

**Antrim County**  
**Materials Management Planning Committee Minutes**  
**August 28, 2025 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 solid waste disposal facility</i>	<i>P</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>P</i>	Mark Byard, Central Lake Township <i>elected official of a township</i>	<i>P</i>
Mark Bevelhymer, GFL <i>rep. of a materials recovery facility (MRF)</i>	<i>E</i>	Michelle Fox, Village of Central Lake <i>elected official of a city or village</i>	<i>E</i>
Vacancy <i>rep. of a composting facility</i>	-	Vacancy business rep. generating material	-
Vacancy <i>rep. of waste diversion, reuse, or reduction</i>	-	Isha Pithwa, Networks Northwest <i>rep. of the regional planning area</i>	<i>P</i>
Lindsey Mason, ECT <i>rep. of an environmental interest group</i>	<i>E</i>	<div>Attendance Key:<div><i>P – Present</i><i>A – Absent</i><i>E - Excused Absence</i></div></div>	
Others in Attendance: Tom Stephenson (Village of Elk Rapids), Tracy Tomaszewski (EGLE), Mathew Cooke (DPA – Networks Northwest)			

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Melissa Zelenak, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**II. Public Comment**

Tom Stephenson introduced himself as the Village of Elk Rapids President and noted they will need to move their recycling drop off bins from their current site to likely out by the Elk Rapids Compactor.

**III. Review Proposed Agenda**

*Motion by Andy Grobaski, supported by Mark Byard, to approve the August 28, 2025 MMPC agenda. Motion carried unanimously.*

**IV. Approval of April 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

*Motion by Mark Byard, supported by Bill Hefferan, to approve the July 24, 2025 MMPC meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*

**V. Materials Management Planning**

a. Fiscal Year 2026 Work Program

Mathew Cooke explained that the draft 2026 Fiscal Year Work Program was developed using the FY 2025 framework. He highlighted changes to the task notes, meeting dates, and adding FY26 Quarter 1 to the Data Collection and Analysis task. There was consensus to move the November 2025 and December 2025 back a week for holidays.

*Motion by Bill Hefferan, supported by Melissa Zelenak, to approve the Antrim County Materials Management Plan Work Program for Fiscal Year 2026 as presented, and send to the Antrim County Approval Agency for consideration of approval. Motion carried unanimously.*

b. Process Update

Mathew Cooke noted that there are 29 responses from 313 responses from Antrim residents. DPA staff will continue to look for community events over the next couple of months, send out renewed press releases, and other ways to promote the survey. A local unit of government MMP newsletter was sent out to municipalities. He mentioned that they would like to close the surveys at the end of the year. A survey analysis will be done after October and updated after December. They will look to jump into local unit winter tax bills to increase the awareness of the resident survey opportunity.

c. Landfilling Data Review

Committee members reviewed and discussed the landfilling data compiled by RRS from the Annual Landfill reports and their modeling. The Benchmark standards were also included with

a note that Mancelona Township has a population around 4000 and to consider their needs as a large population center within the County.

d. MMP Facilities Map

Mathew Cooke presented the MMP Facilities Map in Antrim County for their review. It composed of recycling and solid waste facilities and local drop-off sites.

e. Facilitated MMP Discussion

Mathew Cooke led the committee members through a brief facilitation looking at the vision of the County MMP in the next 10 years and challenges and opportunities that can be considered. The following is a brief description of those discussions

Visioning	Challenges and Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mini-Emmet County Recycling in Elk Rapids and/or Central Lake</li> <li>• Some villages should offer compost pick up</li> <li>• County composting program</li> <li>• Bins in Jordan Township around 66 and Old 131</li> <li>• Additional drop-off sites and more bins at existing</li> <li>• Municipal and Business Recycling</li> <li>• Renewed Millage in 2028</li> <li>• Municipal trash pick up</li> <li>• Elk Rapids runs recycling and compactor</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public does not know why they should care</li> <li>• Make it easier to recycle</li> <li>• Lack of ability to compost food waste, especially businesses</li> <li>• Going face to face with municipalities</li> <li>• Getting schools involved</li> <li>• Identify factors that will engage participation</li> <li>• Jordan Valley – blight spot</li> <li>• What are local units doing with trash days</li> </ul>

## VI. Committee Member Comments

None.

**VII. Public Comment**

None.

**VIII. Adjourn**

*Melissa Zelenak, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.*

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