

Eastern UP Materials Management Planning Committee

Thursday, August 21, 2025; 1:30 p.m.

EUP Regional Planning & Development Office; Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

Members Present

Allen Burt, Mackinac Island DPW*

Beth Christiansen, LSSU

Jennifer Satchell, BMIC

Joel Krupa, NTI

Kelly Freeman, City of Sault Ste. Marie

Sherry Kruch, Reina Recycling

Allison Watkins, Village of Newberry*

Jeff Hagan, DPA*

Jim Traynor, Chippewa County

Jordan Chisholm, Superior Café*

Mike Patrick, Mackinac County

Tim Harrow, GFL

*Attended Virtually

Guest

Kharizma Labinski

Staff

Jeff Hagan

Jenni Neal

Kim Wilcox

Matt Sawle

Seth Harris

CALL TO ORDER; INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by M. Patrick.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment addressed at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MMPC MINUTES—May 28, 2025

K. Freeman moved to approve the May 28, 2025, EUP Materials Management Planning Committee minutes as presented. J. Satchell supported. Motion passed.

JENNIFER SACHELL, BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY—HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AND TIRE RECYCLING EVENTS

Jennifer Satchell, Bay Mills Indian Community Environmental Coordinator, provided an update of the recent Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Free Scrap Tire Disposal Events held in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. These events were open to all residents of the Eastern Upper Peninsula and were very successful.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection events were held in Pentland Township, Rudyard, Clark Township and Bay Mills Indian Community with approximately 52,000 pounds of HHW collected, including 2,500 pounds of pesticides.

There were approximately 2,400 tires brought to participating tire shops in the Eastern Upper Peninsula for disposal, of which 235 of the tires were on rims which needed to be removed prior to disposal. Vouchers were given to 161 residents for tire disposal at participating shops.

The events were funded with a one-year Environmental Protection Agency Hazardous Waste Management Grant (\$100,000) and a Clean Sweep Grant (\$5,000) from MDARD. As the events were successful, the possibility of partnering with other agencies to fund additional events in the future was discussed. S. Kruch, Reina Recycling, indicated that Steve Noble (EGLE) has suggested that communities send a letter describing the need for this type of waste collection events for possible funding opportunities. It was then suggested that staff create a resolution of support for each county in regards to Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Tire Disposal events in the region.

DATA—BACKGROUND INFORMATION & REVIEW

J. Neal described the process of collecting data for the Materials Management Plan. Data collection is necessary to create a baseline of what data is known and what additional information is needed. Members reviewed a Materials Management County Data Fact Sheet created by EUPRPDC staff along with individual county profiles provided by EGLE. It was noted that the county profiles were the result of a mega data report compiled for EGLE beginning in 2020 and was completed in 2023.

Following a review of the profiles, it was determined that some of the data needs to be updated such as location and operational transfer stations, local services, and general waste/recycling data. Members were asked to send any updates to EUPRPDC to use in the EUP Materials Management Plan.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLAN OUTLINE

Members reviewed an outline for the EUP Materials Management Plan. It was noted that the Plan will need a substantial amount of information in the timeframe for completion. Surveys for the public, business, and local units of government will be presented to the committee for review at the next meeting.

EGLE UPDATE

There was no EGLE update presented at this time.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Eastern UP Materials Management Planning Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. The time of the meeting will be approximately 11:00 a.m. following the EUP Regional Planning & Development Commission Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. following a motion by K. Freeman and T. Harrow.