

Cass County, Michigan Materials Management Plan Notice of Intent

The Southwest Michigan Planning Commission is collaborating with counties in the region to establish a multi-county Materials Management Plan (MMP) under Michigan's revitalized solid waste statute. The legislation, which took effect in March 2023, transitions materials management from traditional disposal methods to a holistic materials management approach.

Materials management planning, as facilitated by the MMPs, emphasizes sustainable practices, including recycling and composting, while ensuring the safe disposal of materials. The program plays a vital role in addressing food waste, yard clippings, recyclables, and other materials to enhance statewide recycling goals and standards outlined in Part 115.

On July 19, 2024, Cass County filed its Notice of Intent to prepare the Materials Management Plan and has become the County Approval Agency as required per Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Cass County intends to complete the MMP development as a multi-county plan which includes Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties.

Please note that all materials management planning committee meetings are open to the public. Notices of these meetings can be found at: https://www.swmpc.org/materials_mngt.asp

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