

KALAMAZOO 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

Kalamazoo County offers a household hazardous waste collection program.

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. Programs and services are offered by a different entity other than the municipality and are noted in the tables.

TRASH

Most of Kalamazoo County's population has access to curbside trash service. About 49% of the population has access to this service through a contracted hauler. Several communities explicitly state on their websites that they are served by subscription haulers, and residents must set up their own services with the haulers directly. Two municipal transfer stations also accept trash from their residents.

RECYCLING

Most communities that provide access to contracted curbside trash service also provide access to contracted recycling collection. Two privately owned drop-off locations and the Comstock Township Transfer Station also provide residents with access to recycling and accept materials such as paper, cardboard, clear and colored glass, mixed plastic, and metal cans.

YARD WASTE

Common yard waste materials, including brush and leaves, can be collected curbside for many residents. Many communities' populations with curbside collection access are served by their municipal departments or contracted haulers. Private and municipal yard waste drop-off options are also available in some communities.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Kalamazoo County Environmental Health department offers a permanent household hazardous waste center for material drop-off that is open three to four days per week year-round. Communities in the county can choose to participate in the program to provide their residents with access. In 2022, Climax Township chose not to participate. The program accepts automotive fluids, motor oil, anti-freeze, mercury, alkaline and rechargeable batteries, oil-based paint, electronics, fluorescent bulbs, and single-use propane tanks.

OTHER

No information obtained about Other programs.

LIST OF ACTIVE HAULERS

- Best Way Disposal
- Republic Services Inc.
- Municipal

CURBSIDE SERVICES BY COMMUNITY

MUNICIPALITY NAME	TRASH COLLECTOR	RECYCLING COLLECTOR	YARD WASTE COLLECTOR	OTHER CURBSIDE SERVICES
Alamo township				
Augusta village (part)				
Augusta village (part)				
Climax village	Best Way Disposal	Best Way Disposal	Village of Climax DPW	
Comstock Northwest CDP (part)	Comstock Township Bulk Trash Collection			
Comstock Northwest CDP (part)				
Cooper charter township	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc.	Subscription	
Eastwood CDP	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc.	
Galesburg city				
Kalamazoo city	City of Kalamazoo Bulk Trash Collection	City of Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo Brush Collection	
Oshtemo charter township				
Parchment city	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc.	
Pavilion township				
Portage city		Best Way Disposal	City of Portage Leaf Collection	
Prairie Ronde township				
Brady township	Subscription	Subscription		
Charleston township				
Climax township				

Comstock charter township	Comstock Township Bulk Trash Collection			
Kalamazoo charter township	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc.	
Richland township				
Ross township				
Schoolcraft township				
Richland village				
Schoolcraft village			Schoolcraft Village DPW	
South Gull Lake CDP				
Texas charter township	Subscription	Subscription	Subscription	
Vicksburg village (part)		Subscription	Village of Vicksburg Leaf and Brush Pickup	
Vicksburg village (part)		Subscription	Village of Vicksburg Leaf and Brush Pickup	
Wakeshma township				
Westwood CDP	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc.	

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
Alamo township				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Augusta village (part)				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Augusta village (part)				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Climax village				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Comstock Northwest CDP (part)				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Comstock Northwest CDP (part)				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Cooper charter township			Best Way Waste & Recycling Transfer Station	Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Eastwood CDP				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Galesburg city				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	

Kalamazoo city		Republic Services Transfer Station and Recycle Drop Center		Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Oshtemo charter township				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Parchment city				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Pavilion township	Pavilion Township Transfer Station			Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Portage city		Best Way Disposal Drop-Off Facility	City of Portage Compost Facility	Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Prairie Ronde township				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Brady township				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Charleston township				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Climax township				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Comstock charter township	Comstock Transfer Station	Comstock Transfer Station	Comstock Transfer Station	Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	

Kalamazoo charter township				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Richland township				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Ross township				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Schoolcraft township				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Richland village				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Schoolcraft village				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
South Gull Lake CDP				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Texas charter township			Kalamazoo Landscape Supplies	Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Vicksburg village (part)				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Vicksburg village (part)				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	
Wakeshma township				Kalamazoo County Environmental Health	

