

# IOSCO 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](mailto:alynott@recycle.com).

# ACCESS AND COLLECTION

## COUNTY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

No county run programs or services available in Iosco 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 Iosco County, 18% of the population can access curbside trash collection services through a contracted hauler. Several communities also have access to drop-off trash services through municipal collection sites.

### RECYCLING

Only one community in the county has access to curbside recycling collection through a contracted hauler. There are also public and private collection sites available for drop-off recycling access in some communities. These drop-off sites accept paper, glass, plastic #1 & #2, and metal cans and scrap.

### YARD WASTE

Common yard waste materials, such as brush and leaves, can be collected curbside by municipal haulers for approximately 18% of the county's population. Drop-off organics collection service is available to 23% of the population.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

In Grant Township and Plainfield Township, collection sites also accept household hazardous waste (HHW), such as tires or freon appliances. Au Sable and Wilber Townships collect residential HHW through annual events.

### OTHER

No information obtained about Other programs.

## LIST OF ACTIVE HAULERS

- GFL Environmental
- Waste Management
- Municipal

## CURBSIDE SERVICES BY COMMUNITY

MUNICIPALITY NAME	TRASH COLLECTOR	RECYCLING COLLECTOR	YARD WASTE COLLECTOR	OTHER CURBSIDE SERVICES
Alabaster township	Waste Management	Waste Management	Waste Management	
Au Sable CDP				
Baldwin township				
Burleigh township				
East Tawas city	GFL Environmental		East Tawas City	
Oscoda CDP (part)				
Oscoda CDP (part)				
Remainder of Au Sable charter township				
Remainder of Grant township	Grant Township			
Remainder of Oscoda charter township				
Remainder of Plainfield township				
Remainder of Wilber township	Subscription			
Reno township				
Sand Lake CDP (part)				
Sand Lake CDP (part)				
Sand Lake CDP (part)				
Sherman township				
Tawas City city	Waste Management Inc.		City of Tawas City	

Tawas township				
Whittemore city				

### 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
Alabaster township					
Au Sable CDP					Au Sable Dumpster Days
Baldwin township					
Burleigh township					
East Tawas city		East Tawas Recycling – City Hall Bins			
Oscoda CDP (part)					
Oscoda CDP (part)	Charter Twp of Oscoda Drop-off Refuse Program (Travis Sanitation)				
Remainder of Au Sable charter township					
Remainder of Grant township		Grant Township Compost-Recycle Site	Grant Township Compost – Recycle Site	Grant Township Compost-Recycle Site	

Remainder of Oscoda charter township	Charter Twp of Oscoda Drop-off Refuse Program (Travis Sanitation)	Charter Twp of Oscoda Drop-off Refuse Program (Travis Sanitation)			
Remainder of Plainfield township	Plainfield Township Waste Site	Plainfield Township Waste Site	Plainfield Township Waste Site	Plainfield Township Waste Site	
Remainder of Wilber township					Wilber Township Annual Township Cleanup
Reno township					
Sand Lake CDP (part)					
Sand Lake CDP (part)					
Sand Lake CDP (part)					
Sherman township					
Tawas City city		Tawas City WM Transfer Station	City of Tawas City Compost Site		
Tawas township					
Whittemore city					

