

# MASON 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 Mason County.

The Mason-Lake Conservation District coordinates an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on the third Saturday in August. The event is funded through townships, cities, and villages based on a \$.40 per capita, donations from the public, and grants.

## 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

About 41% of the population has access to curbside trash collection through contract. The remainder of the county is most likely served by the open market where residents make their own arrangements for trash collection, also known as subscription services.

### RECYCLING

The same communities that have access to contracted curbside trash service also have access to contracted recycling service. Hamlin Township also operates a transfer station that accepts recyclable materials. Materials accepted in these programs include paper, plastic bottles and containers, and metal cans.

### YARD WASTE

Common yard waste materials, such as leaves and brush, can be collected curbside in some communities. The City of Ludington also provides its residents with a leaf drop off.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Events allow residents to drop off materials such as automotive fluids, motor oil, anti-freeze, mercury, alkaline batteries, oil-based paint, household cleaners, freon, electronics, pharmaceuticals, fluorescent bulbs, and aerosol cans.

### OTHER

No information obtained about Other programs.

## LIST OF ACTIVE HAULERS

- Republic Services
- Municipal

## CURBSIDE SERVICES BY COMMUNITY

MUNICIPALITY NAME	TRASH COLLECTOR	RECYCLING COLLECTOR	YARD WASTE COLLECTOR	OTHER CURBSIDE SERVICES
Amber township				
Branch township				
Custer village				
Eden township				
Fountain village				
Free Soil village				
Grant township				
Hamlin township				
Logan township				
Ludington city	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc and City of Ludington (fall leaf pick-up)	
Meade township				
Pere Marquette charter township	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services Inc.	Pere Marquette Charter Twp DPW	
Custer township				
Free Soil township				
Sherman township				
Riverton township				
Scottville city	Republic Services Inc.	Republic Services, Inc	Republic Services Inc.	
Sheridan township				
Summit township				

Victory township				
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### 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
Amber township					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Branch township					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Custer village					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Eden township					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Fountain village					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Free Soil village					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Grant township					Mason-Lake Conservation

					District HHW Collection Event
Hamlin township		Hamlin Township Transfer Site			Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Logan township					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Ludington city			City of Ludington Leaf Corral		Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Meade township					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Pere Marquette charter township					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Custer township					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Free Soil township					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Sherman township					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event

Riverton township					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Scottville city					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Sheridan township					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Summit township					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event
Victory township					Mason-Lake Conservation District HHW Collection Event



# FACILITIES

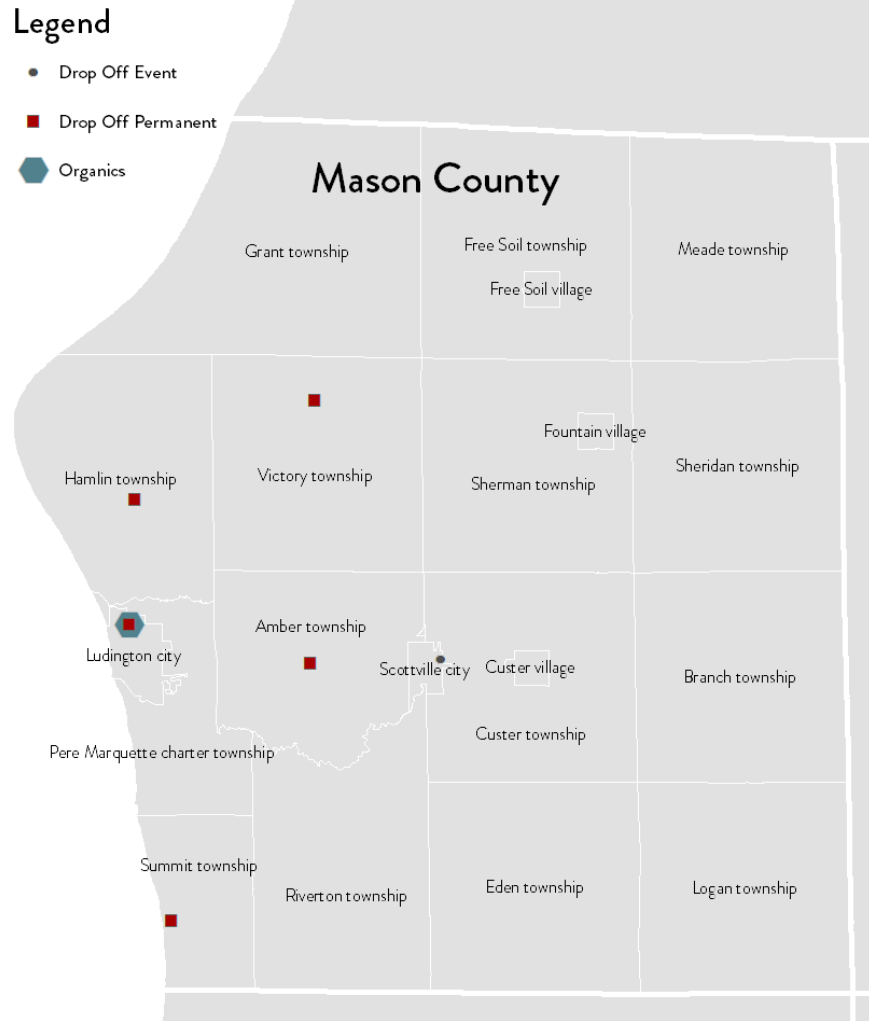
## MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITIES IN COUNTY