Westwood CDP

Kalamazoo County
Environmental
Health

FACILITIES

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITIES IN COUNTY

FACILITY SUMMARY TABLE

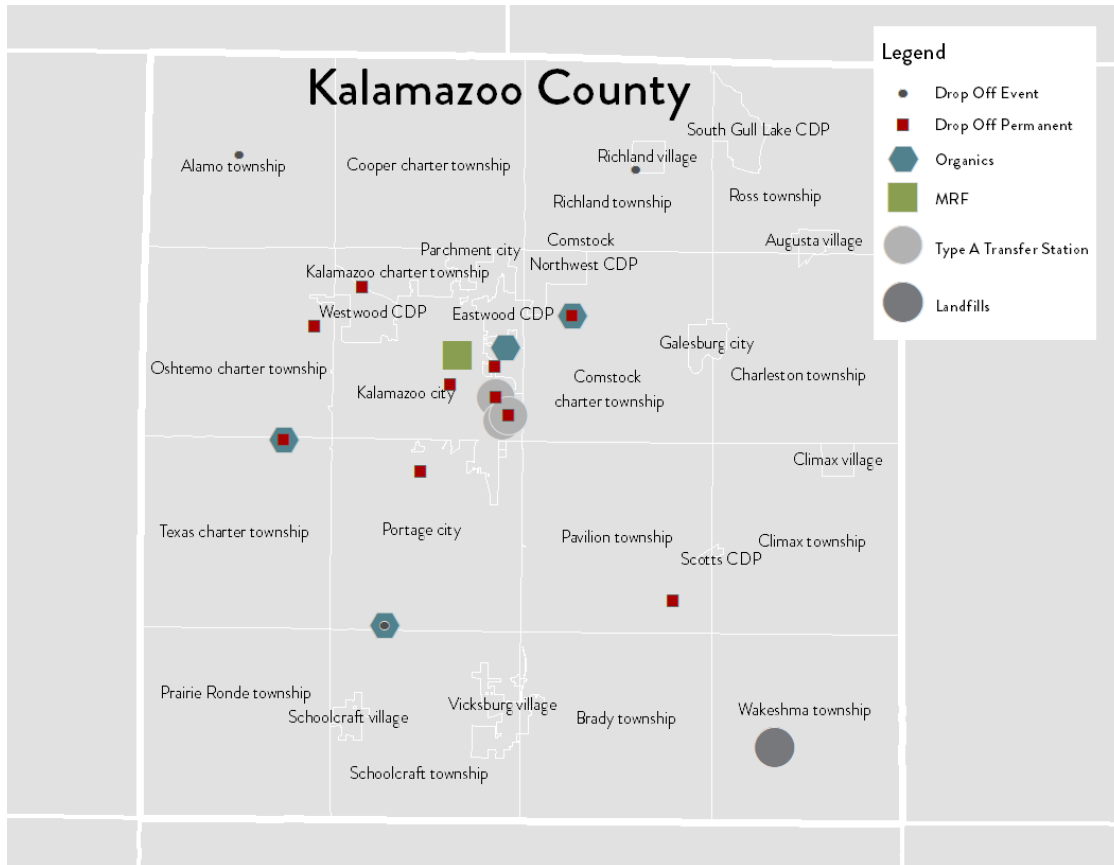
FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY NAME	FACILITY ADDRESS	CITY	PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY
Compost (Yard Waste)	Charter Township of Comstock's Transfer Station	6604 East Main Street	Comstock charter township	
Compost (Yard Waste)	City of Kalamazoo-Schippers Lane	3010 E MICHIGAN AVE	Kalamazoo	
Compost (Yard Waste)	City of Portage Compost Facility	10905 OAKLAND DR	Portage	
Compost (Yard Waste)	Kalamazoo Landscape Supplies	5111 S. 9th Street	Texas charter township	
Drop-off	Alamo Township Recycling Clean Up Days	7901 N 6th St	Alamo Township	Temporary Drop-off
Drop-off (T, NT, O)	Charter Township of Comstock's Transfer Station	6604 E Main Street	Comstock Charter Township	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (O)	City of Portage Compost Facility - Drop Off Days	10905 OAKLAND DR	Portage	Temporary Drop-off
Drop-off (NT)	Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan - Kalamazoo, East Alcott St	420 East Alcott Street	Kalamazoo	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (NT)	Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan - Kalamazoo, West Main St	5609 West Main Street	Kalamazoo	Permanent Drop-off

