



May Work Session ✓
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**Houghton County
Board of Commissioners
Agenda Item Request Form**

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Submitter Information:

- Name: Brendon Presnell
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Agenda Item Details:

- Title of Agenda Item: Proposal for Transfer Station Improvements and MMP Budget Update _____
- Requested Meeting Date: 4/14/2026
- Brief Description of the Item (include any decisions needed):

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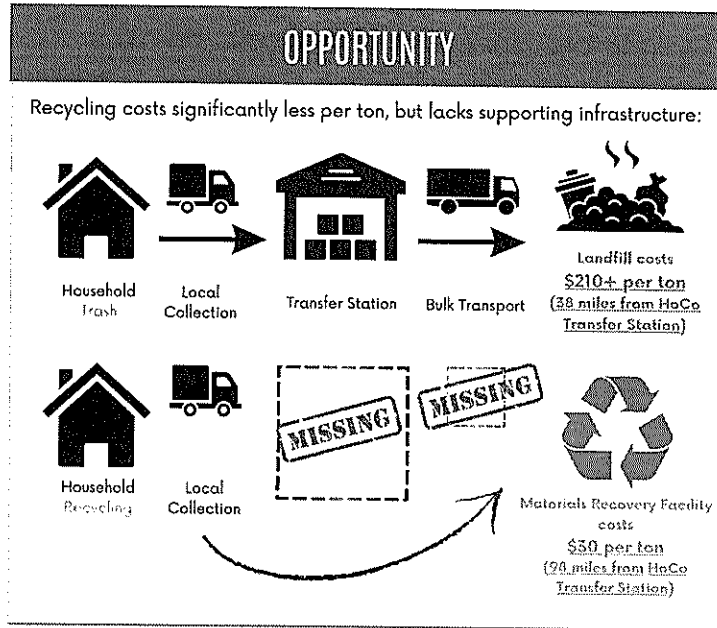
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Round 2 MMP Budget Item	Description of Services	Category	Amount	Current Grant End Date	Amended Grant End Date
WUPPDR (Acting Designated Planning Agency for Western UP MMP)	Continue to develop state-mandated Materials Management Plan, including regional profile, development of goals, identification of gaps in landfill diversion programs, and development of education and outreach programs around landfill diversion.	Contractual	\$ 56,000.00	12/7/2026	7/31/2027
Feasibility Study Technical Assistance	Contract engineering, architecture, and additional technical support for feasibility study on the development of a recycling tipping floor at the Houghton County Transfer Station.	Contractual	\$ 58,370.00		
Total			\$ 114,370.00		

THE CASE FOR RECYCLING

RECYCLING IN THE UP REDUCES COST AND HAS POPULAR SUPPORT PUBLICALLY AND MUNICIPALLY



INTEREST

PUBLIC

Of in-county survey respondents¹, average satisfaction with current materials management options was

5.4 out of 10

while interest in expanding recycling services averaged a score of

9.1 out of 10

MUNICIPALITIES

Six of the most populous municipalities² already support exploring infrastructure investment in partnership with the County, representing approximately

56%

of all Houghton County households

SUPPORT

Existing infrastructure at the Houghton County Transfer Station is aging out. To support ongoing operations as well as invest in the future, a recycling tipping floor feasibility study and capital improvements plan comes with:

\$449,000 in infrastructure assistance³

\$58,370 for engineering and technical assistance

\$56,000 in ongoing MMP education/management

\$199,000+ per year in increased operations funding⁴

NOTES

1. 189 total respondents from Houghton County collected between February and April 2026.
2. Supporting municipalities include Calumet Township and Village, Laurium, City of Hancock, City of Houghton, and Chassell Township.
3. Funding must be dedicated to recycling per EGLE Recycling Infrastructure Fund requirements.
4. Funding must be dedicated to recycling or resource recovery per PA 138 of 2005. Estimate is based on current support from municipalities. Municipalities and/or individuals may opt out of this estimate.