Materials Management Planning Newsletter

The Time is Now: Draft Plan is Ready for Your Review

The Emmet County Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC) has been working diligently to update the county's Solid Waste Plan, originally adopted in 2000. This study brings together a review of existing programs, best practices from national and statewide experts, local data, and community priorities to develop a comprehensive, cost-effective, and convenient approach to materials management for Emmet County.

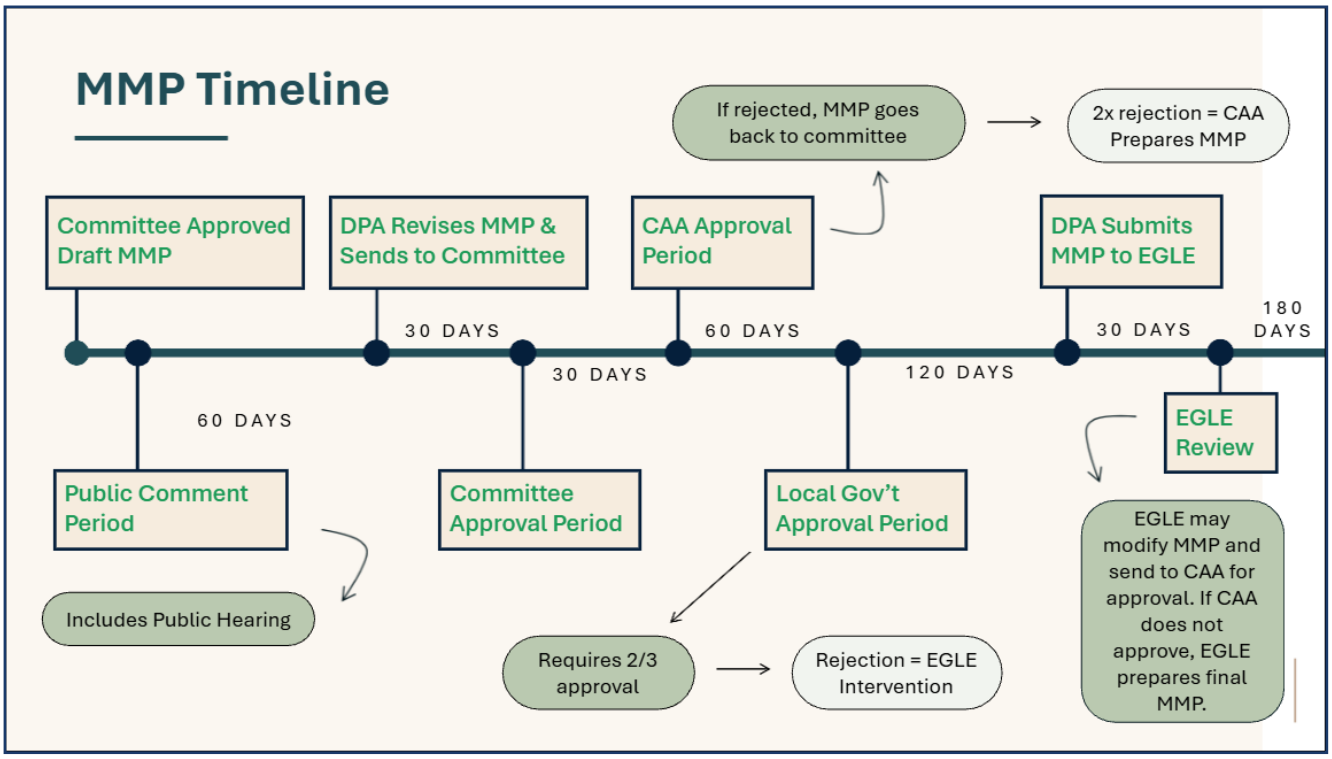
The draft Materials Management Plan (MMP) is ready for your review. Municipal and township leaders play an important role in shaping how materials are managed locally, and we encourage your board to review the draft and share feedback.

MMP Page with Plan Draft & Comment Form
emmetrecycling.org/about-us/materials-management-planning

What Happens Next?

The public comment period opens November 2, 2026 and runs through January 2, 2027 with a public hearing anticipated for mid-December. Announcement of the public hearing date will be emailed directly to you, published in newspapers, and posted on our website/social media channels.

We encourage your board to review the draft plan, share it with constituents, and provide feedback during the public comment period. We would also welcome the opportunity to attend an upcoming board meeting to present the plan, answer questions, and discuss what it means for your municipality or township.



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Let's Work Together

Strong local partnerships will be essential to putting the plan into action. We invite township and municipal representatives to tour the Emmet County Recycling facility, learn more about current programs and future opportunities, and explore ways we can work together to meet local and countywide materials management goals.

Please complete the Doodle poll to let us know which dates this fall work best for your representatives. We look forward to connecting with you and working together to shape the future of materials management in Emmet County.

https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/bkgQnWrb

Meet Your Committee Members

Doug Fuller, Environmental Group (Audubon Society) - Chair
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Jayna Steffel, Materials Recovery Facility (Emmet County) - Secretary

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