

Eastern UP Materials Management Planning Committee

Wednesday, July 29, 2026; 10:30 a.m.

**EUP Regional Planning & Development Commission
2345 Meridian; Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan**

Members Present

Beth Christiansen, LSSU

Jeff Hagan, DPA

Jim Smith, GFL

Joel Krupa, NTI

Mark Eitrem, Sugar Island Township

Sherry Kruch, Reina Recycling

Bill Henry, Luce County

Jennifer Satchell, BMIC

Jim Traynor, Chippewa County

Lisa Cryderman, GFL

Mike Patrick, Mackinac County

Guest

Elisa Seltzer, RRS

Staff

Jeff Hagan

Jenni Neal

Kim Wilcox

Seth Harris

CALL TO ORDER; INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by M. Patrick. Introductions followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment addressed at this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MMPC MINUTES—JUNE 15, 2026

J. Hagan moved to approve the June 15, 2026, EUP Materials Management Planning Committee minutes as presented. J. Traynor supported. Motion passed.

PRELIMINARY SURVEY RESULTS

- Rudyard Township Master Plan Survey—It was highlighted that results received from a recent survey for the Rudyard Township Master Plan reveal that the residents have a very high interest in recycling.
- MMPC Community Survey—A presentation of the current results of the Materials Management Community Survey was provided to members. At this time, 178 responses have been received. The survey has been open since May 28 and will remain open for a few more days to allow for additional responses. This survey consists of 15 questions with a focus on solid waste and recycling management. Overall, responses indicate that there is a need for more availability of facilities/receptacles, increase the hours, and lower costs for both solid waste management and recycling. Recycling of household hazardous waste, bulk items and electronics are also considered to be of importance in the region.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION: MATERIALS MANAGEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIES

The goals and objectives that will be included in the Materials Management Plan were reviewed. Members rated the importance of each of the following goals, and these results will be tabulated and reflected in the plan.

- Statewide Goals
 - Improve Collection of Managed Materials
 - Support Changes to Michigan Legislation to Improve Material Collection
 - Support Statewide Funding Programs for New and Expanded Recycling Programs
- Northern Lower and Upper Peninsula Goals
 - Collaboration with Northern Lower and Upper Peninsula Stakeholders
 - Share Data Across Regional Boundaries to Identify Possible Expansion of Materials Collection
- EUP Region Goal—Create a Materials Management Authority
- County Goals
 - 25% Municipal Solid Waste Recycling Rate by 2030
 - 40% Diversion Rate by 2030
 - Adopt Mechanisms to Regulate Service Providers, Collect Data, and Benefit Local Units of Government through Service Contracts and Agreements
 - Create an Education Campaign for Public Awareness
 - Address Special Waste, Construction Waste, and Large Item Removal
- Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Counties
 - Educate and Encourage Municipalities to Negotiate Service Contracts
 - Collect Data
 - Accept More Materials
 - Form Partnerships with Large Businesses
 - Create a Recycling Program for the EUPISD and Large Institutions
 - Collaborate with State for Recycling Services with State Parks and Prison Facilities
- Chippewa County
 - Promote Recycling Services at Sault Ste. Marie Site and Township Drop Off Sites
 - Larger Drop Off Trailers and Increase of Pick Up of Drop Off Trailers
 - Cardboard Trailer at Drop Off Locations
 - Initiate Curbside Recycling (City of Sault Ste. Marie, Bay Mills Township, De Tour Village, Kinross Charter Township, Rudyard Township, and Soo Township)
 - Recycling Bins Throughout Downtown Sault Ste. Marie
 - Expand Recycling Program at LSSU
 - County-Wide Organic Waste Recycling Facility

➤ Luce County

- Promote Village of Newberry Recycling Services
- Promote GFL Recycling Transfer Center in McMillan Township
- Curbside Recycling in Lakefield Township
- Create a New Township Facility for County-Wide Drop Off
- Offer Recycling Bins Throughout Downtown Newberry
- Expand Village of Newberry Yard Waste Site to Accept Food Waste

➤ Mackinac County

- Promote Clark Township Recycling Service
- Rehabilitate GFL Recycling Transfer Center in Moran
- Curbside Recycling in City of St. Ignace, Clark Township, and Portage Township
- Rehabilitate US-2 Location as New Drop Off Site
- Offer Recycling Bins Throughout Downtown St. Ignace
- Create New Organics Waste and Recycling Facility for County-Wide Drop Off

Key Talking Points

- Some goals can be achieved simultaneously
- Recycling Education is Important—Especially in regard to Electronics, Hazardous Waste, and Batteries
- May want to send notices to Title Companies of Recycling Events
- Collaboration is important
- There were many comments regarding the formation of a Materials Management Authority—Shared services across municipalities and counties could reduce transportation costs. It will not be required to be a separate entity from the MMPC as the MMPC would be the Authority.
- Bill Henry (Luce County) and Allison Watkins (Village of Newberry) will meet to review the goals for Luce County.

STAFF/MEMBER UPDATES

Joel Krupa: Indicated that the recent Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program was successful.

Sherry Kruch: Described new rules EGLE is implementing with Electronic Recycling.

NEW BUSINESS: NEXT MEETING DATE

A doodle poll will be sent to members to determine the next meeting date. It was noted that members prefer that the meeting be in person.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m. following a motion by J. Traynor and J. Hagan.