

## WASTE REDUCTION/ ZERO WASTE <http://rccmn.co/zero-waste/>

### Overview

- **Now** - Solid Waste contributes 3% of direct MN GHG emissions. [MPCA 2018 Data](#) [EPA](#) Life-cycle GHGs in products we use (especially food) are greater. [MPCA Consumption-based emission inventory](#)
- **Goal** - Zero Waste Vision - diverting 90% or more of all discarded materials from landfills and incinerators.
- **How** Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Increase recycling rates. Organics Recycling. EPR. Anaerobic Digestion.
- **Co-Benefits** - Save money & life cycle emissions, compost/healthy soil, air & water quality, green jobs.

### Local Policies

**Action 37.** Adopt policies to demonstrably increase materials reuse and/or organics collection, commercial food waste prevention [GSC BP#22](#)

**Action 38.** Adopt a construction and demolition waste ordinance that requires reuse/recycling [GSC BP#22.8](#)

OPTIONAL - **Initiate Organized Collection** - Improve/organize residential trash, recycling and organics collection by private and/or public operations and offer significant volume-based pricing on residential garbage and/or incentives for recycling. [GSC BP#22.7](#)

### City/County Coordinated Investments

**Action 39. Update County-Wide Solid Waste Master Plan** & expand city/county/community implementation partnerships to set and achieve ambitious waste diversion/zero waste goals.

- MN statute requires metro counties to prepare master plans every six years that identify strategies to meet the recycling goals and objectives in the state's [Metro Area Solid Waste Management Policy Plan](#).
- **Learn about & give feedback to strengthen [Hennepin County's Draft Zero Waste Plan](#)** During our [Oct 6, City County Climate Action Conference](#) Zero Waste session [www.beheardhennepin.org/zero-waste-future](http://www.beheardhennepin.org/zero-waste-future)

### Advancing State & Federal Policies

**Action 40.** Support State-Level Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Legislation

- Partnership on Waste & Energy [MN EPR Timeline](#) [2022 Legislative Platform](#)