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## **Planning for a Greener Tomorrow: Counties Request Resident Insights**

NORTHWEST LOWER, MI — Networks Northwest, in partnership with counties across Northwest Lower Michigan, is developing comprehensive Materials Management Plans (MMPs) and is seeking resident input to help shape future policies and programs.

Antrim, Charlevoix, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford counties are currently engaged in planning processes designed to identify opportunities to reduce the amount of solid waste entering landfills. These efforts follow 2022 amendments to Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, which require counties to modernize their approaches to recycling, waste reduction, and sustainable materials management.

Residents living in the participating counties are encouraged to share their insights by completing a brief regional survey. Community feedback will help local leaders better understand recycling habits, access to services, and priorities for improving materials management systems.

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The public can respond to the survey at **[nwm.org/mmpssurvey](http://nwm.org/mmpssurvey)**.

Additional information about the Materials Management Planning process can be found at **[nwm.org/mmp](http://nwm.org/mmp)**.

NOTE to Media: Images are oftentimes available upon request by emailing Dana O'Dell at [dana.odell@networksnorthwest.org](mailto:dana.odell@networksnorthwest.org) and stating preferences for resolution, file format, and file size. Or phone (231) 929-5075. Check our online Media Room at [networksnorthwest.org/media](http://networksnorthwest.org/media)

Founded in 1974, Networks Northwest facilitates and manages various programs and services for the 10-county region. These programs include Northwest Michigan Works!, APEX Accelerator (formerly PTAC), various business services, and many different regional planning initiatives in response to our communities' requests and needs. You will see the broad spectrum of workforce, business, and community services Networks Northwest offers if you visit our website, [networksnorthwest.org](http://networksnorthwest.org). Networks Northwest's member counties are Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford.

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