

## MEGA DATA PHASE ONE: County or Organization

Michigan is in the process of transforming its Solid Waste Management Program to include ALL managed materials. The state is working toward the highest and best use practices for materials including, but not limited to, recyclables, organics, and solid wastes. As Michigan transitions to this new phase of Materials Management, the state is looking to gather more comprehensive data on the current status of materials management infrastructure; this will allow us, in the future, to determine gaps and challenges at a local level, as well as plan for the future. The first step is called Mega Data!

### HOW IS COUNTY OR ORGANIZATION DATA BEING COLLECTED?

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is collecting county data via the County Run Measurement Program (CRMP) in Re-TRAC Connect™.

Data provides the backbone to the materials management framework and planning in the state. Investing in data collection now is necessary to make informed decisions for the future and allow the state to move forward regarding materials management and recycling.

### Counties will complete the three core CRMP surveys:

- 1 The **About Your County or Organization** survey collects information about county programs and services as part of a statewide materials benchmarking initiative.
- 2 The **Drop-off Program – Permanent** survey collects information about your county's permanent drop-off collection sites.
- 3 The **Drop-off Program – Temporary/Special Event** survey collects information about your county's temporary drop-off collection sites, including special collection events.

### HOW WILL YOUR DATA HELP?

- It will support preparation of community planning and identify opportunities to improve programs.
- It will help to measure goals and aid in contract negotiations.
- It will provide a baseline for County Materials Management Plans and identify opportunities for collaboration.

### YOUR PARTICIPATION MOVES MICHIGAN FORWARD

We encourage all counties that run materials management programs to join CRMP to contribute to future materials management planning. Your participation is needed to help move Michigan forward in this Materials Management shift.

Join the CRMP by completing this [application form](#).

To learn more about the Mega Data Project, please visit [Michigan.gov/EGLEMegaData](https://Michigan.gov/EGLEMegaData).

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