## **SW MI Materials Management Planning Committee Agenda**

August 18, 2025 1:00 p.m.

Location: Pokagon Band Community Center, 27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Kalli Marshall, VBCD, Chair

- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Approval of July 21, 2025 Minutes
- 4. Old Business

Public Survey Approval and Timeline

Bekah Schrag, DPA

Bylaws Update

Bekah Schrag, DPA

5. Hearings

**Landfill Operations** 

Christopher Phillips, Best Way

Food Waste Diversion from Landfills

Aubree Carlisle and Jeff Krcmarik, EGLE

- 6. New Business
- 7. Public Comment
- 8. Miscellaneous
- 9. Adjournment

Next meeting will be held September 15 at 1:00 p.m. at Pokagon Band Community Center, 27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

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#### **Minutes**

# **SW MI Materials Management Planning Committee**

Monday, July 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Pokagon Band Community Center

27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

Role	Member	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Nov	Dec
Solid Waste Facility Operator	Bob Kras		Α	IP	IP	E	IP	IP				
House	Christopher Phillips (Vice-											
Hauler	Chair)	IP	E	IP	IP	Α	IP	Ε				
Materials Recovery Facility Operator	Donovan Kelley		IP	E	IP	Α	E	Е				
Composting Facility Operator												
Waste Diversion, Reuse, Reduction Facility	Chaila Bargan											
Operator	Sheila Bergen				IP	IP	IP	IP				
Environmental Interest Group	Kalli Marshall (Chair)	IP										
Elected Township Official	David Kuhn	IP										
Elected City/Village Official	Deah Muth	IP	IP	V	IP	V	IP	Ε				
Business that generates Managed Materials	Al Pscholka	IP	IP	E	E	Α	E	IP				
Regional Planning Agency	John Egelhaaf	IP										
Sovereign Nation	Jennifer Kanine	IP	IP	IP	V	Α	IP	IP				
Berrien County												
Elected County or Municipal Official	Dave Vollrath	IP										
Business that Generates Managed Materials	Jeff Doroh	IP	IP	IP	E	Α	IP	IP				
Cass County												
Floated County or Municipal Official	Roseann Marchetti											
Elected County or Municipal Official	(Secretery)	IP	IP	E	IP	IP	IP	IP				
Business that Generates Managed Materials	Amy Huser	IP	IP	IP	IP	E	IP	IP				
Van Buren County												
Elected County or Municipal Official	Kurt Doroh							IP				
Business that Generates Managed Materials	Robert Baran	IP	IP	Α	IP	IP	IP	ΙP				
IP - Present in Person; V - Participating remotely; E- Excused absence; A - Unexcused absence; A blank spot means the												
	position is vacant											

#### **Public Present**

Wallace, Mandy Brent, Adam Marchetti, Jerry Jordan, Patrick

#### 1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Kalli Marshall called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm. Role call was taken, and it was established that a quorum was present.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Roseann Marchetti moved to "ACCEPT THE AGENDA." Dave Vollrath seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### 3. Approval of June 16, 2025 Minutes

Chair Kalli Marshall made an amendment to the minutes to include Kurt Doroh as a member of the public that was present at the meeting. Kurt Doroh moved to "APPROVE JUNE 16, 2025 MINUTES AS AMENDED." Dave Vollrath seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### 4. Communications

None

#### 5. Old Business

Work Plan Update

Bekah Schrag provided an update on the status of tasks in the work program. Tasks 1 through 3 have been completed, including the initiation of the plan, the formation of the Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC), and the submission of the materials management planning grant. Task 4, which involves the development of the Materials Management Plan Area Profile, is mostly complete, with a few subactions still in progress. Task 5 includes some subactions that have yet to be started, including exploring funding mechanisms, drafting model ordinances and policies, as well as engaging a consultant for a potential feasibility study. Task 6 has been started but not completed, which includes preparing and releasing a public survey and writing the draft Materials Management Plan.

#### Organics Goal Review

Schrag provided a synopsis of the process that has been used up to this point for the creation of the organic goals. This process included engaging the committee on what they wanted to see in the region, then providing speakers and experts in the field to give presentations. The committee then did a solutions activity, and those responses were gathered and formed into the current goals and objectives for organics.

Then, the committee had an opportunity to submit remarks, questions, changes, and ideas for each goal. These remarks will be utilized for the next iteration of goals and objectives for the Materials Management Plan.