### FACILITY SUMMARY TABLE

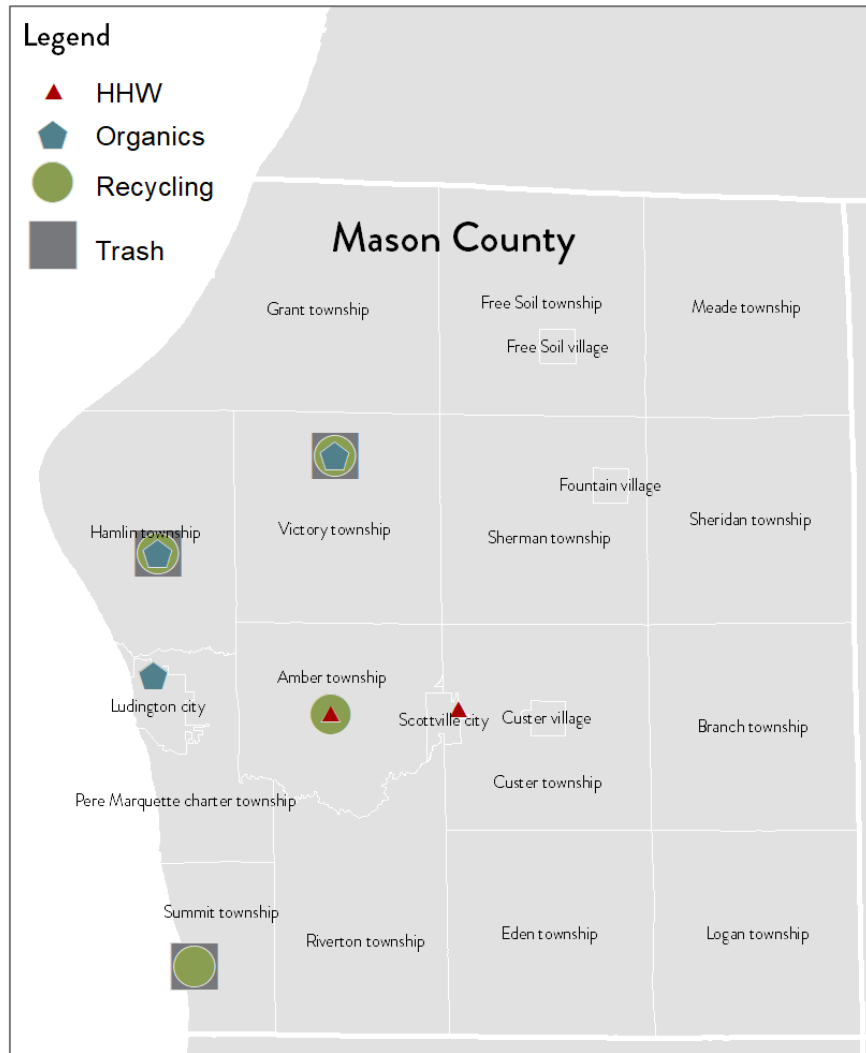
FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY NAME	FACILITY ADDRESS	CITY	PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY
Compost (Yard Waste)	City of Ludington Leaf Corral	6728 Bryant Rd	Ludington	
Drop-off (O)	City of Ludington Leaf Corral	6728 Bryant Rd	Ludington	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B, T, O)	Hamlin Township Transfer Station and Leaf Corral	6565 W Dewey Road	Ludington	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (WDC)	Clean Sweep - Mason County	510 E. State St	Scottville	Temporary Drop-off
Drop-off (WDC, NT)	Padnos - Pere Marquette Division	2601 US 10	Ludington	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B, T, NT)	Summit Township Transfer Site	6011 South Lakeshore Drive	Ludington	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B, T, NT, C&D, O)	Waste Reduction Systems Transfer Station	5848 N Stiles Road	Ludington	Permanent Drop-off

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

No municipal ordinances obtained.

## COUNTY ORDINANCES

No county ordinances obtained.

## FUNDING MECHANISMS

No funding mechanisms 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)
Amber township	2,584	1,228	140	99	989
Branch township	1,133	477	0	43	434
Custer township	980	412	0	37	375
Custer village	294	124	0	11	112
Eden township	460	194	0	18	176
Fountain village	216	91	0	8	83
Free Soil township	764	321	0	29	292
Free Soil village	99	42	0	4	38
Grant township	792	333	0	30	303
Hamlin township	3,481	1,465	0	133	1,332
Logan township	256	108	0	10	98
Ludington city	8,081	3,839	439	308	3,092
Meade township	172	72	0	7	66
Pere Marquette charter township	2,425	1,152	132	92	928
Riverton township	1,428	678	78	54	546
Scottville city	1,290	613	70	49	494
Sheridan township	1,198	504	0	46	458
Sherman township	857	361	0	33	328
Summit township	1,081	455	0	41	414
Victory township	1,471	619	0	56	563
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,062</b>	<b>13,088</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>11,121</b>

## COMMERCIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

County	Approximate Number of Employees	Total Waste Generation (Tons)	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Mason	6,935	10,218	1,180	9,038

<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)
Mason	23,305	3,147	20,158