Drop-off (NT)	Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Michigan - Portage	411 West Milham Avenue	Portage	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (WDC)	Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center	1301 Lamont Avenue	Kalamazoo	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (O)	Kalamazoo Landscape Supplies	5111 S. 9th Street	Kalamazoo	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (WDC, B, T, NT, C&D, O)	Miller Road Transfer Station	2606 Miller Road	Kalamazoo	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (O)	Mulders Landscaping	3333 Ravine Road	Kalamazoo	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (WDC, NT)	Pavilion Township Collection Station	9801 East S Ave.	Scotts	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B, O)	Republic Services Transfer Station	3432 Gembrit Circle	Kalamazoo	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B, T, NT)	Richland Township and Village Clean-up and Shredder Day	8643 Gull Road	Richland Township	Temporary Drop-off
Transfer Station – Type A	Miller Road Transfer Station	2606 Miller Rd	Kalamazoo	
Transfer Station – Type A	Landfill Management Company	2800 E Cork St	Kalamazoo	
Transfer Station – Type A	Royal Holdings, Inc. Transfer Station And Solid Waste Processing	3432 Gembrit Cir	Kalamazoo	
MRF	Michigan Recycling Industries	765 E Vine St	Kalamazoo	
Landfill	Kalamazoo Valley Group Landfill	40th Street	Vicksburg	
End Market	Schupan & Sons	2619 Miller Rd	Kalamazoo	
End Market	GPI Kalamazoo	1500 N Pitcher Street	Kalamazoo	

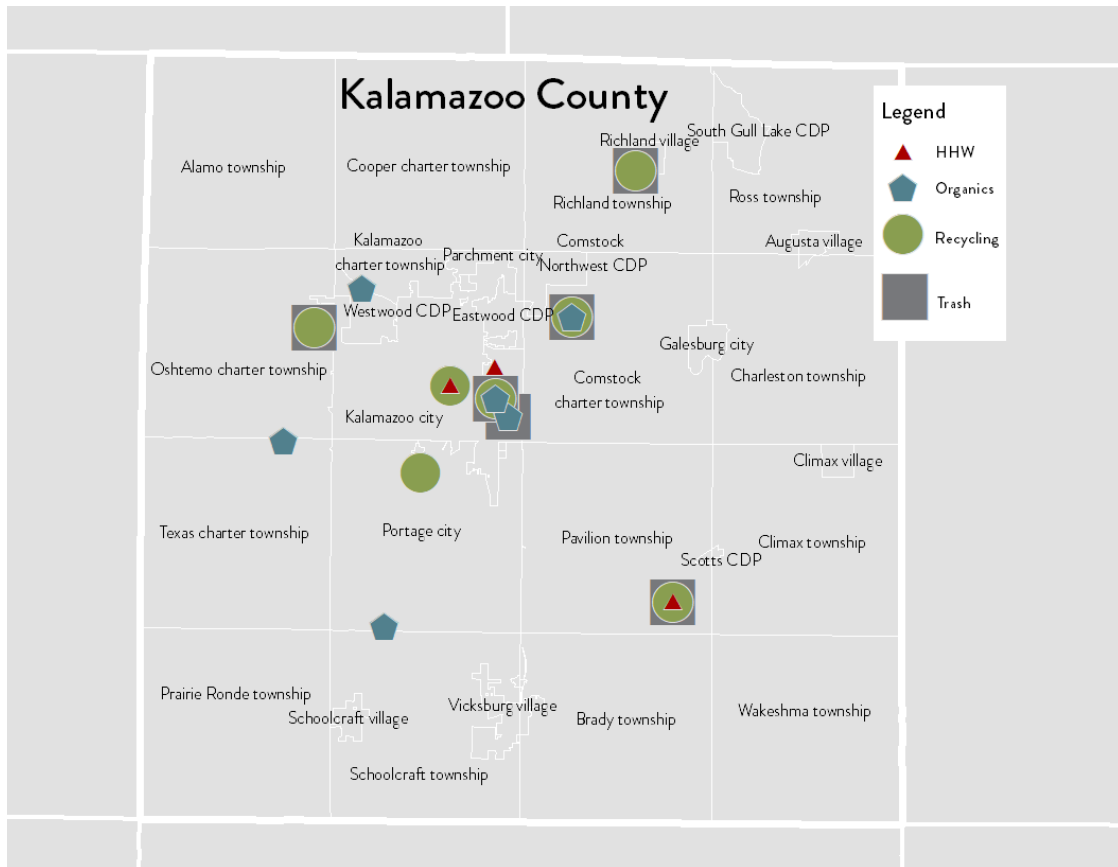
End Market	River Valley Paper North	2115 Palmer Ave	Kalamazoo	
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Drop-off Facility Types: B = Transfer Station Type B; C&D = Construction & Demolition; NT = Source-Separated Recycling Drop-off Non-Traditional; T = Source-Separated Recycling Traditional; O = Organics; WDC = Waste Diversion Center

