

GRAND TRAVERSE 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

Recycling, yard waste, and household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-off services are available in Grand Traverse County. Recycling service is offered at various drop-off sites throughout the county; while all county residents can access the recycling drop-off sites, it is not a county-funded program. However, the county does fund and provide yard waste and HHW drop-off services through the county's RecycleSmart location.

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

All residents of the county can access drop-off trash services through the GFL Environmental Traverse City Facility. Two communities provide contracted curbside service with GFL, and another community has a preferred hauler agreement with GFL. The remainder of the county is serviced by subscription-based haulers. Peninsula Township also provides a compactor for their residents to drop-off trash materials.

RECYCLING

Traverse City has contracted curbside recycling service with GFL Environmental. The remainder of the county is serviced by subscription-based haulers. Under county ordinance, all haulers operating in the county must provide recycling and yard waste curbside collection upon a customer's request. All County residents can access drop-off recyclable materials through the county's RecycleSmart program.

YARD WASTE

Traverse City Streets Department provides curbside yard waste collection to the local residents twice per year. The remainder communities are serviced by subscription-based haulers. Under county ordinance, all haulers operating in the county must provide recycling and yard waste curbside collection upon a customer's request. All residents can drop-off yard waste through the RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Grand Traverse County hosts multiple household hazardous waste (HHW) events each year for residents. These events accept materials including batteries, propane tanks, oil-based paint, lawn chemicals, automotive fluids, mercury, aerosol cans, pharmaceuticals, and household cleaners.

OTHER

No information obtained about Other programs.

LIST OF REGISTERED HAULERS

Grand Traverse County requires all haulers operating in the county to be registered. A complete list of registered haulers is available [here](#).

CURBSIDE SERVICES BY COMMUNITY

MUNICIPALITY NAME	TRASH COLLECTOR*	RECYCLING COLLECTOR*	YARD WASTE COLLECTOR*	OTHER CURBSIDE SERVICES
Acme township	Preferred Hauler: GFL Environmental			
Chums Corner CDP				
East Bay township				
Fife Lake village				
Garfield charter township				
Grant township				
Grawn CDP				
Interlochen CDP				
Kingsley village				
Long Lake township				
Mayfield township				
Peninsula township	GFL Environmental			
Blair township				
Fife Lake township				
Green Lake township				
Paradise township				
Traverse City (part)	GFL Environmental	GFL Environmental	Traverse City Streets Department (2x per year)	
Union township				

Whitewater township				
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*In communities without contracted haulers, residents can subscribe to haulers directly for curbside services. Under county ordinance, the operating haulers must provide curbside recycling and yard waste provisions to customers upon request.

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
Acme township	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Chums Corner CDP	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
East Bay township	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Fife Lake village	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Garfield charter township	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Grant township	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Grawn CDP	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Interlochen CDP	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Kingsley village	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Long Lake township	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart

Mayfield township	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Peninsula township	GFL Traverse City Peninsula Township Compactor	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Blair township	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Fife Lake township	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Green Lake township	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Paradise township	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Traverse City (part)	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Union township	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart
Whitewater township	GFL Traverse City	RecycleSmart	RecycleSmart Brush Drop-off Site		RecycleSmart

