



Genesee County Solid Waste Management Plan

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To comply with Part 115 and its requirements, the Genesee County Solid Waste Plan establishes an Enforceable Program and Process that is directed toward goals and objectives based on the purposes stated in Part 115, Section 11538.(1)(a), 11541.(4) and the State Solid Waste Policy adopted pursuant to this Section, and Administrative Rules 711 (b)(i) and (ii). At a minimum, the goals must reflect two major purposes of Solid Waste Management Plans:

- 1) To utilize to the maximum extent possible the resources available in Michigan's solid waste stream through source reduction, source separation and other means of resource recovery and;
- 2) To prevent adverse effects on the public health and environment resulting from improper solid waste collection, transportation, processing, or disposal, so as to protect the quality of the air, the land, and ground and surface waters.

This Solid Waste Management Plan works toward the following goals through actions designed to meet the respective goals in which they support:

Goal One:

Implement and maintain an integrated solid waste management plan to ensure a healthy environment and financially sound waste management system.

- a. Monitor solid waste imports and exports to track long term disposal capacity.



- b. Improve the solid waste database to increase the quality and accuracy of data collection methodology and reporting. Expand the database to include multi-family housing. Communities are encouraged to request monthly or quarterly reports from their waste hauler.
- c. Document and evaluate previous efforts of the program to show successes as well as shortcomings of past efforts. Provide recommendations to improve efforts moving forward with implementation of the plan.
- d. Evaluate the Genesee County Solid Waste Ordinance as well as best practices for enforcement strategies.

Goal Two:

Continue to improve education and awareness of recycling and reuse of materials to promote reduction of waste in the county.

- a. Evaluate best practices from other counties in Michigan and around the country for education programs. Pursue grant funding for education.
- b. Expand the recycling education program beyond presentations in the classroom to include a recycling curriculum that is available to teachers.
- c. Provide increased outreach to reach the adult population in Genesee County. This would include updating community websites and newsletters, as well as making presentations to each community, with current information about recycling opportunities specific to each community.
- d. Educate and advise local municipalities and businesses with the cost benefits of reducing waste generation, and methods or recommendations of doing so (i.e. Pay-As-You-Throw, etc.).

Goal Three:

Implement a sustainable solid waste program with the main objective of reducing the overall amount of waste landfilled in Genesee County by 15% in the year 2030.

- a. Establish annual goals for evaluation of waste generation, creating a metric system to measure progress.
- b. Recommend implementation of a residential curbside recycling program in the City of Flint with an incentive program.
- c. Research and make recommendations of implementing a Material Recycling Facility (MRF) in Genesee County. As part of this recommendation, specify if the facility should be a public or private facility (or both), the appropriate size of the facility for the amount of waste it would take in, associated costs, etc.

Goal Four:

Develop a superior solid waste program that utilizes our assets and resources, giving local units and businesses a competitive advantage to help retain and attract economic development in Genesee County.

- a. Utilizing comparable organizations and authorities as examples, formulate a plan for potential revenue and expenditures based on potential programs and facility operations.
- b. Collaboration, efficiencies, and partnerships with local communities to reduce costs, increase recycling opportunities, and minimize the overall environmental footprint.