



MassDEP C&D Subcommittee

Via Zoom Webinar

September 25, 2025

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Agenda

- Welcome
- C&D Action Plan Mid-Course Assessment
- Program Updates
- Open Discussion

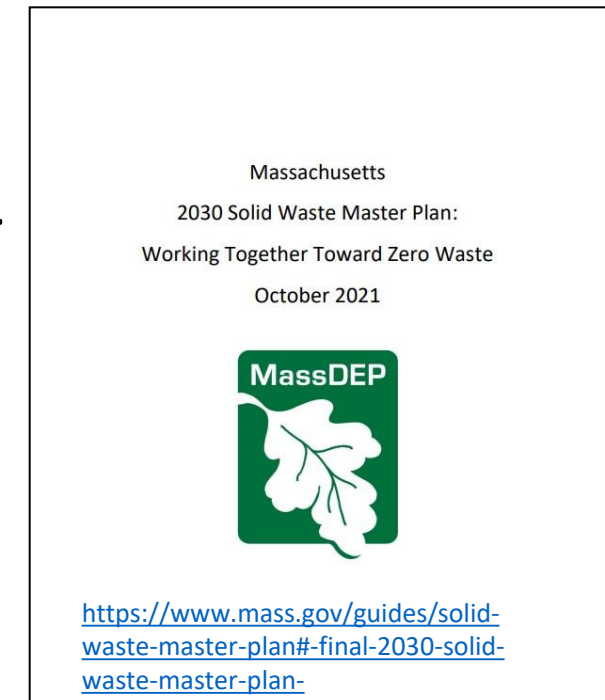
Welcome

- 40 individuals registered for the Zoom call as of 9/25/2025
 - C&D Facilities/waste facilities/waste haulers: 10
 - Recyclers: 1
 - Property owners/Developers: 1
 - Construction/Demo Contractors: 6
 - Consultants/Architects/Designers: 6
 - Trade Associations: 1
 - Government Agencies: 10
 - NGOs/Academia: 5

C&D Action Plan Mid-Course Assessment

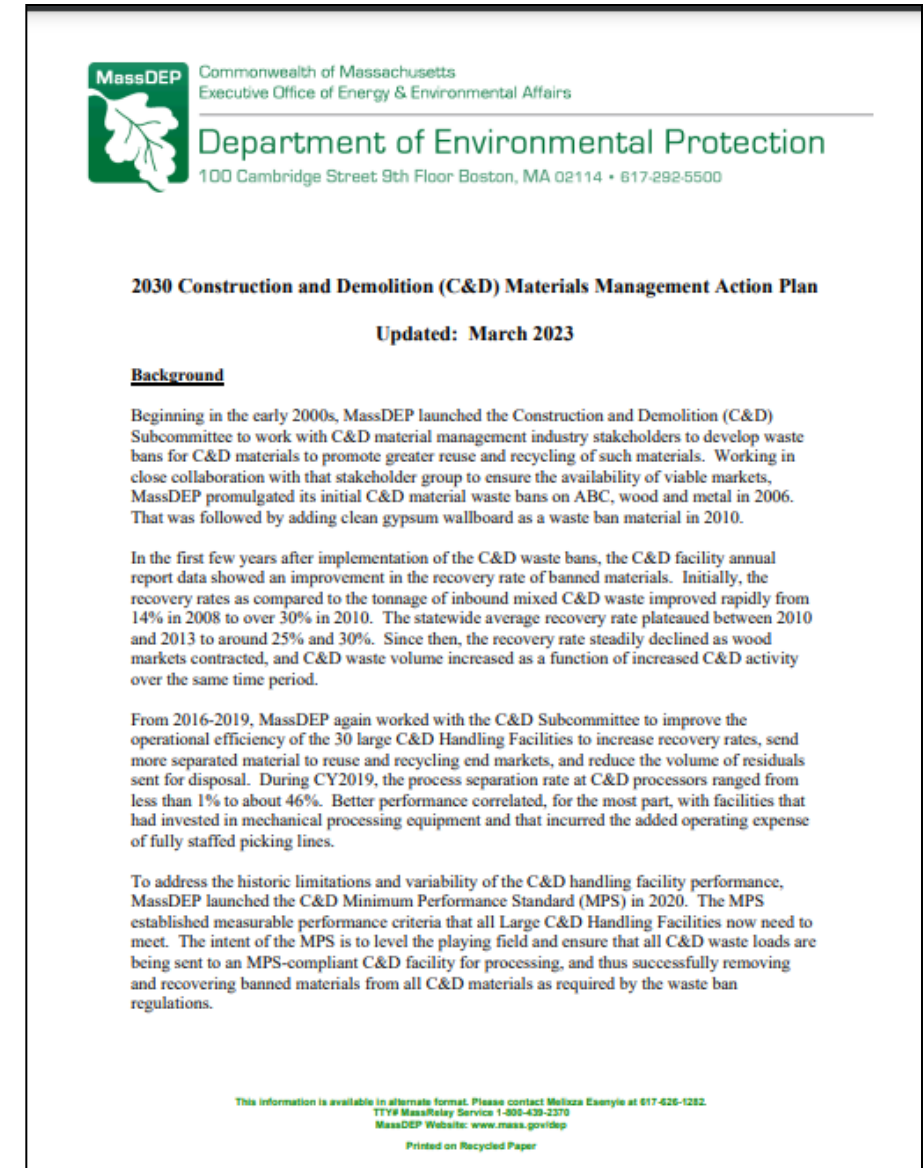
Reason and Timeline for Mid-Course Assessment

