

SUMMARY OF THE DRAFT REVIEWED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE MRC DU HAUT-SAINT-FRANÇOIS FOR 2024 -2031

Background

The *MRC du Haut-Saint-François* presents its draft reviewed waste management plan (or 'PGMR', in French) to the public. The purpose of the PGMR is to help the MRC and its municipalities plan their waste management activities and services for the next seven years.

The previous PGMR, for the 2016-2020 period, proposed 36 measures to improve waste management on the territory of the *MRC du Haut-Saint-François*. In summary, four (4) of the measures proposed in this PGMR have been implemented, such as the study comparing different approaches for the management of septic tank sludge. The implementation of twenty-four (24) other measures, such as the *Mouvement j'y participe* campaign, is in progress. On the other hand, eight (8) measures have either not been implemented or have been abandoned, such as the reuse center ('ressourcerie') project.

Highlights

According to the disposal data from Environment Québec (MELCCFP), each citizen of the *MRC du Haut-Saint-François* eliminated an average of 371 kg of waste in 2021. This figure includes all three sectors: residential, industrial, commercial and institutional (IC&I) and construction and demolition (C&D).

The overall recycling rate for these three sectors is estimated at 42% in 2021, with the residential sector having recovered 57% its waste. Waste is recovered mainly through the collection of recyclables, organics and voluntary drop-off at eco-centers.

Action Plan

The PGMR's action plan aims to achieve the targets of the 2019-2024 Action Plan of Quebec's Waste Management Policy, as well as those of the Organic Waste Recovery Strategy. The PGMR's action plan focuses on the following directions:

1. Reduce the quantity of waste sent to landfill by prioritizing the three Rs
2. Implement the management and recovery of all organics on the territory
3. Promote sound management of waste from the IC&I and C&D sectors
4. Acquire information to optimize waste management services and resources

The measures proposed in the action plan concern the following fields:

- Promote source reduction and reuse
- Collect and process organics from residential and IC&I sectors
- Support IC&I in improving their waste management performance
- Create incentives for the proper management of C&D waste