#### 6. Hearings

None.

#### 7. New Business

Public Survey Review

Schrag explained that the point of the public survey is to repeat it every few years to see how public knowledge, interest, and behavior have changed over time. Results can also help inform topics of education and outreach that are needed. Three changes were suggested after discussion. Those changes include adding a "somewhat" to question 13, adding a "If no, why not?" to question 11, and changing question 16 to a five point scale for confidence rather than a simple yes or no.

#### 8. Public Comment

None.

#### 9. Miscellaneous

Subcommittees

Chair Marshall discussed forming five working groups: one for each county, one for policy, and one for education. Each group would include two seated MMPC members and three additional members, with county groups including at least one elected county official. These groups are expected to begin meeting in October, with meeting frequency depending on each group's goals.

It was noted that current bylaws define these groups as subcommittees subject to the Open Meetings Act. To allow greater flexibility and encourage participation, an amendment to the bylaws was suggested to formally establish these as "working groups" not subject to OMA requirements.

Suggestions included issuing a press release and sending an email to encourage participation. Jeff Doroh emphasized the importance of establishing clear goals for each group prior to formation. Schrag will provide additional information in the meeting follow-up email.

#### 10. Adjournment

Al Pscholka moved to adjourn the meeting. Kurt Doroh supported the motion. Chair Marshall declared the meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Submitted by:

Bekah Schrag

July 31, 2025

About You
1. Which County do you live in?
○ Berrien
○ Cass
○ Van Buren
Other
2. Which type of municipality do you live in?
○ City
○ Village
○ Township
3. Which municipality do you live in?
4. What is your age group?
O Under 18
○ 18-29
○ 60-69
○ 70+

Own a single-family house Own a condo or attached housing unit Rent a single-family house Rent an apartment in a duplex or triplex Rent an apartment in multifamily housing (4+ apartments) Other (please specify)  How many people live in your household?		
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Other (please specify)	Rent an apartment in a duplex or triplex	
	Rent an apartment in multifamily housing (4+ apartments)	
How many people live in your household?	Other (please specify)	
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# **Food Waste** 7. Thinking back over the last month, what types of foods most often end up in your garbage at home? Meal leftovers from home Fresh produce Meal leftovers from restaurants Meat Milk Shelf-stable items Cheese or yogurt Milk Alternatives Other (please specify) 8. Which of the following reasons contribute to food waste in your household? (Select all that apply) Expired food Cooking too much ☐ Impulse buying Not planning meals before grocery shopping

Unfamiliarity with effective food storage methods

that apply)	ie rollowing wc	ula molivai	e you to reduc	e 1000 was	te? (Select all
Reducing a	Reducing amount of money spent				
Concern ab	out the environm	ent			
Supporting	local food banks				
Reducing la	andfill waste				
Reducing w	aste in all aspect	S			
10. Select your l	evel of agreea	nce.			
	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Food waste has a negative impact on the environment	0	0	0	$\circ$	0
Food waste costs me money	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
I already take steps to reduce food waste	0	$\circ$	0	$\bigcirc$	0
I am willing to change my behavior to reduce food waste	0	0	0	$\circ$	0
I think about food waste when I eat out	0	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	0
I think about food waste when I am grocery shopping	0	0	0	$\bigcirc$	0

Yes, on my proper	ty		
Yes, yard waste is	dropped off/picked up k	by the municipality	
○ No, but I'm intere	ted		
O No, not interested			
f no, why not?			
Additional Food W	aste Comments		

17. Which of th	17. Which of the following items do you recycle regularly? (Select all that apply)					
Plastic bottle	es					
Aluminum ca	Aluminum cans					
Glass bottles	5					
Paper						
Cardboard						
Magazines a	nd junk mail					
Newspaper						
18. Select your le	val of agreear	100				
10. October your to	ver or agreear		Noither Agree or			
D I. I. I	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	
Recyclables actually get recycled	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	
Recycling is good for the environment	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	
Recycling reduces reliance on natural resources	0	$\circ$	0	0	0	
Recycling is good for the economy	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	
Recycling keeps materials out of the landfill	0	0	0	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	
Recyclables provide economic benefits as valuable commodites	$\bigcirc$	0	0	0	$\circ$	