- 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan (SWMP)
 - Establishes the Commonwealth's policy framework for reducing and managing solid waste that is generated, reused, recycled, or disposed by Massachusetts residents and businesses.
 - Proposes a broad vision and strategies for managing waste over the next decade and beyond
 - MassDEP committed to mid-course assessment by 2025
 - Evaluate and modify Action Plans contained within the SWMP
- C&D Action Plan:
 - Establishes tactical objectives to achieve the C&D waste reduction goals.
- Spring/Summer 2025:
 - Evaluate scope and progress of current C&D action plan
 - Solicit input and prepare draft updates
 - Conduct follow-up workgroup meetings as necessary
- Fall 2025:
 - Finalize updated C&D Action Plan



C&D Action Plan

- Establishes 4 main objectives
 1. Improve Jobsite Waste Management
 2. Enhance Collection & Processing
 3. Develop End Markets
 4. Promote State Inter-agency Cooperation to Advance “Leading by Example”



Objective 1: Improve Jobsite Waste Management

- Promote waste re-use, reduction and separation at the job site
 1. Technical assistance through RecyclingWorks
 2. Promote jobsite source separation, diversion and deconstruction
 3. Encourage conformance to Green Building Standards



Source: Michael Orbank – Structure Tone, CLF-Boston/NE

Suggestions from May-2025 C&D Meeting

Jobsite Waste Management

- Consider adopting certain best practices of the California Treated Wood Waste Alternative Management Standards (CHSC 25230-25230.18) applicable to C&D jobsites
- Support Deconstruction Initiatives
 - Collaborate with Reduce & Reuse Work Group to conduct Deconstruction Workshop (Oct-2025)

Suggestions from May-2025 C&D Meeting

Jobsite Waste Mgt. Outreach/Education

- Reach out to Trade Associations to encourage more jobsite source separation.
- Reach out to Unions, for example :
 - Local #327 North Atlantic States Carpenter's Union,
 - Home - Laborers' International Union of North America
- Reach out to Vocational High Schools with an awareness effort to integrate diversion and recycling into the trades
- Reach out to General Contractors and Developers

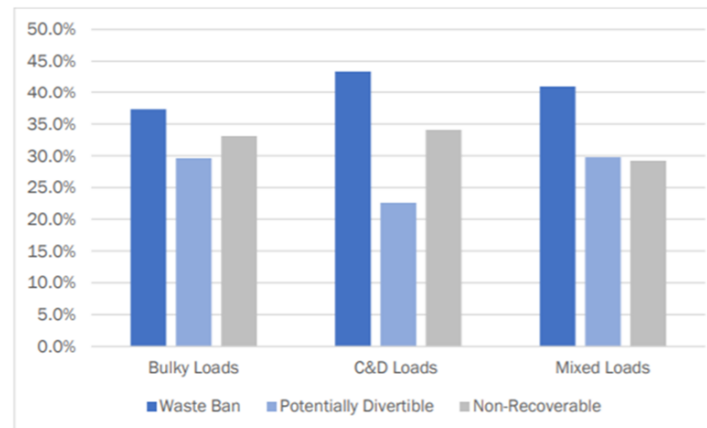
Objective 2: Enhance Collection & Processing

- Improve C&D Facility Performance
 1. Establish Minimum Performance Standards (MPS) for C&D Processors
 2. Provide financial investment to improve process efficiency and effectiveness (e.g. RLF, RBDG)
 3. Improve implementation of C&D waste bans (WBs): Clarify definitions and standards; improve enforcement of existing WBs; evaluate adding new WB materials

