

# **SW MI Materials Management Planning Committee Agenda**

November 17, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Location: Pokagon Band Community Center

27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Agenda**
- 3. Approval of October 20, 2025 Minutes**
- 4. Old Business**

Kalli Marshall, VBCD, Chair

Working Groups Update

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# Working Groups

- Open Meetings Act - *Pinebrook Warren, LLC v City of Warren (2024)*
- If the advisory board or sub-committee is completing most of the work, followed by the primary governing body rubber stamping the recommendations without independent review and analysis, then they must comply with OMA
- Can comply with *Pinebrook Warren* by ensuring the decision-making power at issue rests with a governing body which is already in compliance with OMA. In other words, when presented with a recommendation from an advisory body, the main legislative body should always take action on the recommendation separately, make an effort to review the recommendation and underlying rationale, and substantively discuss the recommendation before approval or denial.

# Working Groups

- **Counties:** This working group will begin drafting county-specific goals for the Materials Management Plan. Once the policy working group reports to the MMPC, the county working groups will be tasked with deciding which siting ordinance and funding mechanism to implement.
- **Policy:** The purpose of this working group is to research funding mechanisms, siting ordinances, agreements, contracts, etc. This group should also consider what long-term policies the counties or region may want to implement to bolster recycling and organics programs, supporting end markets, and expanding materials management in the region.
- **Education:** The purpose of this working group is to research and propose educational programming and/or campaigns for each county or region as a tool for implementation. This group will also research and report to the MMPC about educational opportunities.

# Working Groups - Options

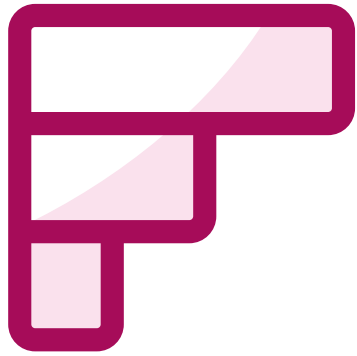
- Leave working groups as-is, and review all options and rationale for recommendations
  - If not careful, this could lend itself to legal ramifications
- Dissolve all working groups and complete the work as the MMPC
  - Regional solutions are possible
- Keep some or all the working groups and ensure they are OMA-compliant
  - Could combine working groups to expand their range of topics

# Working Groups - Considerations

- OMA- compliant would require in-person meetings
  - Individuals signed up with the expectation for virtual meetings
  - In-person availability may be dependent on where meetings take place.
  - May have to reopen the interest form to seek interested individuals
- OMA-compliant would require more formal procedures
  - Official record keeping (minutes, agendas, etc.), and making available online
  - Adopt official procedures for managing public comment
- MMPC can complete all the work the working groups would, but would require bringing in experts and open discussions
- SWMPC has a maximum capacity of one to two OMA-compliant meetings



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**Rank the following from your preferred to least preferred option for the future of the working groups.**

# Public Survey Update

MRC  
Newsletter

WSJM Press  
Release

Facebook  
posts

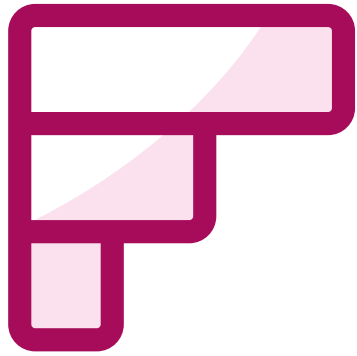




# Municipality Engagement



# Policy Brainstorming Ideas



**The MMP requires numerous policy topics including enforceable mechanisms, funding mechanisms, and more. Rank the following policy topics in order from most important to prioritize to least important.**

**7. Public Comment**

**8. Miscellaneous**

**9. Adjournment**

*Next meeting will be held December 15, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at Pokagon Band Community Center, 27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047*

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