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☐ Not willing to pa	ay		
\$ 1-4			
\$5-10			
\$11-15			
\$16+			
Additional Recy	cling Comments		

# **Other Waste Diversion Methods** 21. Have you ever participated in or heard of your county's waste collection events for household hazardous waste, tires, batteries, etc.? Yes, I have heard about the events. Yes, I have participated in the events O No Van Buren County Collection Events Berrien County Collection Events 22. Which of the following household hazardous waste items are present in your home? (Select all that apply). Batteries ☐ Fertilizer Pesticides Propane tanks Personal products (soaps, shampoo, cosmetics, etc.) Automotive fluids (antifreeze, motor oil, etc.) Paint products Cooking Oil \_\_\_ Vinegar Fluorescent tubes and bulbs Electronic waste (cell phones, computers, microwaves, TVs) Household cleaning supplies

23. How do you currently dispose of electronics?
Drop off at local electronics store (i.e. Best Buy, etc.)
☐ Take to my county's collection events
☐ Throw in trash
☐ Hold onto them
Other (please specify)
24. Which of the following new materials management programs would you support?
Pay as you throw program. (Residents pay for trash by weight).
Local business incentives for reducing packaging waste
Recycling requirement for public school districts
Support for repair and reuse centers (i.e. fix-it clinics, swap events)
Apartment recycling programs
Community food waste drop-off at strategic locations
Expansion of residential recycling access (curbside, drop-off)
City/Village/Township wide food scrap recycling initiatives

25.	What is the best way for you to receive information about waste diversion?
$\bigcirc$	Social media
$\bigcirc$	Local Government website
$\bigcirc$	Community events or workshops
$\bigcirc$	Printed materials (flyers, mailers)
$\bigcirc$	School programs
$\bigcirc$	Other (please specify)
s Ac	dditional Comments

#### **BYLAWS**

of

# SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN MULTICOUNTY MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR BERRIEN, CASS, AND VAN BUREN COUNTIES

#### Article I - Name and Definitions

#### Section 1. Name

The name of this committee shall be the Southwest Michigan Multicounty Materials Management Planning Committee (hereafter known as "Committee").

#### **Section 2. Definitions**

The terms defined in this section shall have the following meaning given unless otherwise provided:

- A. "Committee" means the Southwest Michigan Multicounty Materials Management Planning Committee
- B. "Member" refers to individuals appointed to the Committee, including officers.
- C. "Act" means Part 115 (Materials Management) of the State of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act of 1994 (MI Public Act 451), as amended.
- D. "DPA" means the Designated Planning Agency
- E. "CAA" means the County Approval Agency. Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties all have their own CAA.
- F. "Counties" means Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties working jointly.
- G. "MMP" means the Multicounty Materials Management Plan

#### Article II - Purpose and Responsibilities

#### **Section 1. Purpose**

Pursuant to the intent and authorities contained within the "Act", the purpose of the committee shall be to aid in the preparation, adoption, and implementation of the MMP.

#### Section 2. Responsibilities

The Committee shall have such powers, authority, obligations, and duties pursuant to Part 115 of P.A. 451 of 1994 as amended. Some of the duties of the Committee shall include the following:

- (a) Direct the DPA in the preparation of the MMP.
- (b) Review and approve the DPA's work program under section 11587(4).
- (c) Identify relevant local materials management policies and priorities.
- (d) Ensure coordination in the preparation of the MMP.
- (e) Inform and advise counties and municipalities with respect to the MMP.
- (f) Ensure that the DPA is fulfilling the requirements of part 115 as to both the content of the MMP and public participation.
- (g) Provide a new MMP to the State of Michigan and the CAA pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Act.

#### **Article III – Membership**

#### **Section 1. Eligibility**

The Committee's composition is directed by the Act, and its members are appointed by each of the County Boards of Commissioners for terms as specified by the Interlocal Agreement based on said law.