FACILITIES

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITIES IN COUNTY

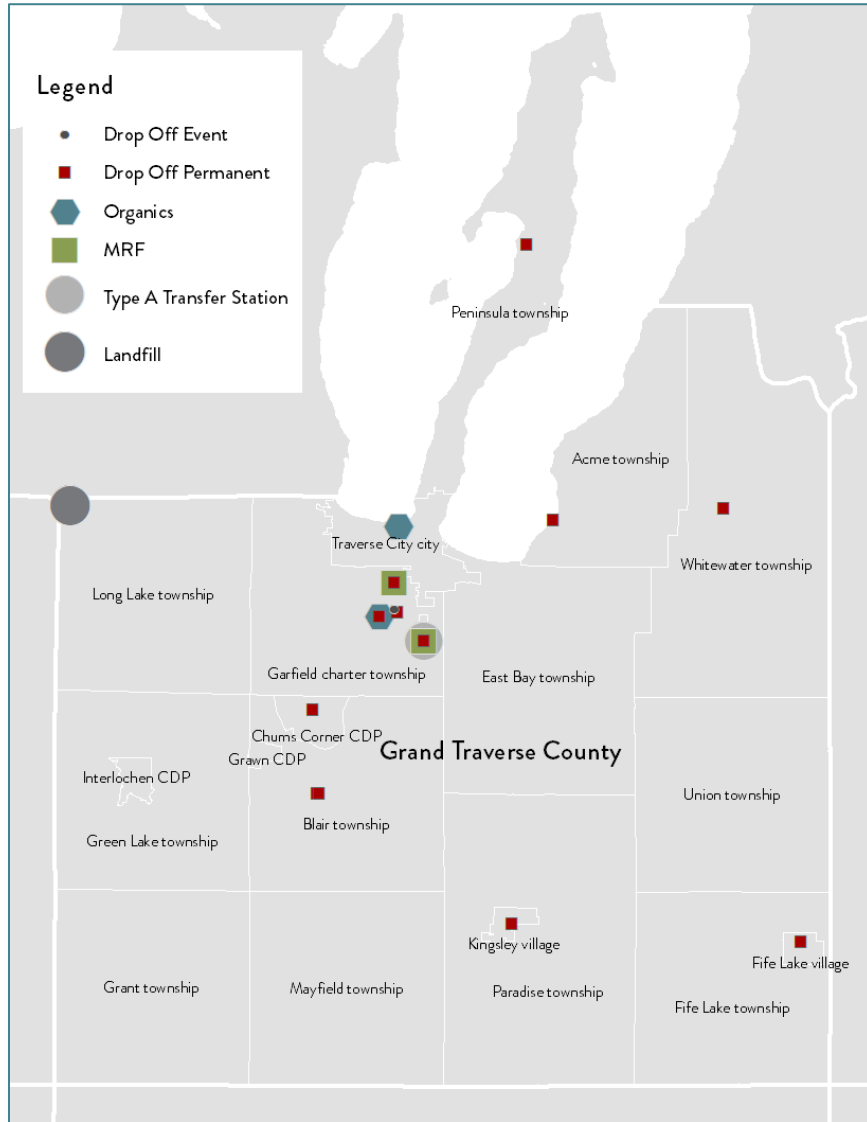
FACILITY SUMMARY TABLE

FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY NAME	FACILITY ADDRESS	CITY	PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY
Compost (Other)	Carter's Compost	841 Washington Street	Traverse City	
Compost (Yard Waste)	City of Traverse City Keystone Site	2471 N Keystone Rd	Traverse City	
Drop-off (T, NT)	Acme Township - Drop Off Recycling Site	3585 Bunker Hill Road	Williamsburg	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (WDC, B, T, NT)	Bay Area Recycling for Charities - Barlow St	1732 Barlow Street	Traverse City	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (WDC, B, T, NT, C&D, O)	Bay Area Recycling for Charities - Traverse City	466 US 31 South	Traverse City	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T)	Fife Lake Township - Drop Off Recycling Site	134 Morgan Street	Fife Lake	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T, NT)	Garfield Township & Traverse City - Drop Off Recycling Site	2600 Lafrainer Road	Traverse City	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B, C&D)	GFL Transfer Station & MRF - Traverse City	280 Hughes Drive	Traverse City	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (O)	Grand Traverse County Brush Drop off Site	2471 N Keystone Road	Traverse City	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (WDC, T)	Household Hazardous Waste Events - Grand Traverse County	2650 Lafranier Rd	Traverse City	Temporary Drop-off
Drop-off (NT)	Padnos - Traverse Bay Recycling	3770 Blair Town Hall Road	Traverse City	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T, NT)	Paradise Township - Drop Off Recycling Site	2300 Michigan 113	Kingsley	Permanent Drop-off

