

ALGER COUNTY

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

OVERVIEW

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has shifted their focus from disposal as the primary effort towards a circular economy where all waste materials find their highest and best use. Michigan took its first steps towards materials management a few years ago by securing funding to support an economy that reuses and recycles resources. An important component of that funding is for Solid Waste Management Planning – also referred to as Materials Management Planning. Materials management plans form the foundation of the changes the state is preparing to make.

To support this new era of materials management and future planning activities, EGLE initiated a massive data collection project to document and inventory the current state of materials management systems in all municipalities within Michigan's 83 counties. The primary objective of the Michigan Materials Management Infrastructure and Program project, also known as Mega Data, is to provide the baseline of data necessary for counties to develop future materials management plans and provide a roadmap for materials management moving forward. The data collected through the project would also be applied to the Benchmark Recycling Standard analysis developed by EGLE to help understand access to recycling services in the state, where gaps exist, and where EGLE may focus their support to improve access and infrastructure in the state.

EGLE contracted with Resource Recycling Systems (RRS) to support this large undertaking to gather, compile and analyze information from across the state.

PURPOSE OF THE COUNTY PROFILE

The County Profile was developed for two purposes. First, the profiles provided the opportunity to summarize all the information collected for all 83 counties and their municipalities to date as a project milestone. Second, despite the extensive research and information collection, RRS acknowledges that the information presented here may be incomplete. The County Profiles offered the opportunity for each county to review, edit and add to their county's profile information before finalizing as a deliverable for the Mega Data project. Later in the process, EGLE added the review of the County Profile as a requirement of the Materials Management County Engagement Grants (MMCE).

COUNTY PROFILE DEVELOPMENT

The County Profiles contain information that reflects research and outreach to understand programs and services available at the county and municipal levels. The information summarized here corresponds to information required in the state's Solid Waste Management Plan format and will assist counties and designated planning agencies with plan development. This profile focuses on residential programs and services. The information for the Profiles was collected from the following sources:

- Approved Solid Waste Management Plans
- EGLE's Waste Data System (WDS)
- EGLE's Recycle Search tool
- EGLE's Recycling Specialist staff
- Interviews with County program coordinators and designated planning agents
- County Run Measurement Program Survey via ReTRAC
- Municipal Measurement Program Survey via ReTRAC
- Information obtained through Freedom of Information Act requests
- Direct outreach through phone calls, emails, and letters to all target audiences and related groups or organizations with access to target audiences
- Web research
- Participation by Counties in the MMCE Grant Program

DISCLAIMER

This information presented here was gathered and compiled over several years by RRS on behalf of EGLE for the Mega Data project. The profile was originally developed as a tool to summarize information collected and engage counties in review of the information

for finalization. The profile is not intended for use as a reference guide for residents or purposes other than to provide counties with information to support future materials management planning. Information, programs, and services can change frequently and therefore information presented here may be out of date. If information has been omitted or requires update, please contact RRS at alynott@recycle.com.

ACCESS AND COLLECTION

COUNTY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

No county run programs or services available in Alger County.

MUNICIPAL PROGRAM AND SERVICES OVERVIEW

Programs and services offered or provided by municipalities for their residents are summarized by material type and then in two tables. One table features curbside services, and the other table features drop-off services.

TRASH

In Alger County, 44% of the population receive curbside trash service through contracted haulers. Subscription trash service is also available in most communities. Onota Township provides dumpsters for residential trash drop-off. In Rock River Township, Paul Whitmarsh Drop-off Service is a privately-owned drop-off where residents can pay per bag to dispose or recycle their waste.

RECYCLING

Recycling drop-off locations are available in two communities, Burt Township and Rock River Township. There are currently no communities that have curbside recycling service.

YARD WASTE

Currently, the City of Munising is the only community in the county that provides curbside and drop-off collection of yard waste materials. This service is provided by the city's Department of Public Works.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

No information was obtained about Household Hazardous Waste programs.

OTHER

No information obtained about Other programs.

