

FACT SHEET

West Michigan Shoreline Materials Management Planning



MMP Overview

- ➔ Each county in Michigan is required to develop a single or multicounty MMP by July 2027, per updates to Part 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act of 1994 PA 451, as amended by the Michigan legislature.
- ➔ The counties of Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Oceana are developing a regional Materials Management Plan (MMP), with assistance from the West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission.
- ➔ The MMP planning process signifies a major shift away from simply planning for solid waste capacity, towards managing waste in ways that reduce landfilling and encourage the capture value of materials within waste streams.

As the “designated planning agency” (DPA) for the counties of Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Oceana, WMSRDC is focused on helping the Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) create a Materials Management Plan that achieves the following:

- Meets requirements set forth by the State of Michigan,
- Establishes objective criteria for evaluating and locating newly proposed facilities,
- Improves knowledge of local waste streams,
- Increases awareness of local opportunities for waste diversion, and
- Encourages multi-jurisdictional cooperation to achieve economies of scale.

Spread the Word!

The MMP is on track to be drafted in Fall 2026, when it will enter a lengthy review process that will include opportunities for review and comment by members of the public. In addition cities, villages, and townships within the planning area will be able to approve or reject the MMP. At least two-thirds of communities that respond during this opportunity must express approval, in order to secure final approval from the State of Michigan. Outreach graphics, similar to what’s shown to the right, have been created to increase awareness of the upcoming review process. All communications (email, social media, flyers, etc) will direct attention to the MMP website providing access to draft documents and important deadlines.



Materials Management Plan

**Coming soon
for public review**
Fall 2026

SUMMER '26 UPDATE

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MMP Progress

Since the MMPC kickoff meeting in December 2024, the Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) and WMSRDC have diligently worked to accomplish the following:

- ➔ Increase understanding of the requirements for developing a MMP,
- ➔ Inventory information about the region's materials management infrastructure,
- ➔ Educate local officials about the MMP and planning process,
- ➔ Draft goals and objectives to guide future efforts, and
- ➔ Identify tools and mechanisms for implementing the plan.

The Latest

In 2026, a majority of MMP efforts have been focused on the development of criteria and processes that will be used to determine whether newly proposed materials management facilities, or expansions of existing facilities, are consistent with the plan. This is a critical function of the MMP, as a facility will not receive a permit or license from the State of Michigan if the facility is not consistent with the MMP. Once these pieces are drafted, reviewed, and approved by the MMPC, the plan will be nearly ready for review which is expected to begin in Fall 2026

UPCOMING MMPC MEETINGS

August 3 - Oceana County
October 5 - Mason County
December 7 - Lake County

The MMPC is currently meeting bi-monthly at locations rotating through the five-county planning area. All meetings are tentatively scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM.

For additional information,
meeting packets and meeting
minutes and resources
regarding the MMP visit:

WMSRDC.org
or
Michigan.gov/EGLE