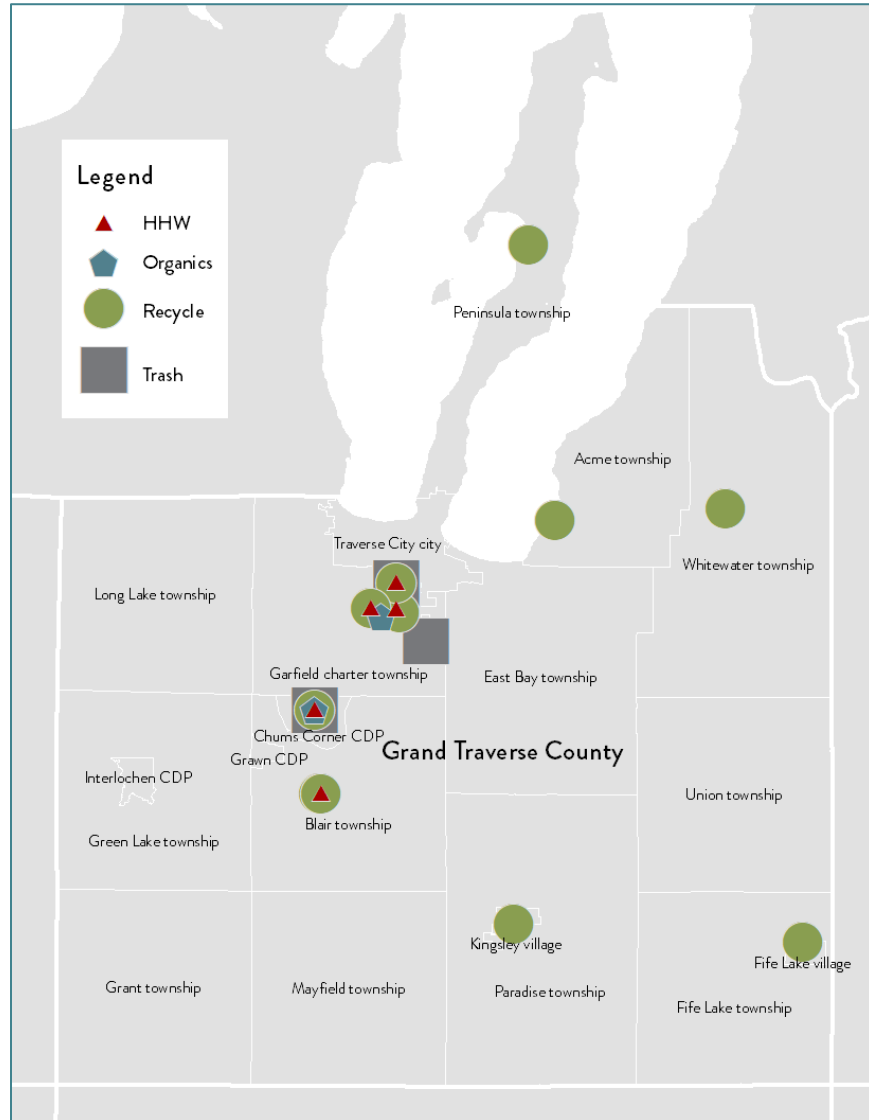
Drop-off (T, NT)	Peninsula Township - Drop Off Recycling Site	2751 Devils Dive Road	Traverse City	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T, NT)	Traverse City - Drop Off Recycling Site	3790-3846 Blair Town Hall Road	Traverse City	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T, NT)	Whitewater Township - Drop Off Recycling Site	5777 Vinton Road	Williamsburg	Permanent Drop-off
Transfer Station – Type A	Traverse City Transfer Station and MRF	280 Hughes Drive	Traverse City	
MRF	GFL Traverse City	280 Hughes Drive	Traverse City	
MRF	Bay Area Recycling for Charities	1732 Barlow	Traverse City	
Landfill	Ken's Pickup Service Landfill & TS	Cedar Run Rd	Traverse City	

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
Traverse City	Ordinance	Recycling Container Location

MUNICIPAL FUNDING MECHANISMS

Municipality	Waste Collection	Recycling Collection	Organics Collection	Bulky Item Collection
Acme township		Municipal Utility/Service Fees		

COUNTY ORDINANCES

County	Policy type	Requirement
Grand Traverse County	Ordinance	Regulates the collection, transportation, delivery and disposal of solid waste, yard waste, and recyclable materials; requires the licensing of haulers and the conditions for the licenses; provide for county designated facilities; prohibits illegal dumping; prohibits scavenging of recyclables and provides for penalties and remedies for violations. Also creates a “designated curbside recycling district” where residents of properties with 4 or less units are eligible to received curbside collection for yard waste and recyclable materials by licensed haulers.

COUNTY FUNDING MECHANISMS

No funding mechanism obtained.

DATA

REPORTED DATA

No data obtained.

RESIDENTIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

Municipality	Population	Total Waste Generation (Tons) ¹	Total Recyclable Diversion (Tons)	Total Organics Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Acme township	4,701	2,131	153	179	1,799
Blair township	6,990	3,168	227	266	2,675
Chums Corner CDP	1,117	506	36	43	427
East Bay township	11,559	5,239	375	441	4,423
Fife Lake township	1,355	614	44	52	518
Fife Lake village	315	143	10	12	121
Garfield charter township	17,580	7,967	570	670	6,727
Grant township	1,314	596	43	50	503
Grawn CDP	912	413	30	35	349
Grawn CDP	21	9	0	1	8
Green Lake township	5,787	2,623	188	221	2,214
Interlochen CDP	438	199	14	17	168
Kingsley village	1,933	876	63	74	740
Long Lake township	9,376	4,249	304	357	3,588
Mayfield township	1,517	688	49	58	580
Paradise township	3,186	1,444	103	121	1,219
Peninsula township	5,835	2,644	189	222	2,233
Traverse City city	15,191	6,885	493	579	5,813
Union township	514	233	17	20	197
Whitewater township	2,793	1,266	91	106	1,069
TOTAL	92,434	41,892	2,999	3,524	35,369

COMMERCIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

County	Approximate Number of Employees	Total Waste Generation (Tons)	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Grand Traverse County	37,728	49,189	6,421	42,768

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

TOTAL WASTE GENERATED PROJECTIONS

County	Total Waste Generation (Tons) ^{Error!} <small>Bookmark not defined.</small>	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Grand Traverse County	91,080	12,943	78,137