

**Antrim County
Materials Management Planning Committee Minutes
March 26, 2026 at 2:00 PM
Antrim County Government Center
203 E. Cayuga St., Bellaire, MI 49615**

MMPC Member Attendance			
Andre Grobaski, GFL <i>rep. of a materials recovery facility (MRF)</i>	<i>E</i>	Bill Hefferan, Antrim County <i>elected official of the county</i>	<i>P</i>
Melissa Zelenak, Sunshine Recycling <i>rep. of a hauler</i>	<i>E</i>	Mark Byard, Central Lake Township <i>elected official of a township</i>	<i>P</i>
Lindsey Mason, Elk Rapids MMPC/ECT <i>rep. of an environmental interest group</i>	<i>P</i>	Michelle Fox, Village of Central Lake <i>elected official of a city or village</i>	<i>P</i>
Isha Pithwa, Networks Northwest <i>rep. of the regional planning area</i>	<i>P</i>		
	<i>P</i>	<i>Attendance Key:</i>	<i>P – Present</i> <i>E - Excused Absence</i>
Others in Attendance: Mathew Cooke (DPA – Networks Northwest), Mike Merriweather (Antrim Conservation District), Laura Schumate (Village of Elk Rapids),			

I. Welcome and Introductions

Lindsey Mason, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Review Proposed Agenda

Motion by Michelle Fox, supported by Bill Hefferan, to approve the May 28, 2026 MMPC agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of October 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mark Byard, supported by Michelle Fox, to approve the April 23, 2026 MMPC meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Materials Management Planning

a. Process Timeline

Mathew Cooke noted that the MMP is on track to review an initial draft at the June meeting.

b. Goals and Objectives

The MMPC discussed the revised goals and objectives worksheet offering the following comments:

- Include Glass Recycling
- It was noted that glass can be recycled and be used to mix with shredded tires and asphalt shingles for road resurfacing (up to 5%)
- Clarifying Antrim Conservation District role with education and outreach
- Addition of Food Rescue Program
 - Noticing of Good Sam Act protections
- Consider overcrowding of bins during tourist and holiday seasons
- Update Facilities Inventory that Elk Rapids moved their drop-off site to the Elk Rapids Compactor
- Ensure there is an adequate inventory
- Fencing and tree buffer for Recycling Drop-off sites
 - Each site is unique and may have different needs
- Disposal of non-recyclable items dumped at recycling sites
 - Potential solution: Work with GFL to have a garbage truck drop by to pick up from Recycling site
- Ordinances and enforcement (fines, etc.)
 - Prosecutor and law enforcement need to be involved
- Supporting Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policies

- Data collection by material type tonnage
- Large tires are tough on shredders due to the rubber hardness
- Township dump days are generally successful and preferred to be left to the Townships
- Examine a farmer's network for composting access and use with interested farm operations
- A video for recycling education - lifespan of waste

c. Action Plan - Timeline

Mathew Cooke presented a draft timeline for the MMP. Members offered the following comments:

- Organic Waste focus
- Road Commission alternative material infrastructure and usage?

VI. Committee Member Comments

None.

VII. Public Comment

None.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Michelle Fox, supported by Lindsay Mason to adjourn the meeting at 3:20pm