



ALLEGAN COUNTY
REQUEST FOR ACTION FORM

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Department Requesting Health
Submitted By Rosemary Graham; Supervisor Angelique Joynes
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Description

At the August 24, 2021, Solid Waste Planning Committee meeting, SWPC chairperson Llewellyn motioned to request that Graham follow up with the BOC regarding HB 4454-4461 and the request made by the Michigan Recycling Coalition to the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium to request letter of support for bill package by member counties as communicated in a BOC update and to request an explanation from the BOC regarding their decision to submit a letter of support or not, supported by Webster. All in favor, motion carried.

August 26, BOC Update: Public Health/Resource Recovery Program, MRC requests support for Part 115 Update - At the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium meeting on July 28, 2021, the Executive Director of the Michigan Recycling Coalition, Kerrin O'Brien, presented information regarding proposed updates to Part 115 and the current status of this legislation. O'Brien requested the support of member counties and has provided the attached template. For reference, I have included a brief summary of this presentation and more information can be found at <https://www.michiganrecycles.org/part-115-update/>. These updates encompass HB 4454-4461 and passed the House of Representatives on April 22, 2021. On April 27, 2021 the Senate referred this package of bills to the Committee on Regulatory Reform. O'Brien's presentation entitled Solid Waste Policy Reform: Modernizing Material Management explained that states must plan for solid waste disposal and the State of Michigan places this responsibility on counties. The State has not had funding to call for plan updates for 25 years. Past practice has focused on ensuring landfill capacity for each county. Michigan currently has a great amount of landfill capacity. Michigan lacks an infrastructure to promote recycling, our recycling rate is at 18% and our goal is 45%. The MRC anticipates passage of Part 115 updates would create 138k jobs, \$9.05 billion annual revenue, and \$33.8 billion in economic growth. Gov. Snyder developed a funding path for recycling in 2018, providing \$24 million annually. \$15 million for grants and counties and \$9 million for oversight. 70 stakeholder groups were involved in proposed Part 115 updates. O'Brien outlined legislative updates and highlighted goals for providing recycling service, functional stability assurances for landfills, financial assurances for material management facilities, regulations on compost facilities, and financial support for counties during the planning process. Counties will receive \$60k each year for 5 years to update plans and an additional \$0.50 per capita for the first three years. Counties that plan together will also receive an additional \$10k. O'Brien asked counties to support the passage of Part 115 updates by passing a resolution and by contacting Senator Aric Nesbitt of District 26, Chair of the Senate Regulatory Committee. For more information, please contact Rosemary Graham, Resource Recovery Coordinator, at rgraham@allegancounty.org.

Allegan County Solid Waste Planning Committee (SWPC)



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Garth Llewellyn, Chairman
Rosemary Graham,
Resource Recovery Coordinator

SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Vacant
Solid Waste Industry
Representative

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 – 6:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

Vacant
General Public
Representative

CALL TO ORDER: 6:08 PM

ROLL CALL:

Present: Webster, Llewellyn, Brown, DeFranco, Rapp

Absent: Jessup, Rosser, Dugan

Vacant
Township
Representative

COMMUNICATIONS: *Kent County Memo, re: Sustainable Business Park progress update and timeline. Rapp asked if Kent County would meet with stakeholders regularly during the time period outlined in memo. Graham reported that a meeting schedule had not yet been provided to her office.*

Vacant
Industrial Waste
Generator
Representative

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Motion made by Rapp, supported by Brown. All in favor, motion carried.*

Vacant
City Government
Representative

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: *None.*

Denise Webster
General Public
Representative

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: *Motion made by Webster, supported by DeFranco. All in favor, motion carried.*

Garth Llewellyn
General Public
Representative

PRESENTATIONS: *None.*

Tom Jessup
County
Commissioner

RECYCLE COORDINATOR REPORT: *See agenda packet. Llewellyn motioned to request an update from the Allegan County Board of Commissioners regarding the status of the request made by Kerrin O'Brien of the Michigan Recycling Coalition to the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium requesting a letter of support from member counties for HB 4454-4461, as communicated in a BOC update and to request an explanation from the BOC regarding their decision to submit a letter of support or not, supported by Webster. All in favor, motion carried.*

Jack Brown
Solid Waste Industry
Representative

Daniel DeFranco
Environmental
Representative

Randy Rapp
Environmental
Representative

ACTION ITEMS: *None.*

Matt Rosser
Solid Waste Industry
Representative

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Gale Dugan
Regional Solid Waste
Planning
Representative

1. SWPC membership applications

Graham introduced new members Denise Webster and Daniel DeFranco. Webster is a new resident of the county and former Isabella County resident and Central Michigan University instructor. Webster reported her involvement and support of

Vacant
Solid Waste Industry
Representative

Mission Statement

"Allegan County shall plan, develop and evaluate the necessary policies and resources to ensure our county continues to progress and prosper"

recycling programs while a resident of Isabella County. DeFranco is an instructor at Grand Valley State University and the Vice Chairperson of the Tri-Community Recycling Committee (TCRC) (Saug. City, Saug. Twp., & Douglas). DeFranco described the TCRC new 'Back to Basics' recycling education campaign, recent household hazardous waste collection event (the 1st in 13 years in the area), battery collection campaign, paper gator placement, and grant application to perform a recycling audit in the region.

2. Materials Management Plan Update

a. Where are we now?

