



## Ionia Conservation District

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Dear municipal leaders of Ionia County,

As some of you may be aware, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is requiring all counties to update their County Solid Waste plans. By 2028, the Ionia County will adopt a new Materials Management Plan with a focus on reducing waste and finding ways to divert reusable materials from being landfilled. This comprehensive Plan covers a broad range of topics including conventional recyclables (plastic, glass, cans, cardboard, paper), organics (food waste, compost, agricultural waste), household hazardous waste, landfills, medical waste, construction and demolition, and more.

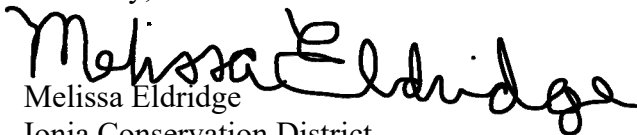
The Materials Management Planning Committee follows a scheduled work plan which divides the plan writing by each type of material. This means that there will be months at a time when the voices of some key stakeholders will not be necessary or relevant. If there is a topic that you find relevant to your municipality and you do not feel adequately represented, please feel free to reach out and let us know. In tandem with local leadership, the Materials Management Planning Committee would like to receive as much public input as possible to make sure that the goals set by the Plan accurately reflect the needs of the residents of Ionia County. To ensure this, Ionia Conservation District (Designated Planning Agency for Materials Management in Ionia County) is committed to the following measures:

1. Regularly provide survey materials to municipalities for public comment.
2. Provide quarterly updates to municipalities on the progress of the Materials Management Planning Committee.
3. Invite key stakeholders from municipalities to meetings where their input is critical.
4. Make all relevant publicly accessible information so that anyone can study the process and reasoning behind the choices made by the committee. This is available on the County website or by request.

Attached you will find a brief survey that we ask you to fill out and/or distribute to community members. This survey asks you to describe the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of Ionia County's current Solid Waste Plan (1999). There will be a survey for each material topic; the first is regarding conventional recyclables (plastic, glass, cans, cardboard, paper). This is one of your opportunities to inform the committee about the unique goals and needs of your municipality.

Thank you in advance for your valuable input.

Sincerely,



Melissa Eldridge

Ionia Conservation District

Ionia County Designated Planning Agency

### Mission

The primary responsibility of the Ionia Conservation District is to protect our natural resources by: encouraging the use of each acre of land and water within the limits of its capabilities, encouraging the treatment of each acre with the proper needs for protection and improvement, by acquainting people of the district with the importance of soil and water conservation, and providing assistance in Ionia County with conservation concerns.