# FACILITIES

## MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITIES IN COUNTY

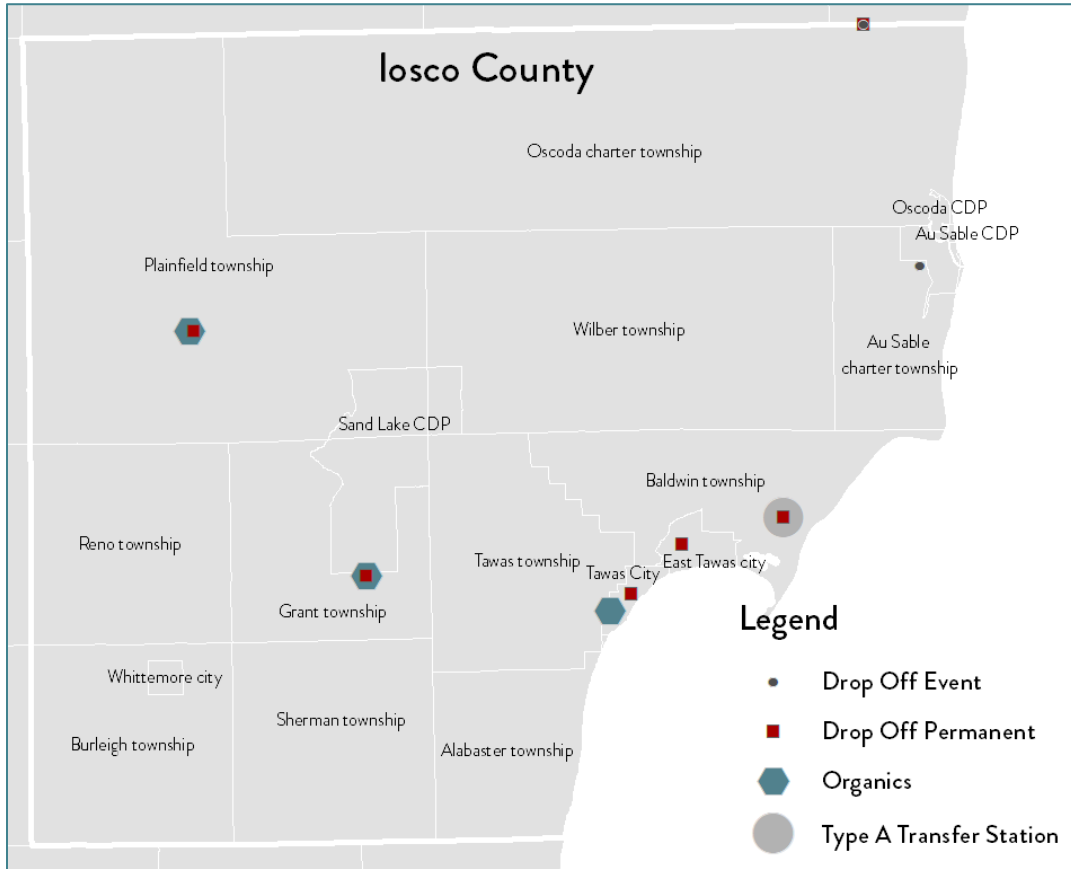
FACILITY SUMMARY TABLE

FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY NAME	FACILITY ADDRESS	CITY	PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY
Compost (Yard Waste)	City of Tawas City Compost			
Compost (Yard Waste)	Grant Township Compost-Recycle Site			
Compost (Yard Waste)	Waste Collection Site			
Drop-off (B, C&D)	Au Sable Dumpster Days	4280 Lamrock Way	Oscoda	Temporary Drop-off
Drop-off (O)	City of Tawas City Compost	6th ave.	Tawas	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T)	East Tawas Recycling Bin	760 Newman St	East Tawas	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (WDC, B, T, NT, O)	Grant Township Compost-Recycle Site			Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (WDC, T, NT)	Oscoda Township Drop off Refuse Program	3522 Kings Corner Rd	Oscoda	Temporary Drop-off
Drop-off (WDC, B, T, O)	Plainfield Township Waste Collection Site	3675 Towerline Rd	Hale	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B, T, C&D)	Tawas Transfer Station	685 Aulerich Rd	East Tawas	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B)	Travis Sanitation	3522 Kings Corner Rd	Oscoda	Permanent Drop-off
Transfer Station – Type A	Tawas Transfer Station	685 Aulerich Rd	East Tawas	