The membership of the Planning Committee shall consist of the following nominated members:

- A. A representative of a solid waste disposal facility operator that provides service in the planning area.
- B. A representative of a hauler that provides service in the planning area.
- C. A representative of a materials recovery facility operator that provides service in the planning area.
- D. A representative of a composting facility or anaerobic digester operator that provides service in the planning area.
- E. A representative of a waste diversion, reuse, or reduction facility operator that provides service in the planning area.
- F. A representative of an environmental interest group that has members residing in the planning area.
- G. An elected official of a township in the planning area.
- H. An elected official of a city or village in the planning area.
- I. A representative of a business that generates managed material in the planning area.
- J. A representative of the regional planning agency whose territory includes the planning area.
- K. A member from the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indian tribe headquartered within the three-county region. The Tribe shall have the right to appoint one at-large member

#### **Section 2. Appointments**

The Counties, in collaboration with the DPA, shall publish advance notice of the appointment opportunities and shall request that the names of persons interested in being considered for appointments be submitted to the DPA. Members of the Committee shall be recommended by the DPA to the counties. Approvals shall be addressed pursuant to the respective County Board of Commissioners' appointment process. Each of the three counties must agree on all appointments. The DPA will ensure that appointment recommendations reflect an equitable geographic representation and equal distribution between counties when possible. In addition, each of the counties shall appoint an elected official of the County and a member that meets the criteria from "I" above without DPA recommendation.

An appointed member may appoint a proxy to attend on the occasion of the member's absence from a meeting. All proxy members must meet the required role of the seat as described in Section 1. Proxy attendees shall not have voting privileges and do not count toward establishing a quorum. Irrespective of the appointment of a proxy, the attendance requirements of Section 6 below apply to the member who appoints a proxy.

#### Section 3. Terms

Each Member shall initially serve five years. After their initial five-year term, there shall be a period of staggered appointments (for 2, 3, 4, and 5-year terms) as shown in the following figure.

Elected Officials shall serve a two-year staggered term, material generators shall serve a three-year staggered term. facility operators shall serve a four-year staggered term, and regional partners and stakeholders shall serve a five-year staggered term. A graphic is shown in Appendix A.

Subsequently, their successors shall be appointed for terms of 5 years. A member may be reappointed.

	5-Year Appointment		5-Year Appointment	5-Year	
	5-Year Staggered			Appointment	
	Appointment Regional Stakeholders & Partners		3-Year Staggered Appointment Waste Generators	2-Year Staggered Appointment Elected Officials	
MMPC Members Appointed	5-Year Initial Appointment	5-Year Initial Appointment	5-Year Initial Appointment	5-Year Initial Appointment	

#### Section 4. Vacancies.

When a vacancy on the Planning Committee occurs, the DPA will notify the COUNTIES of the vacancy, and recommend the appointment of a representative following the process dictated in the "Appointments" Article III Section 2, for the Committee seat that meets the expertise required for the vacancy. In case of a vacancy, a successor shall serve for the duration of the unexpired term.

#### **Section 5. Resignation**

A member will indicate his/her intent to resign by submitting a written statement with an effective date of resignation to the Committee Chairperson. Each member shall provide at least 30 days' notice before any such resignation shall become effective.

#### Section 6. Attendance

Members of the Committee are expected to attend all meetings. If a member is absent from four consecutive meetings per rolling 12-month period without prior approval from the Committee Chair, that member is deemed to have abandoned his or her seat and a vacancy shall be created.

#### Section 7. Removal of a member

The removal of a committee member or official may only occur with a cause and requires a twothirds vote of voting members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. A member shall only be removed with cause. The member or official shall not vote on his or her removal and shall not be counted toward a quorum for the purposes of this section.

#### **Section 8. Conflict of Interest**

- A. Each member of the Committee shall avoid conflicts of interest related to personal financial gain or benefits.
- B. If there is a question whether a conflict of interest exists or not, the question shall be put before the Committee. Whether a conflict of interest exists or not shall be determined by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Committee.
- C. When a conflict of interest exists, the member of the Committee, shall do all of the following immediately, upon first knowledge of the case and determining that a conflict exists:
  - I. declare a conflict exists at the next meeting of the Committee,
  - II. cease to participate at the Committee meetings, or in any other manner, or represent oneself before the Committee, its staff, or others, regarding the topic, and
  - III. during deliberation of the agenda item before the Committee, leave the meeting or remove oneself from the front table where members of the Committee sit, until that agenda item is concluded.

#### **Article IV - Officers**

#### **Section 1. Officers and Terms**

The following officers of the Committee shall be elected to one (1) year terms, at the first meeting of each calendar year. In the first year of the Committee's existence, the term of the officers shall begin during the initial meeting of the Committee in 2024 and conclude following the meeting when the election of officers is conducted in the first meeting of 2026.