FACILITY SUMMARY MAP



FACILITY BY MATERIAL TYPE



POLICY

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES

Municipality	Policy type	Requirement
Alamo Township	Ordinance	Collection and disposal of refuse, regulation of disposal area, regulation of commercial incinerators and sewage plants, injunctive relief, penalties
Cooper Charter Township	Ordinance	Regulation of incinerators, waste burners, open burning, recreational fires, indoor and outdoor fire pits and grills, agricultural burns, residential burns, burning bans, penalties
Kalamazoo Charter Township	Ordinance	Regulation of dumping ground, collection and disposal of refuse, refuse bin specifications, prohibition of littering, single hauler contracts
Parchment City	Ordinance	Regulation of dumping ground, collection and disposal of refuse, precollection and storage practices, receptacle specifications, regulation of brush, yard waste, and tree removal, prohibited wastes, penalties
Vicksburg Village	Ordinance	Collection and disposal of refuse, refuse bin specifications, residential waste reduction, hauler requirements, hauler licensure, special assessments

MUNICIPAL FUNDING MECHANISMS

Municipality	Waste Collection	Recycling Collection	Organics Collection	Bulky Item Collection
Parchment city	Municipal Utility/Service Fees	Municipal Utility/Service Fees	Supplemental Fees	Supplemental Fees
Comstock charter township	Municipal Utility/Service Fees			
Cooper charter township	Special Assessment	Special Assessment		
Kalamazoo charter township	Special Assessment			

COUNTY ORDINANCES

No county ordinances obtained.

COUNTY FUNDING MECHANISM

Household hazardous waste program is funding by County general fund and cost-sharing with local units of government.

DATA

REPORTED DATA

Kalamazoo County tracks data for their household hazardous waste collection program.

RESIDENTIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

Municipality	Population	Total Waste Generation (Tons) 1	Total Recyclable Diversion (Tons)	Total Organics Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Alamo township	3,941	1,786	128	150	1,508
Augusta village	806	339	0	31	308
Augusta village	36	15	0	1	14
Brady township	3,926	1,865	213	150	1,502
Charleston township	2,026	852	0	77	775
Climax township	1,520	640	0	58	582
Climax village	953	476	75	36	365
Comstock charter township	10,386	4,707	337	396	3,974
Comstock Northwest CDP	5,228	2,200	0	199	2,000
Comstock Northwest CDP	771	324	0	29	295
Cooper charter township	11,020	5,502	866	420	4,217
Eastwood CDP	5,675	2,834	446	216	2,171
Galesburg city	2,201	926	0	84	842
Kalamazoo charter township	6,970	3,480	548	266	2,667
Kalamazoo city	76,106	32,022	2,261	2,901	29,121
Oshtemo charter township	23,118	11,543	1,816	881	8,846
Parchment city	1,887	942	148	72	722
Pavilion township	6,373	2,682	0	243	2,439
Portage city	49,224	23,387	2,676	1,876	18,835
Prairie Ronde township	2,306	970	0	88	882
Richland township	7,431	3,368	241	283	2,843
Richland village	877	397	28	33	336
Ross township	2,519	1,060	0	96	964
Schoolcraft township	4,993	2,101	0	190	1,911
Schoolcraft village	1,212	510	0	46	464
Scotts CDP	56	24	0	2	21
Scotts CDP	58	24	0	2	22
South Gull Lake CDP	1,615	680	0	62	618
Texas charter township	17,105	7,752	555	652	6,545
Vicksburg village	2,816	1,185	0	107	1,078
Vicksburg village	609	256	0	23	233
Wakeshma township	1,311	594	43	50	502

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

Westwood CDP	9,247	4,617	726	353	3,538
TOTAL	264,322	120,060	11,107	10,073	101,140

COMMERCIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

County	Approximate Number of Employees	Total Waste Generation (Tons)	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Kalamazoo	102,330	142,384	17,415	124,969

TOTAL WASTE GENERATED PROJECTIONS

County	Total Waste Generation (Tons) <small>Bookmark not defined.</small>	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Kalamazoo	262,446	38,598	226,110