

GENESEE COUNTY MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE
Wednesday February 5, 2025 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Materials Management Planning Committee met at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday February 5, 2025, in Room 222 of the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan, 48502.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cody Roblyer called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Amy Freeman, Andrea Kruse, Coetta Adams, Daniel Potter, Heather Griffin, Mark Cherry, Mike Csapo, Rachel Thompson, and Tim Church

Absent: Martin Cousineau

Others Present: Katherine Tessin, Syndi Thayer, Jim Busch, John Hinterman, Cody Roblyer, Dru Hajec, and Theresa LeFavour

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. Minutes

***A. Minutes of the December 4, 2024, Regular meeting

Motion: Action: Approve the minutes of the December 4, 2024 meeting, **Moved by** Amy Freeman, **Supported by** Daniel Potter, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2024 regular meeting as presented. **Motion carried unanimously.**

V. Old Business

***A. Election of Officers

Voting for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson positions took place with Mr. Mike Csapo elected as chairperson and Ms. Heather Griffin elected as vice-chairperson.

Motion: Action: Approve the Election of Officers, **Moved by** Coetta Adams, **Supported by** Andrea Kruse, to approve the Election of Officers. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Materials Management Plan Work Program Update

Ms. Dru Hajec provided an update on the work program approved at December 4, 2024 meeting. She stated that on January 2, 2025, EGLE provided an RFP for counties to apply for their MMP grant. Staff has submitted the work program to EGLE and the feedback received was that all of the required information was provided however a detailed

budget for the first year is needed. Staff is currently working on completing the budget and re-submitting to EGLE. Discussion ensued.

VI. New Business

***A. Materials Management Planning Committee Bylaws

Ms. Hajec stated a copy of Bylaws was provided in the Agenda Packet for review. The Bylaws were drafted in accordance with Part 115.

Motion: Action: Approve the Materials Management Planning Committee Bylaws, **Moved by** Rachel Thompson, **Supported by** Tim Church, to approve the Materials Management Planning Committee Bylaws. **Motion carried unanimously.**

B. MMP Brainstorming Activity

An interactive exercise took place where committee members shared their ideas on various MMP topics.

Materials Management Data that Should Be Collected: clear information on materials accepted at the curb for each municipality; organics drop-off sites; and measuring data collection.

Materials Management Deficiencies in Genesee County: need state-of-art recycling center; and community awareness and education.

Materials Management Opportunities in Genesee County: community food scrap drop-off sites or collection at materials recovery facilities (MRF's) or participating businesses, and electronics collection.

Education and Outreach Ideas for Materials Management: organics collection – timeframe for collection, food waste, yard waste, education, clear messaging; disposal of tires, hazardous waste, mattresses, and white goods; and tours of MRF and/or compost facility.

Materials Management Facilities that Genesee County would benefit from: household hazardous waste drop-off facility; sustainability education center; a materials recovery facility; residential convenience center, transfer station for “mom and pop” customers and keep small vehicles out of landfills for safety.

Materials Management Resources Needed to meet Goals: money/funding; sustainable funding; county-wide support for MMP; county board support; infrastructure; education; processing facilities of organics/compost and MRF's; and timely permitting/siting mechanism to enable emerging technologies and opportunities.

Materials Management Long-Term Objectives for Genesee County: organics out of landfills; address illegal dumping and litter management; improved education; long-term landfill space, leachate management systems, and PFAS prevention and treatment.

Materials Management Challenges: funding; education; green washing; wish cycling; and regulation

Goals for the Materials Management Plan: sufficient locations for recycling and reuse; increased recycling and reuse with clear information on acceptable materials; plans for food waste and reducing GHG emissions; defining drop-offs and needs for new facilities; format written in a way that there is a clear understanding of what the MMP is, why it is needed, and able to be understood by the communities so that it can be used as a supplemental resource for grant funding; and pyrolysis systems for biosolids.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Roblyer stated demolition of McDonald Dairy site is completed except for some items that will need to be done in the spring. Staff is currently in the process of developing a contract with an architectural firm to design and provide construction management services for the Genesee County Recycling and Education Center. It is anticipated that construction of the facility will begin in 2026 with estimated completion in 2027. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Hajec stated staff will be working on the budget for EGLE and once the grant agreement is received, it will be taken to the Genesee County Board of Commissioners for approval. Staff will also be working on reviewing the previous plan and determining what needs to be removed or updated.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Csapo adjourned the meeting at 2:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa LeFavour
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission