

EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 20, 2022

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONTINUATION OF AGRICULTURAL PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING
PILOT PROGRAM*Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee*

Commissioner Lautzenheiser moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Haskell.

WHEREAS, the County is charged by Public Act 451, Part 115, as amended, Eaton County Solid Waste Management Plan Update of February 1999 to enhance the separation, collection, and utilization of materials to increase the percentage of the solid waste stream diverted; and

WHEREAS, the County Department of Resource Recovery operates collection programs, which divert recyclable materials from landfills; and

WHEREAS, agricultural operations are widely practiced and are a critical economic sector in the State of Michigan and in the County; and

WHEREAS, high and low density polyethylene film plastic waste is a common and frequent externality of agricultural operations; and

WHEREAS, in partnership of the Michigan Recycling Coalition and Michigan Farm Bureau, the County Department of Resource Recovery developed a pilot program for recycling of high and low density polyethylene film plastics from agricultural operations in the County; and

WHEREAS, the first of its kind in the State recycling program launched in 2021 and to date has processed over 14,000 pounds of materials; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Resource Recovery recommends the pilot program be extended from May 1, 2021 through May 1, 2023 and continue the fee of \$0.08 per pound to support the collection, processing, and management of the film plastic material to continue to evaluate the program effectiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners approves the extension of the agricultural plastic film recycling pilot program and continuation of the \$0.08 per pound program fee through May 1, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Resource Recovery will provide data from this pilot program for evaluation to consider its effectiveness, continuation, expansion and/or modification to the Public Works and Planning Committee. Carried unanimously.