LIST OF ACTIVE HAULERS

- GFL Environmental
- North Country Disposal
- Zellar Sanitation
- Subscription

CURBSIDE SERVICES BY COMMUNITY

MUNICIPALITY NAME	TRASH COLLECTOR	RECYCLING COLLECTOR	YARD WASTE COLLECTOR	OTHER CURBSIDE SERVICES
Au Train township	GFL Environmental*			
Burt township	Subscription			
Chatham village	Subscription			
Grand Island township	Subscription			
Limestone township	Subscription			
Mathias township	Subscription			
Munising city	GFL Environmental		City of Munising Spring Yard Waste Pick-up	
Munising township	Subscription			
Onota township	GFL Environmental			
Rock River township	Subscription			

* GFL Environmental service excludes the far southern portion of Au Train Township.

DROP-OFF SERVICES BY COMMUNITY

MUNICIPALITY NAME	TRASH DROP-OFF SERVICES (PERMANENT)	RECYCLING DROP-OFF SERVICES (PERMANENT)	YARD WASTE OR OTHER ORGANICS DROP-OFF (PERMANENT)	OTHER PERMANENT DROP-OFF SERVICES	TEMPORARY DROP-OFF SERVICES
Au Train township	Au Train Township Trash Drop-off				
Burt township		Burt Township Recycling Drop-off			
Chatham village	Paul Whitmarsh Drop-off Service	Paul Whitmarsh Drop-off Service			
Grand Island township					
Limestone township					
Mathias township					
Munising city					
Munising township					
Onota township	Onota Township Dumpsters				
Rock River township	Paul Whitmarsh Drop-off Service	Paul Whitmarsh Drop-off Service			

FACILITIES

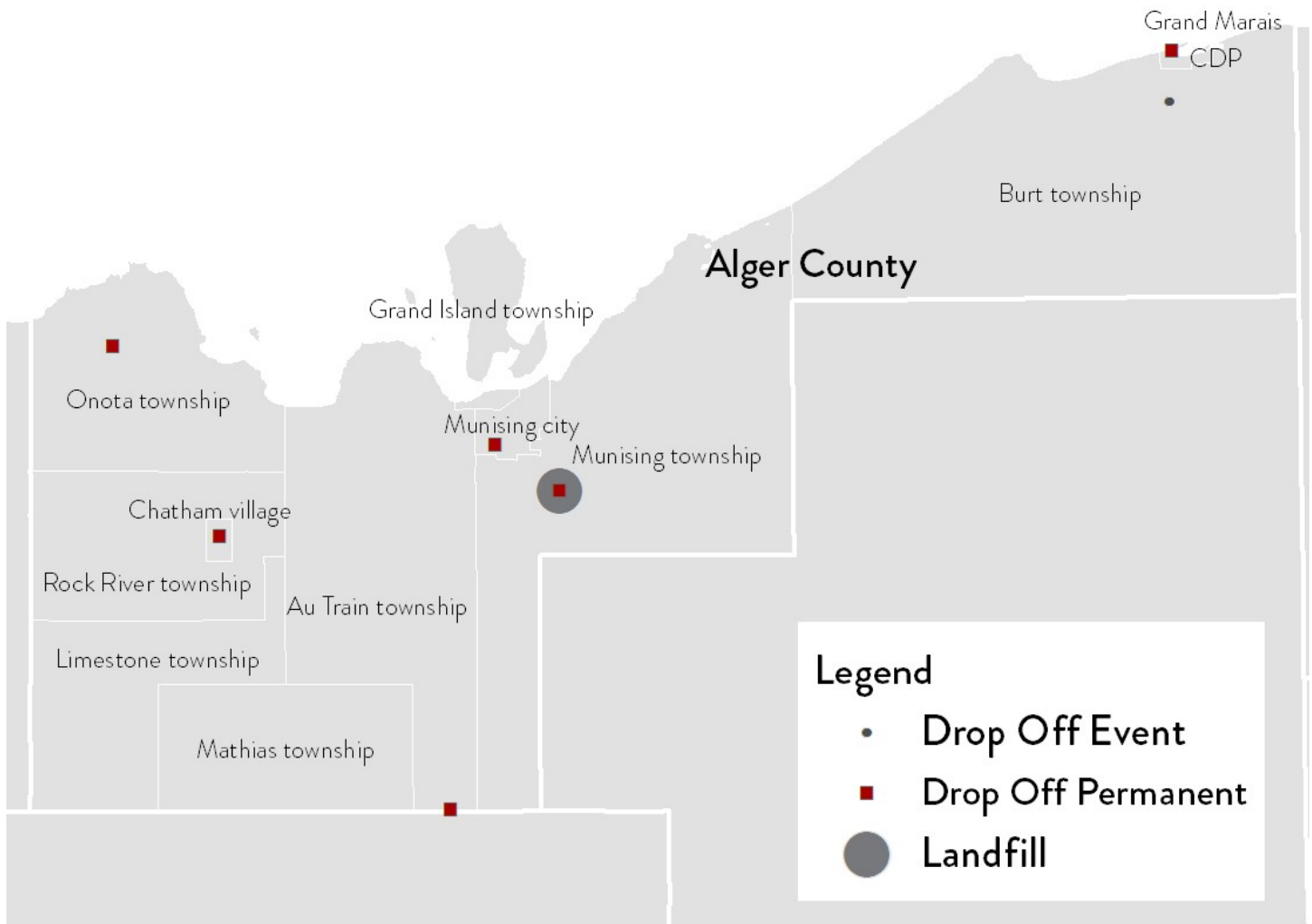
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITIES IN COUNTY