Subsequent to the first years of the Committee, officer's terms will expire after the conclusion of the meeting when election of new officers is completed. No more than one officer shall be from any one of the Counties. With the exception of the initial meeting, officers take office at the meeting following their selection. The officers' respective duties shall be as follows:

- A. Chairperson. The Chairperson shall see that all the rules and policies of the Committee are understood and observed; appoint membership to any ad hoc committees as approved; and act as a spokesperson for the Committee. The Chairperson shall preside over all Committee meetings. In consultation with the DPA the Chairperson shall generate the agenda for each meeting.
- B. Vice Chairperson: The Vice-Chairperson shall preside over Committee meetings in the absence of the Chairperson and perform other duties as may be delegated by the Chairperson.
- C. Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for the recording and maintenance of minutes for all Committee meetings; forwarding minutes, notices and

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communications to Committee members; reviewing correspondence and other communications and consulting with appropriate parties to facilitate actions as needed; maintaining all Committee documents.

Upon approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the Committee members present, a staff person may be employed to assume some or all of the duties of the Recording Secretary. In such case, the Recording Secretary will retain oversight of the duties assigned to staff.

#### Article V – Sub-Committees and Working Groups

#### **Section 1. Sub-Committee Formation**

The DPA will recommend the formation of subcommittees as needed. Special subcommittees shall be formed, as authorized by the Committee and appointed by the Chairperson, when deemed necessary for the discharge of the duties of the Committee. Standing committees include Education & Outreach, Policy, and others as necessary. Sub-Committee meetings must comply with the Open Meetings Act of PA 267 of 1976.

#### **Section 2. Working Groups**

The DPA will recommend the formation of working groups to address specific topics or projects. Working groups shall be established when authorized by the Committee and appointed by the Chairperson. Membership of working groups may include members of the public with expertise relevant to the group's purpose but must include two members appointed to the Committee. Working groups may operate under the oversight of an existing subcommittee or independently, as determined by the Committee.

#### **Article VI – Meetings**

#### **Section 1. Meeting Times**

A regular meeting day and time shall be determined and adopted by a vote of the Committee, and public notification shall be given of any changes. In the event such an established regular meeting date falls on a holiday, such meeting shall be convened the following day, at the same time, or as set by the Chairperson.

#### **Section 2. Special Meetings**

Special Meetings may be called by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, or by a majority of the members of the Committee, at such time and place as deemed necessary after proper notice.

#### **Section 3. Meeting Notice**

Proper notice of regular or special meetings shall be made in accordance with the State of Michigan Open Meetings Act. Written notice shall be provided to each member of the Committee at least seven calendar days prior to the date of each meeting.

#### **Section 4. Location of Meetings**

Regular meetings of the Committee may be held in the county of the current Committee Chairperson. The exact location will be selected by the Committee Chairperson in consultation with the DPA. Special meetings will be selected by the Committee Chairperson in consultation with the DPA.

#### **Section 5. Open Meetings**

All meetings for the taking of official action shall be open to the public and comply with the Open Meetings Act, PA 267 of 1976.

#### **Article VII – Designated Planning Agency Duties**

#### **Section 1. Responsibilities**

The Duties of the DPA shall be found in the Contract for Materials Management Planning between the Counties and the DPA.

#### **Article VIII – Rules of Conduct**

#### **Section 1. Quorum**

A quorum of the Committee shall consist of a majority of the seated and serving appointed members. Attendance by proxy shall not count toward establishing a quorum.

#### **Section 2. Voting**

Official action can be taken only by a majority vote of the appointed membership. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

#### **Section 3. Regular Meeting**

The conduct of a regular meeting shall generally follow the order of business outlined below, subject to modification at the discretion of the committee:

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Approval of Minutes
- 5. Communications
- 6. Old Business
- 7. Hearings (if scheduled)
- 8. New Business
- 9. Sub-Committee Reports
- 10. Public Comment
- 11. Miscellaneous
- 12. Adjournment

#### Article IX. – Amendments

#### **Section 1. Policy Amendment**

Any amendments to these bylaws which would commit the Counties adherence to a specified waste management policy requires approval by the governing boards of all Counties.

