

OTSEGO 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 curbside programs or services are available in Otsego County. Otsego Conservation District offers recycling services through drop-off sites throughout the county. These sites are serviced through a contract with GFL Environmental. Otsego Conservation District also offers residents household hazardous waste collection events twice a year.

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

About 12% of the population has access to curbside trash collection through contracted haulers. There are two municipal transfer stations that accept dropped-off residential trash.

RECYCLING

Otsego Conservation District provides all county residents with access to drop-off recycling services. Materials accepted through this program include paper, cardboard, clear and colored glass, mixed plastics, and metal cans.

YARD WASTE

Common yard waste materials, such as brush and leaves, can be collected from residents through the City of Gaylord DPW collection site.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Otsego Conservation District hosts collection events for hard-to-recycle and hazardous materials from residents and businesses in the county. Accepted materials include automotive fluids, anti-freeze, mercury, tires, alkaline batteries, oil-based paint, lawn chemicals, household cleaners, electronics, fluorescent bulbs, and propane tanks.

OTHER

No information obtained about Other programs.

LIST OF ACTIVE HAULERS

- GFL Environmental

CURBSIDE SERVICES BY COMMUNITY

MUNICIPALITY NAME	TRASH COLLECTOR	RECYCLING COLLECTOR	YARD WASTE COLLECTOR	OTHER CURBSIDE SERVICES
Bagley township				
Charlton township				
Chester township				
Dover township				
Elmira township				
Gaylord city				
Hayes township				
Livingston township				
Otsego Lake township	GFL Environmental			
Corwith township				
Vanderbilt village				

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
Bagley township		Otsego Conservation District	City of Gaylord DPW Yard		Otsego Conservation District
Charlton township	Charlton-Chester-Dover Township Transfer Station	Otsego Conservation District			Otsego Conservation District

Chester township	Charlton-Chester-Dover Township Transfer Station	Otsego Conservation District			Otsego Conservation District
Dover township	Charlton-Chester-Dover Township Transfer Station	Otsego Conservation District			Otsego Conservation District
Elmira township		Otsego Conservation District			Otsego Conservation District
Gaylord city		Otsego Conservation District	City of Gaylord DPW Yard		Otsego Conservation District
Hayes township		Otsego Conservation District			Otsego Conservation District
Livingston township		Otsego Conservation District	City of Gaylord DPW Yard		Otsego Conservation District
Otsego Lake township		Otsego Conservation District			Otsego Conservation District
Corwith township	Corwith Township Transfer Facility	Otsego Conservation District			Otsego Conservation District
Vanderbilt village		Otsego Conservation District			Otsego Conservation District

FACILITIES

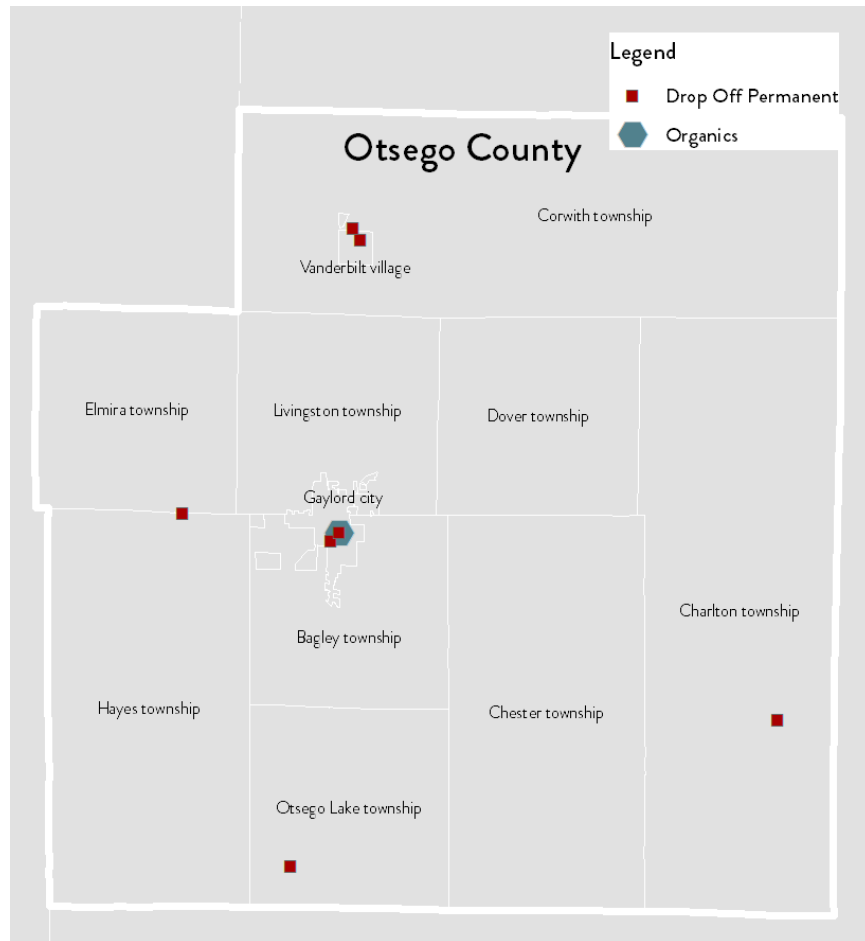
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITIES IN COUNTY

