

# Maine Climate Council Materials Management Task Force

April 9, 2024

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Meeting held via Zoom (recording available upon request)

Please refer to [MMTF webpage](#) for additional information about the Task Force.

Present (via Zoom):

Task Force Members/Staff: Susanne Lee (University of Maine), Alex Zipparo (Island Institute), Megan MP (GOPIF), George Parmenter (Hannaford), Greg Williams (Agri Energy), Michael Carroll (MRC), Travis Peaslee (LAWPCA), Vanessa Berry (NRCM), Juliana Beecher (ORISE Research Fellow), Carla Hopkins (Maine DEP Division of Materials Management Director), Cindy Isenhour (University of Maine)  
Guests/Public: Mark King (Organics Management Specialist, Maine DEP), Alison Bistline-East (University of Maine, Beverly Olsen, Jackie Elliott

Meeting Minutes

- 9:30a.m: Welcome of Task Force Members and Guests
- 9:35am: Discussion of food loss and waste, including data from new study, challenges, and potential solutions. Brief review of document showing WARM modeling that highlights emissions reductions from waste prevention and source reduction as compared to diversion from landfill.
  - Discussed benefits of reduction, need for and benefit of tracking at restaurants; financial savings from tracking to reduce food waste.
  - Discussed potential ideas to divert more, including:
  - Statewide train the trainer program, partnering with COGs and regional planning organizations, more backyard bins, highlighting National Food Waste Prevention week, partnering with schools, supporting municipalities and local composters with more hub-and-spoke collection, providing tax credits for food donation with tiers providing more incentive for donation but some credit for diversion (composting, AD).
- 11:30am: Meeting Adjourned

Reminders:

- Detailed informal meeting notes including timing of discussions are provided in the [April 9th Small Group Discussion](#) folder, which is accessible to all members and to the public upon request.
- Reach out to Megan Mansfield-Pryor ([megan.mansfieldpryor@maine.gov](mailto:megan.mansfieldpryor@maine.gov)) for any additional input.