#### **Section 2. Procedure Amendment**

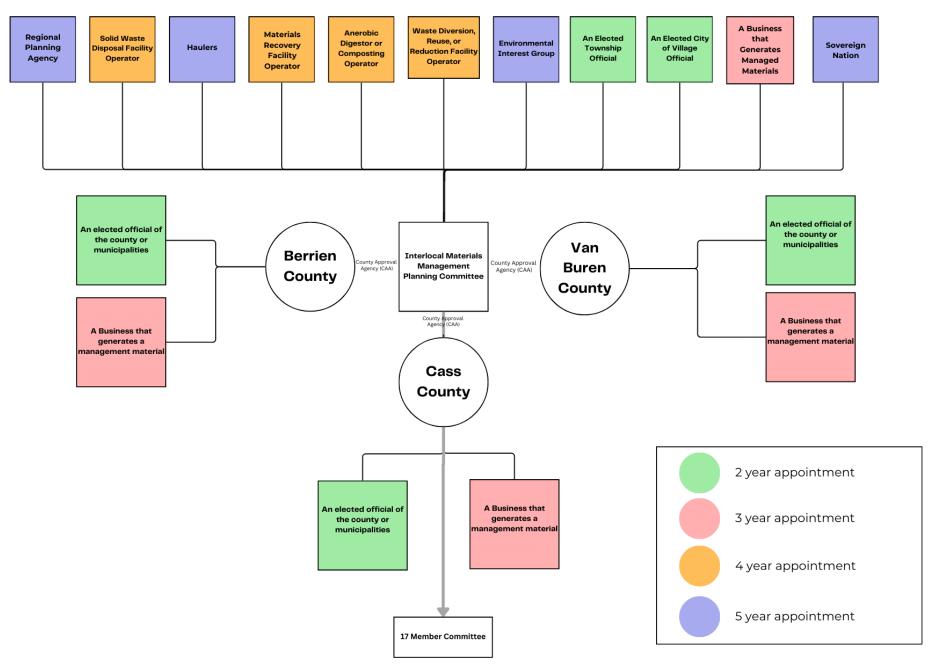
An amendment which involves modifications in Committee operating procedure, but does not impact Counties, must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total Committee membership during a Committee meeting.

#### Article X. – Adoption

#### **Section 1. Adoption**

Upon adoption of these bylaws, at the date of signature, they shall become effective.

**Appendix A: Staggered Terms for the Planning Committee** 



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#### Southwest Michigan Materials Management Interest Form - Working Groups

Thank you for your interest in supporting materials management planning in our region. With recent updates to Part 115 of the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), counties are now required to develop updated materials management plans that prioritize waste reduction, recycling, composting, and other sustainable practices. As part of this effort, we are forming working groups to help guide the planning process. If you are interested in contributing your knowledge, experience, or perspective, please complete the form below to express your interest. Your involvement will help shape a more effective and environmentally responsible approach to managing materials in our communities.

#### Descriptions and Purposes:

Each working group will need to designate a spokesperson. This person will be responsible for working with the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission to help guide meeting direction and will be tasked with submitting a brief meeting summary following each gathering.

County Groups (Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren):

Description: The county working groups are comprised of a minimum of two MMPC members and three additional members. One of the members must be an elected official of the county.

Purpose: This working group will begin drafting county-specific goals for the Materials Management Plan. Once the policy working group reports to the MMPC, the county working groups will be tasked with deciding which siting ordinance and funding mechanism to implement.

#### Policy Working Group:

Description: The policy working group is comprised of a minimum of five members, two of which must be from the MMPC. This working group would be best suited for elected officials or members fluent in policy.

Purpose: The purpose of this working group is to research funding mechanisms for recycling programs and siting ordinances that can be reported back to the MMPC as a whole. This group should also consider what long-term policies the counties or region may want to implement to bolster recycling and organics programs, supporting end markets, and expanding materials management in the region.

#### **Education Working Group:**

Description: The education working group is comprised a minimum of two MMPC members and three additional members. This working group would be best suited for individuals already in the education or marketing realm.

Purpose: The purpose of this working group is to research and propose educational programming and/or campaigns for each county or region as a tool for implementation. This group will also research and report to the MMPC about educational opportunities.

#### 1. Tell us about yourself.

Name	
Email	
Phone Number	
Address	

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Policy Work	ng Group	
Education V	orking Group	
Berrien Cou	nty Working Group	
Cass County	Working Group	
Van Buren (	county Working Group	
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us a bit ab	out yourself and why you are interested	ed in participating.