

IONIA COUNTY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 24, 2026

10:00 am

County Administration Building Commissioner's Board Room – 3rd Floor

101 West Main Street

Ionia, Michigan

Call to Order: 10:00 am

Present: John Feuerstein (Otisco Twp), Dan Schoonmaker (Michigan Sustainable Business Forum), Dan Tietema (Organicycle), Doug Hyland (Village of Muir), Don Johnson (Waste Management), Steven Blayer (Granger), Melissa Eldridge (Ionia Conservation District), Tonya Tepin (Ionia Conservation District) Lynell Wilson (Ionia Chamber of Commerce), Gary Pitsch (Pitsch Enterprises), Jack Shattuck (Ionia County).

Absent: Chris Jensen (Portland Township)

Guest Present: DJ Droste

Public Comments: A big point of these Materials Management Plans is to increase access to waste diversion options.

Agenda Approval: Motion to approve agenda made by Shattuck supported by Pitsch.

Approval of August Minutes motion by Blayer, supported by Feuerstein.

Old Business

1. Data Report:

- a. Roughly 1296.30lbs of pesticide collected during the September 2026 HHW Collection.

2. Updates:

- a. Portland Recycling Site should break ground come mid-October.
- b. Organics Section Draft
 - i. We have requested initial feedback of the Organics Draft and received some additional guidance on the goals planning process.

3. Plan Approval Process:

- a. Request assistance from local municipalities to help advertise when the plan is open to public comment.

New Business

1. Disaster Waste Introduction

- a. Ionia County's Emergency Management Coordinator is drafting a Disaster Waste Management Plan (DWMP) in the updated Emergency Management Plan. The MMP needs to set goals for coordinating contracts to increase waste diversion rates following a disaster.
- b. Motion to address disaster waste diversion rates in the Ionia County Materials Management Plan, made by Wilson. Supported by Schoonmaker.

Adjournment: motion made by Shattuck Supported by Pitsch. 11:14 am.

Additions to Materials Management Binder:

- I. None

Next Meeting: December 10th, 2026, 10:00am