Graham presented a summary of the current status of the Allegan County Materials Management Plan 1997 update. Llewellyn asked what may occur if the legislation regarding plan updates is not passed? Graham reported that EGLE may call for plan updates or the County could decide to update the plan regardless of the passage of the legislative package, but the legislative package provides funding to counties.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: *None.*

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: *Webster requested the committee seek presenters. Rapp recommended seeking a presentation from the SBP anchor tenant once the selection is made public by Kent County. Llewellyn requested that Graham explore options for SWPC strategic planning in preparation for part 115 legislative update and call to update county plan as a sub-committee or committee as a whole and report back to committee at November meeting.*

ROUND TABLE: *Graham asked if the committee meets in-person should a Zoom meeting should also be created? Committee members noted in-person meetings are open to the public, posted online, communication can be made through Graham to present to the committee, and the county offers accessibility options to the public in the event in-person attendance is not possible. Graham agreed to create a Zoom meeting if a request to do so was made by the public, otherwise future meetings will be offered in-person only unless directed otherwise by Order. Llewellyn asked why some local units of government have not joined the Resource Recovery Program (RRP). Rapp explained the structure of PA 69 of 2005 used to fund the program and other funding options available to units of government. The use of PA 69 requires interlocal agreements that may not be suitable to every local unit. Webster asked how often local units were provided instructions on how to join the RRP? Graham explained that instructions are available upon request and provided to every local unit of government in the county each surcharge recycling voting cycle.*

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion made by Webster to adjourn at 7:23 PM, supported by DeFranco. All in favor, motion carried.*

NEXT MEETING: **November 23, 2021 @ 6:00 PM.**

Resolution of Support for Updating Part 115, Michigan's Solid Waste Law

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy has been working with a wide range of stakeholders to substantially update and amend Part 115, Michigan's solid waste statute, to prioritize sustainable materials management, specifically the recovery and diversion of discarded materials for productive use;

Whereas, XXXX County's last Solid Waste Plan was updated and approved in XXXX and is long overdue for an update. XXXX County would receive funding to facilitate a new planning process, in which all pertinent local stakeholders would work to update the county's plan under the updated system. Plans will be required to show how progress will be made to meet established benchmark recycling standards and State recycling goals based on the needs and interests of the county as determined by local participants. These new plans will be designated as Materials Management Plans, reflecting the shift in priorities to reduce the disposal of resources;

Whereas, Part 115 updates aim to support sustainable materials management methodologies such as recycling, composting, anaerobic digestion, and other beneficial utilization activities, by:

- Incentivizing counties to set recycling goals and plan for holistic discards management.
- Consider and plan for the development of facilities necessary to manage these materials in ways that protect human health and the environment, as well, as making materials available for remanufacturing.
- Making funding available with the goal of tripling Michigan's recycling rate. The funding would cover:
 - County Materials Management Planning,
 - Recycling infrastructure development,
 - Development of markets for recyclable materials, and
 - Education to help residents use recycling systems effectively.

Whereas, XXXX County recycles less than XX% of its municipal waste stream and would benefit from a fresh take on waste, funded planning, and state grants, including funding for:

- Improved recycling infrastructure and services
- Public education

Whereas, Public Act 588 enrolled in the 2018 Legislative makes annual funding available to support the amendments proposed to Michigan Solid Waste Laws;

Accordingly, it is hereby resolved that the County of XXXX supports the substantial update of Michigan solid waste laws, Part 115, for the advancement of local, county, regional, and state recycling goals and county materials management planning.

Adopted by the County of XXXX on this day, _____

Signed:

Chairman of the XXXX County Board of Commissioners

Certification

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

COUNTY OF XXXX)

I, _____, Clerk of the County of XXXX, Michigan, do hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the XXXX County Board of Commissioners on the ____ day of _____, 2021

In TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of the County of XXXX, Michigan this ____ of _____, 2021.

County Clerk

CITY OF XXX , MICHIGAN

XXX CITY COUNCIL

Policy Resolution XXXX

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF Updating Part 115, Michigan's Solid Waste Law

Whereas, the City of XXX has long recognized the value of recycling, and has prioritized waste reduction as a core goal of the (City's Climate Sustainability Plan or other);

Whereas, the City of XXX has been a leader in the state and region in creating recycling opportunities and infrastructure for recycling access that reflects the valued position recycling holds as one of our Community's core services;

Whereas the City of XXX is concerned with growing recycling in Michigan, and supports the legislative package, as it will facilitate the development of sustainable materials management programs and infrastructure through a comprehensive update of the state's regulations;

Whereas, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy has been working with a wide range of stakeholders to substantially update and amend Part 115, Michigan's solid waste statute, to prioritize sustainable materials management, specifically the recovery and diversion of discarded materials for productive use;

Whereas, the City of XXX has partnered regionally to support and grow sustainable materials management initiatives, and would further welcome initiatives involving XXX County and the region;

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Whereas, the City of XXX believes the region would benefit from a fresh take on waste reduction, funded planning, and state grants, including funding for:

- Improved recycling infrastructure and services
- Public education

Whereas, Public Act 588 enrolled in the 2018 Legislative makes annual funding available to support the amendments proposed to Michigan Solid Waste Laws;

Accordingly, it is hereby resolved that the City of XXX supports the substantial update of Michigan solid waste laws, Part 115, for the advancement of local, county, regional, and state recycling goals and county materials management planning.

Moved by Council member:

Supported by Council member:

ADOPTED: Yeas:
Nays:
Absent:

XXX, Mayor

Adopted:

CLERKS CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the XXX City Council at a public meeting held on _____, the original of which is part of the Council's minutes.

XXX Township , MICHIGAN

XXX Township Board

Policy Resolution XXXX

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Moved by Township Trustee:

Supported by Township Trustee:

ADOPTED: Yeas:
Nays:
Absent:

XXX Township, Board Chair

Adopted:

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