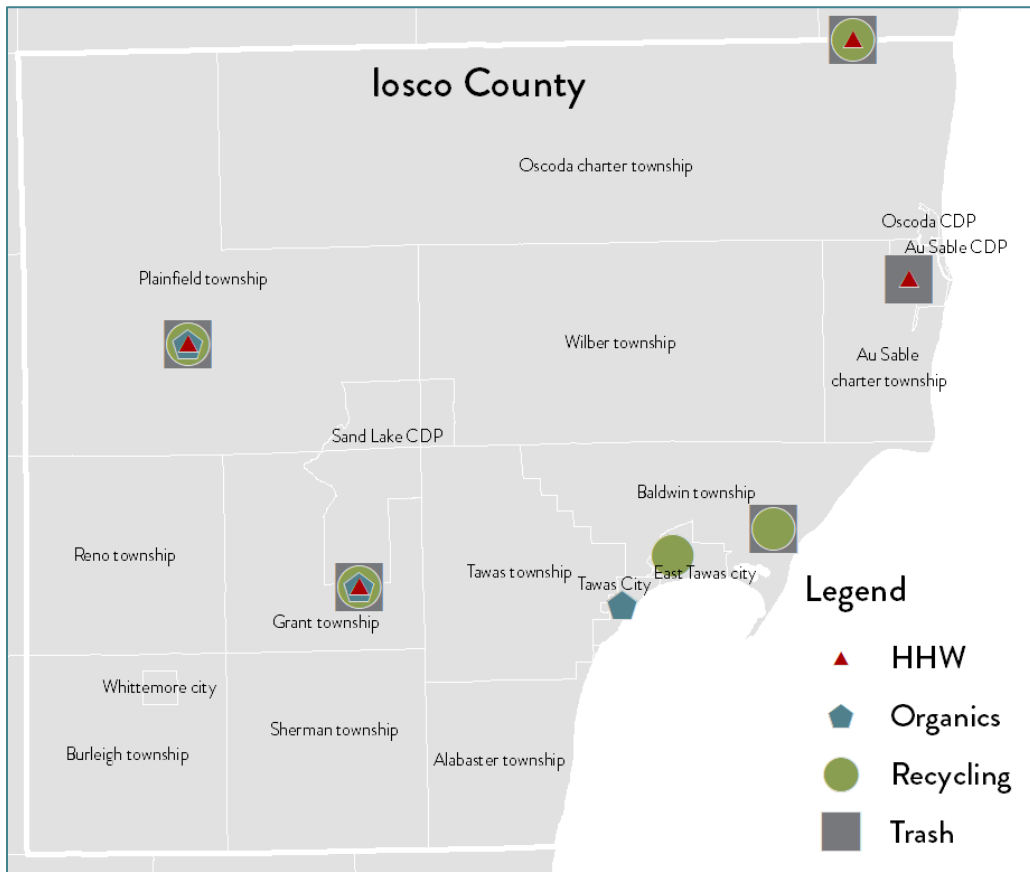
Drop-off Facility Types: B = Transfer Station Type B; C&D = Construction & Demolition; NT = Source-Separated Recycling Drop-off Non-Traditional; T = Source-Separated Recycling Traditional; O = Organics; WDC = Waste Diversion Center



# FACILITY SUMMARY MAP



## FACILITY BY MATERIAL TYPE



# POLICY

## MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES

Municipality	Policy type	Requirement
Tawas City	Ordinance	Collection and disposition of refuse, establishment of fees; terms of service termination

## MUNICIPAL FUNDING MECHANISMS

Municipality	Waste Collection	Recycling Collection	Organics Collection	Bulky Item Collection
East Tawas city	Legislatively Authorized Millages			
Tawas City	Municipal Utility/Service Fees	Municipal Utility/Service Fees		

## COUNTY ORDINANCES

No county ordinances obtained.

# DATA

## REPORTED DATA

No reported data.

## RESIDENTIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

Municipality	Population	Total Waste Generation (Tons) <sup>1</sup>	Total Recyclable Diversion (Tons)	Total Organics Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Alabaster township	393	165	0	15	150
Au Sable CDP	1,619	681	0	62	619
Au Sable charter township	547	230	0	21	209
Baldwin township	1,952	821	0	74	747
Burleigh township	568	239	0	22	217
East Tawas city	2,729	1,237	89	104	1,044
Grant township	505	229	16	19	193
Oscoda CDP	693	292	0	26	265
Oscoda CDP	40	17	0	2	15
Oscoda charter township	6,085	2,758	197	232	2,328
Plainfield township	3,569	1,618	116	136	1,366
Reno township	618	260	0	24	236
Sand Lake CDP	961	404	0	37	368
Sand Lake CDP	154	65	0	6	59
Sand Lake CDP	181	76	0	7	69
Sherman township	444	187	0	17	170
Tawas City city	1,824	827	59	70	698
Tawas township	1,518	639	0	58	581
Whittemore city	370	156	0	14	142
Wilber township	443	186	0	17	170
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,213</b>	<b>11,086</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>9,648</b>

## COMMERCIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

County	Approximate Number of Employees	Total Waste Generation (Tons)	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Iosco	6,171	12,637	1,050	11,587

<sup>1</sup> 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) <sup>Error!</sup> <small>Bookmark not defined.</small>	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
losco	23,723	2,489	21,235