

Charlevoix County
Materials Management Planning Committee Minutes
June 26, 2025 at 10:00 AM
Charlevoix County Shirley Roloff Center
13513 Division Street Charlevoix, MI 49720

MMPC Member Attendance			
<i>Victor VanDeventer</i> <i>rep. of a solid waste disposal facility</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Annemarie Conway</i> <i>elected official of the county</i>	<i>P</i>
<i>Kirk Miller</i> <i>rep. of a hauler</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Robin Hissong-Berry</i> <i>elected official of a township</i>	<i>P</i>
<i>Andre Grobaski</i> <i>rep. of a materials recovery facility (MRF)</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Tim Nemecek</i> <i>elected official of a city or village</i>	<i>P</i>
<i>Vacancy</i> <i>rep. of a composting facility</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>Jonathan Scheel</i> <i>business rep. generating material</i>	<i>E</i>
<i>Mark Bevelhymmer</i> <i>rep. of waste diversion, reuse, or reduction</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>Isha Pithwa</i> <i>rep. of the regional planning area</i>	<i>P</i>
<i>Kyra Allen</i> <i>rep. of an environmental interest group</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>Josh Chamberlain</i> <i>additional member per part 115</i>	<i>P</i>
		Attendance Key:	<i>P – Present</i>
		<i>A – Absent</i>	<i>E - Excused Absence</i>
Staff in Attendance: Lora Roberts (Charlevoix County), Kiersten Stark (Charlevoix County), Josh Cline (Charlevoix County), Julia Drost (Charlevoix County), Tracy Tomaszewski (EGLE), Mathew Cooke (DPA-Networks Northwest)			

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

Tim Nemecek, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m with the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

II. Public Comment

Lora Roberts informed that Charlevoix County is accepting applications for Parks Millage Appropriations in 2026 (see attached flyer) which can be for local municipality recreational

maintenance or clean and green projects. This is a one-time opportunity of \$10,000 per project and is funded through the Charlevoix County Parks Millage.

III. Review Proposed Agenda

Motion by Tim Nemecek, supported by Josh Chamberlain, to approve the August 28, 2025 MMPC agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by Tim Nemecek, supported by Victor VanDeventer, to approve the June 26, 2025 MMPC Meeting Minutes as amended. 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, December 2025, and July 2026 back a week for holidays and festivals.

Motion by Tim Nemecek supported by Andy Grobaski to approve the Charlevoix County Materials Management Plan Work Program for Fiscal Year 2026 as presented, and send to the Charlevoix County Approval Agency for consideration of approval. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Process Update

Mathew Cooke noted that there are 33 responses from 313 responses from Charlevoix 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.

The next meeting on September 25th will take place in Traverse City at the GFL Transfer Site and Materials Recovery Facility. Charlevoix County will provide transportation from Charlevoix to Traverse City and back. Those interested in transportation should contact Lora Roberts and expect to gather around 8:30am at the Shirley Roloff Center.

c. Landfilling Data Review

Committee members reviewed the landfilling data compiled by RRS from the Annual Landfill reports and their modeling. It was noted that increased local unit data and business data will help with the diversion rates and that Industrial Waste composed a large share of the waste in Charlevoix with assumptions that St. Mary's Cement or EJ. This will be checked into further to assure accuracy. Andy Grobaski noted that industrial waste composed of roll of dumpsters. The Benchmark standards were also included with a note that Boyne City has a population just under 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 Charlevoix 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. DPA staff will look to get EGLE food waste staff to a future meeting. The following is a brief description of those discussions

Visioning	Challenges and Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data driven decision making • Food waste composting • Partnerships with business/entrepreneurs for composting operations • Education for the public – they do good when they know about it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some orgs work better with others than amongst themselves • Context of the situation – benefit of recycling, what is in landfills • Thumb Lake Park – County owned potential site • Contamination of materials

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education on what is recyclable • Investments for composting • County funding for composting • Table top at home composting program • Curbside pick up at the major cities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and deterrence of drop-off stations • 24/7 drop-offs are more problematic than monitored sites • Data based contracting • Multi-family recycling access and availability • Education to business on food waste and benefit (lower trash bills) • Impact of potential federal funding loss
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VI. Committee Member Comments

Vic VanDeventer noted that Beaver Island removed blight vehicle number 100 from the island and are now up to 108.

VII. Public Comment

Josh Cline noted that the Charlevoix HHW Collection event is slated for September 5 and 6, 2025. He also noted that they did not receive this cycles scrap tire grant and will look into the next cycle.

VIII. Adjourn

Motion by Tim Nemecek, supported by Victor VanDeventer, to adjourn the August 28, 2025 meeting at 11:12 am. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks Millage Appropriations 2026

SPECIAL REQUESTS YEAR!

One Year Only...

**Has Your Municipality
been thinking about...**

Replacing Worn Tables,
Benches or Stairs?

Adding Dual Bin Trash -
Recycling Containers?

A.D.A. Compliant
Updates or Furnishings?

Replacing Old Fixtures
or Infrastructure?

Replacing Electric
Items with Solar?

Landscaping for Shade
or Erosion Control?

*(Request **MUST** apply to
parks, trails, launches or
other RECREATION site)*

Charlevoix County Parks Millage

Recreational applications will be accepted, with the ONE TIME OPTION of maintenance requests (normally excluded) being considered FOR 2026 ONLY.

MAINTENANCE... Our municipalities are invited to submit their applications for the normally excluded "maintenance" category. Whether it's upkeep, repairs or safety, we want your applications!

CLEAN & GREEN... In addition, Charlevoix County (along with state initiatives) is focusing on increasing awareness, usage and proper disposal opportunities for all recyclables and managed materials (other items). As part of the special scoring for these maintenance applications, you will receive ADDITIONAL points for requests that promote these initiatives within your park or recreation facilities!

Clean, well maintained parks & recreation areas promote greater enjoyment, and in turn, greater use by more visitors. Let's see if your municipality can "clean up" the parks millage appropriations awards in 2026, send in those applications!

Contact: administration@charlevoixcounty.org / 231-237-0156

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