FACILITY SUMMARY TABLE

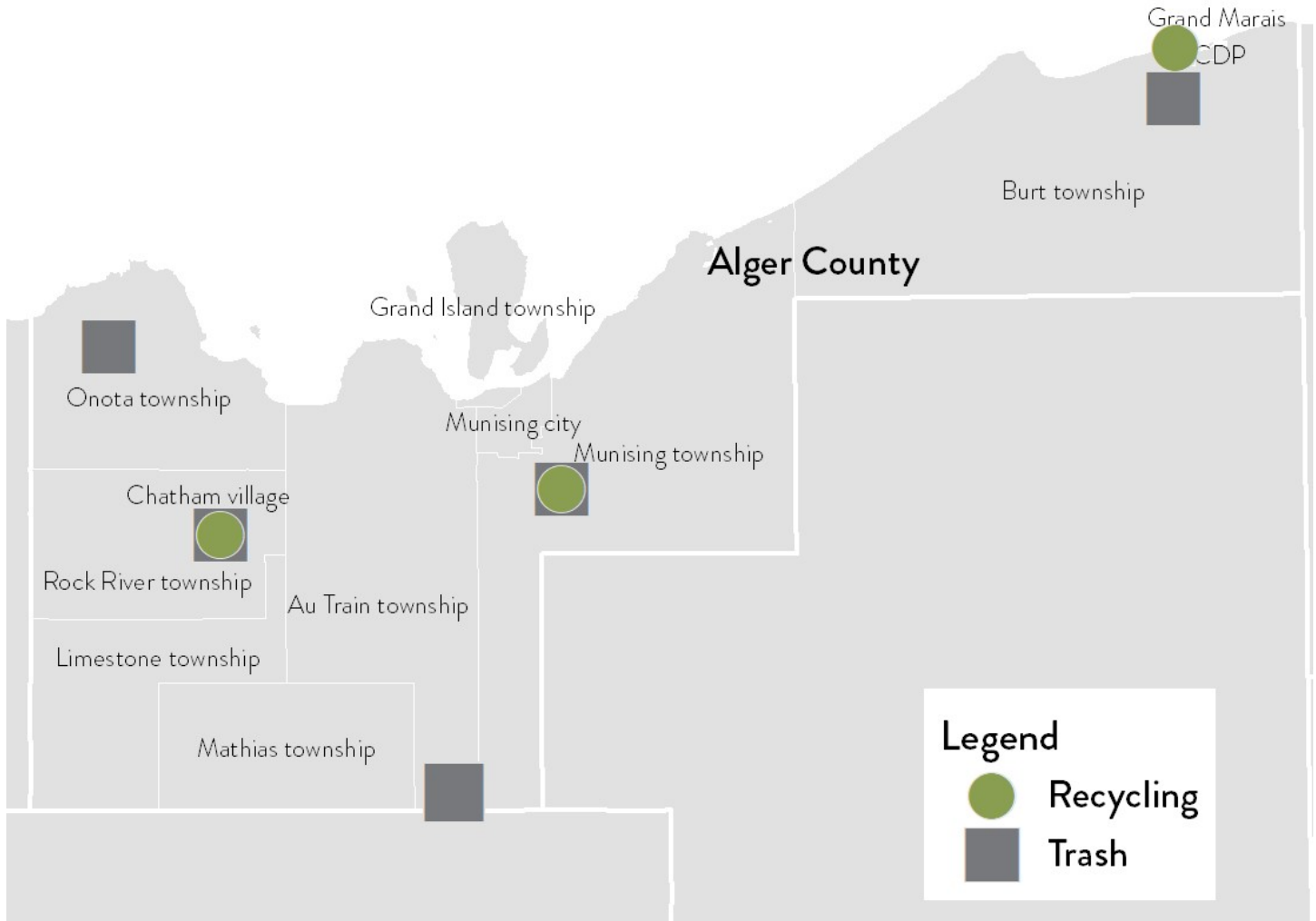
FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY NAME	FACILITY ADDRESS	CITY	PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY
Drop-off (WDC)	Alger Community Recycling	101 Court St.	Munising	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B)	Burt Township Community Clean Up Days	N13387 M-77	Grand Marais	Temporary Drop-off
Drop-off (T)	Burt Township Recycling Drop Off	E 21738 Brazel St.	Grand Marais	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T, C&D, B, NT)	Wood Island Landfill	E10081 M-28	Wetmore	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B)	Munising Township Clean Up Day	E10081 M-28	Wetmore	Temporary Drop-off
Drop-off (B)	Onota Township Dumpsters	E1461 Deerton-Sand Lake Rd	Deerton	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T)	Whitmarsh Recycling Service		Chatham	Permanent Drop-off
Landfill	Wood Island Landfill	E10081 M28	Wetmore	
End Market	Neenah Paper - Munising	501 E Munising Ave	Munising	

