitz</p>
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Job Application

Email Address	Danielfritsch@gflenv.com
Address	10450 Pease Ave SE
City	Byron Center
State	Mi
Postal	—
Phone	616-421-5309
Board seeking appointment or election to:	Solid Waste Planning Committee
If applicable, which groups or interests would you represent if appointed or elected.	Solid Waste Haulin
Are you a resident of Allegan County?	No

<p>Briefly state why you desire to be appointed:</p>	<p>I work in the Solid Waste industry and I would like to stay as informed as possible. Also, my time working at Allegan County made me realize and understand the importance of being involved within our communities.</p>
<p>Please state any specific qualifications you possess which would be beneficial to the appointment you desire, such as special skills, interests, education, experience, or membership in specific groups.</p>	<p>I have more than 18 years experience in the waste industry. I was recently the Resource Recovery Coordinator for Allegan county and understand how important participation is within this committee. With part 115 being passed there are many changes happening throughout the state and I feel my knowledge/experience could be beneficial to the group. Especially during a time when the Kent County Sustainability Park is being proposed and built in Allegan County.</p>

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Allegan County Resource Recovery - Materials Management Plan Update (MMP)

Objectives to convert the current Solid Waste Plan to a newly implemented Materials Management Plan (MMP). This process will begin in September 2023, as required by Part 115. Once this is initiated, Allegan County will have 180 days to submit a notice of intent to prepare an MMP. The steps listed below summarize some of the changes that have taken place within the format of the MMP and the initial steps on how Allegan County could proceed with updating the current plan.

Once an intent to prepare has been submitted, the County will have 180 days to determine if Allegan County will act alone in creating an MMP or if they will join into an intercounty agreement and create a plan jointly with surrounding counties.

Upon submitting an intent to prepare an MMP, the County will have 120 days to designate a planning agency and a contact person within the Designated Planning Agency (DPA). Within 180 days of submitting an intent to prepare, a planning committee will need to be appointed, and the required persons to serve on the planning committee have been updated and shall include the following:

- 1.) Solid Waste Facility Operator
- 2.) Solid Waste Facility Hauler
- 3.) Materials Recovery Facility Operator
- 4.) Representative of a Composting Facility
- 5.) Representative of a waste diversion, reuse, or reduction facility
- 6.) Environmental Interest Group Representative
- 7.) Elected Official – County Government
- 8.) Elected Official – Township Government
- 9.) Elected Official – City Government
- 10.) Representative of a business that generated managed material
- 11.) Representative of the Regional Planning Agency

Current goals will need to be reassessed and updated. Updated goals will need to reflect the goals of the new Materials Management Plan, including:

- 1.) Prevent adverse effects on the environment.
- 2.) Ensure managed materials are sustainably managed to achieve benefits to the economy, community, and environment.
- 3.) Ensure material is collected, recovered, processed, and disposed of at Materials Management facilities that comply with state rules.

Requirements for a Materials Management Plan have been updated since the previous Solid Waste plan was developed. The new MMP follows an organizational process that mirrors the previous template, but there have been several changes that will need to be identified and added. These include:

- 1.) Implementation Strategy

- a.) How progress will be made to reduce organics, reduce the disposal of recycling items, a process to evaluate material utilization facilities, description of resources needed to meet goals, how will goals be met, and timetable update.
- 2.) Identify and update the current and planned Materials Management infrastructure and systems to meet goals. Although this was outlined in the Solid Waste plan, the present and future planned infrastructure must be identified and updated in the new MMP.
- 3.) Include an enforceable mechanism to meet goals, implement the MMP, and identify the responsible party to ensure compliance with Part 115.
- 4.) A minimum level of recycling services must be specified. This minimum level will also need to include access requirements of the benchmark recycling standards.
- 5.) The Designated Planning Agency (DPA) must be updated with the current entities responsible as a contact point for the planning committee and public notices.
- 6.) Education and Outreach
 - a.) Provide a strategic plan that identifies roles, responsibilities, funding sources, and methods for persons providing the education and outreach services.
 - b.) Describe the county's role in providing continuing recycling education. Recycling education should include providing a recycling guide in hard copy at select public locations and electronically on a cell phone-friendly website.

Lastly, the updated Materials Management Plan process includes the availability to secure grants to fund the creation of the new MMP and continue to provide funding for at least the first three years of its implementation. The grant applications may begin within the first 180 days after submitting an intent to prepare an MMP. Allegan county must submit to and obtain department approval of a work program for preparing an MMP. The work program shall describe the activities for developing and implementing the MMP and associated costs to be covered by the County and the grant. Grant awards include the following benefits:

- 1.) \$60,000/year per county
- 2.) An additional \$10,000/year for each additional county in the MMP
- 3.) \$0.50/resident for up to 600,000 residents

This update may not be inclusive of all changes. Further updates and modifications may be needed as this process evolves to convert the County's Solid Waste Plan to the newly implemented Materials Management Plan. We will need to work closely with EGLE staff and stakeholders to discuss planning needs and use any resources available to aid in program development.

SWPC May 23, 2023 Brainstorming Material Management Plan Revisions

Option 1 - Regional Planning Using a a Consultant

STRENGTHS



1. Have more resources and perspectives
2. Have more experience
3. Financial Incentive

WEAKNESS



1. Not Counties have the same programs
2. Not all Counties have the same agenda or funding available
3. Different needs locally
4. Do we have to do it the same and will Allegan's needs get lost

OPPORTUNITIES



1. Additional Grant Funding available
2. Could lead to more consistency between Counties on their Material Management Plans
3. Allegan could be more ecologically friendly (Emmet County?)
4. Could partner with best practice counties and learn from their lessons

THREATS



1. Similar plans having to be adopted
2. Who would be represented on the MMP committees? Would each County have their own?
3. We have a unique funding structure currently and local units have been investments in the current structure
4. Harder to maintain autonomy
5. Being accountable to regional planning would be harder than just our own planning.

SWPC May 23, 2023 Brainstorming Material Management Plan Revisions

Option 2 – Current SWPC with Sub-Workgroup do the Revisions

STRENGTHS



1. Able to meet more frequently
2. Some have been involved for many years
3. Local involvement

WEAKNESS



1. Don't have the expertise
2. No capacity of individual members to do this
3. Does SWPC know the County well enough

OPPORTUNITIES



1. Save Funding

THREATS



1. Perspectives that are attached to the way SWP has occurred in Allegan County.
2. Limited membership currently.

SWPC May 23, 2023 Brainstorming Material Management Plan Revisions

Option 3 – Current SWPC and a Consultant

STRENGTHS



1. Representation from a broader part of the County (22 LUGs are involved at some level in the current programming).
2. Local Control and Autonomy
3. The plan can be fit to local needs and resources.
4. The ability to mirror another single County best practice (Emmet County)

WEAKNESS



1. Lack out regional influences representation
2. Less revenue for planning
3. Time with the consultant- does the SWPC have that time?
4. Less expertise

OPPORTUNITIES



1. Use best practices
2. Improve the plan to meet our resources and resident need/want
3. Work with other Counties that have great practices and embed those into our planning and MMP

THREATS



1. Perspectives might be attached to the way SWP has occurred in the past in Allegan County.
2. Limited membership currently.