FACILITY SUMMARY TABLE

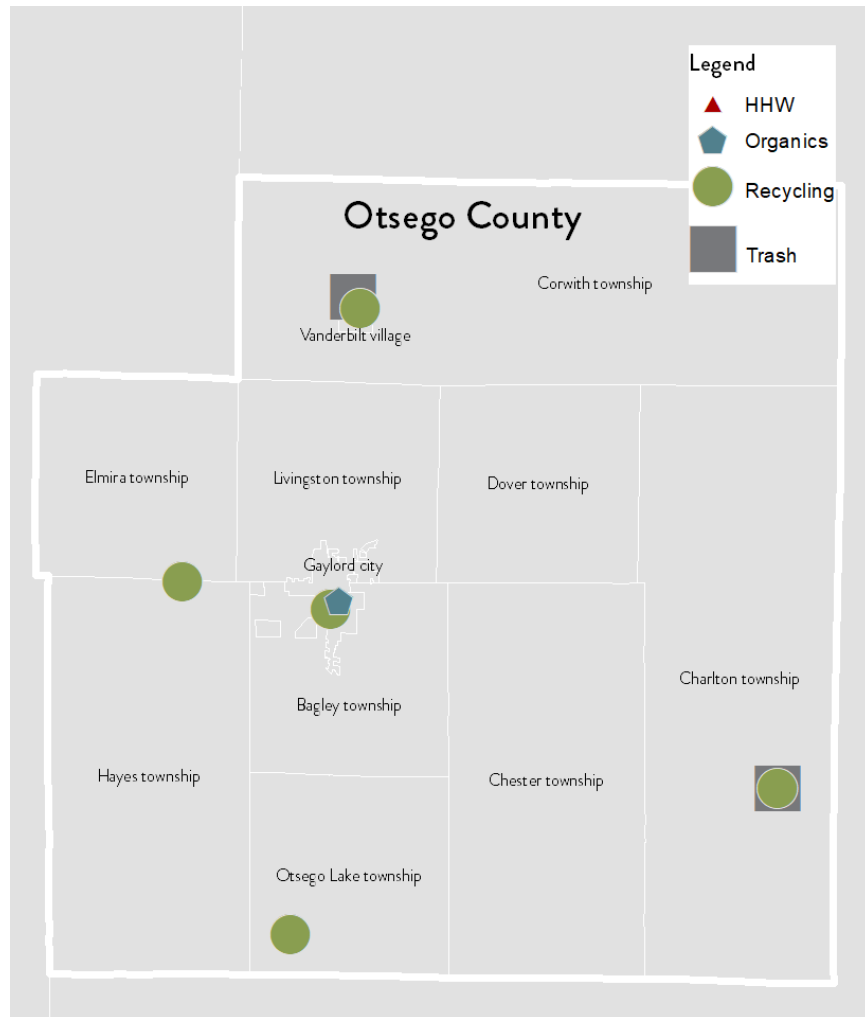
FACILITY TYPE	FACILITY NAME	FACILITY ADDRESS	CITY	PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY
Compost (Yard Waste)	City of Gaylord Department of Public Works Garage	102 E. 7th Street	Gaylord	
Drop-off (B, T, NT)	Charlton-Chester-Dover Township Transfer Station	2932 Rock Rd	Johannesburg	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (O)	City of Gaylord DPW Yard	102 E. 7th Street	Gaylord	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (B)	Corwith Township Transfer Station			Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T, NT)	Otsego County Recycling Bin - Central	931 S Otsego Avenue	Gaylord	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T, NT)	Otsego County Recycling Bin - North	621 Garfield St	Vanderbilt	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T, NT)	Otsego County Recycling Bin - South	247 Old State Rd	Waters	Permanent Drop-off
Drop-off (T, NT)	Otsego County Recycling Bin - West	71 Hayes Tower Rd	Gaylord	Permanent Drop-off
End Market	A & L Iron and Metal - Gaylord	2000 Milbocker Rd	Gaylord	

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
Gaylord City	Ordinance	Hauler Licensing; Recycling Requirement of Service Providers.

MUNICIPAL FUNDING MECHANISMS

Municipality	Waste Collection	Recycling Collection	Organics Collection	Bulky Item Collection
Ostego Lake Township	Special Assessment			
Bagley Township		Legislatively Authorized Millages		

COUNTY ORDINANCES

County	Policy type	Requirement
Otsego County	Ordinance	Trash receptacle set-out hours; Commercial dumpster disposition; Exemptions

COUNTY FUNDING MECHANISM

Otsego County provides funds to Conservation District for recycling program management.

DATA

REPORTED DATA

Some data is available regarding the recycling drop-off sites.

RESIDENTIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

Municipality	Population	Total Waste Generation (Tons) ¹	Total Recyclable Diversion (Tons)	Total Organics Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Bagley township	6,028	2,732	196	230	2,307
Charlton township	1,338	606	43	51	512
Chester township	1,184	537	38	45	453
Corwith township	1,191	540	39	45	456
Dover township	655	297	21	25	251
Elmira township	1,922	871	62	73	735
Gaylord city	3,644	1,652	118	139	1,394
Hayes township	2,679	1,214	87	102	1,025
Livingston township	2,582	1,170	84	98	988
Otsego Lake township	2,897	1,313	94	110	1,109
Vanderbilt village	493	223	16	19	189
TOTAL	24,613	11,155	799	938	9,418

COMMERCIAL WASTE PROJECTIONS

County	Approximate Number of Employees	Total Waste Generation (Tons)	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Otsego	7,329	12,642	1,247	11,395

TOTAL WASTE GENERATED PROJECTIONS

County	Total Waste Generation (Tons) ^{Error!} <small>Bookmark not defined.</small>	Total Diversion (Tons)	Total Requiring Disposal (Tons)
Otsego	23,797	2,984	20,813

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