Drop-off Facility Types: B = Transfer Station Type B; C&D = Construction & Demolition; NT = Source-Separated Recycling Drop-off Non-Traditional; T = Source-Separated Recycling Traditional; O = Organics; WDC = Waste Diversion Center

FACILITY SUMMARY MAP



FACILITY BY MATERIAL TYPE



POLICY

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES

Municipality	Policy type	Requirement
City of Munising	Garbage Ordinance	Proper handling and storage of garbage withing the city.

MUNICIPAL FUNDING MECHANISMS

Municipality	Waste Collection	Recycling Collection	Organics Collection	Bulky Item Collection
Au Train Township	Legislatively Authorized Millage			
City of Munising	Municipal Utility/Service Fees			
Onota Township	Legislatively Authorized Millage			

COUNTY ORDINANCES

No county ordinances obtained.

COUNTY FUNDING MECHANISM

No county funding mechanisms were obtained.

DATA

REPORTED DATA

No reported data.

RESIDENTIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

Municipality	Population	Total Waste Generation (Tons) ¹	Total Recyclable Diversion (Tons)	Total Organics Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Au Train township	1,200	505	0	46	459
Burt township	121	55	4	5	46
Chatham village	153	64	0	6	59
Grand Island township	19	9	1	1	7
Grand Marais CDP	317	133	0	12	121
Limestone township	503	212	0	19	192
Mathias township	519	218	0	20	199
Munising city	1,991	838	0	76	762
Munising township	2,887	1,308	94	110	1,105
Onota township	460	194	0	18	176
Rock River township	928	421	30	35	355
TOTAL	9,098	3,957	129	348	3,481

COMMERCIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

County	Approximate Number of Employees	Total Waste Generation (Tons)	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Alger	1,148	4,398	195	4,203

TOTAL WASTE GENERATED PROJECTIONS

County	Total Waste Generation (Tons) ¹	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Alger	8,355	671	7,684

¹ Due to rounding, total waste generation tonnages may not equal the sum of the total diversion and disposal tonnages.