Incremental Increases in PSR Minimum Threshold (announced in July 2024)

- Schedule of incremental increases in PSR minimum threshold:
 - 2020 = 15% (effective 1/01/2020)
 - 2025 = 20% (effective 1/01/2025)
 - 2027 = 23% (effective 1/01/2027)
 - 2030 = 25% (effective 1/01/2030)

Figure 4-7 Comparison of Composition by Waste Type



<https://www.mass.gov/doc/statewide-bulky-waste-characterization-study-june-2022/download>

Suggestions from May-2025 C&D Meeting

Improve C&D Facility Performance

- Industry introduced a proposal to classify certain mixed C&D loads generated at jobsites with jobsite source separation as “C&D Residuals” upon receipt at the facility without further processing;
 - If implemented, industry suggested a verification process would need to be developed
- Improve Accuracy and Precision of C&D Facility Operation Reports

MassDEP actions subsequent to May-2025 C&D Meeting

- June-2025
 - Launched new C&D Operations Report Form in EXCEL format
 - Increased frequency of operations reporting to quarterly for C&D Processors
- Sept-2025
 - Announce plan to conduct more strict compliance and enforcement inspections

Objective 3. Develop End Markets

1. Expand existing wood markets
2. Expand other markets for materials such as asphalt shingles, gypsum, carpet, etc.
3. Develop common C&D materials product specifications (improve reliability for end-markets)
4. Identify outlets for C&D Fines



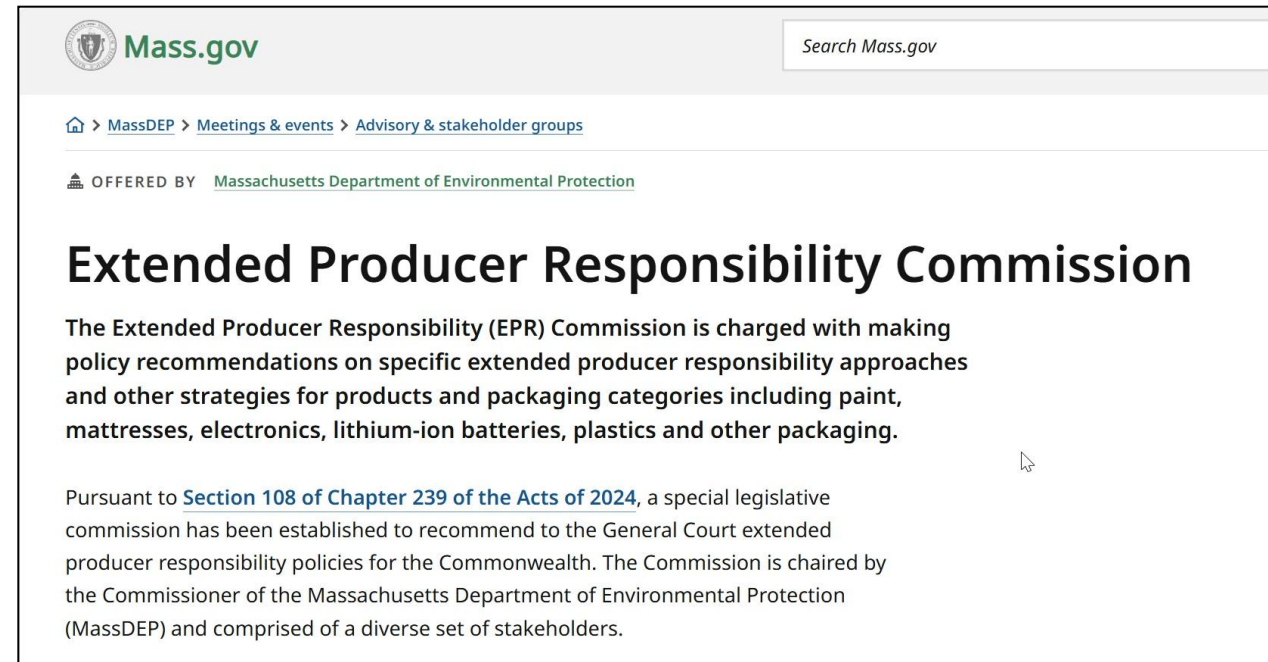
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Develop End Markets

- Continue exploring international markets for use of C&D wood chip as biomass fuel:
 - The Bruening Group, a German biomass import broker for EU markets;
 - Porte Belledune, NB, a Canadian shipping port for wood chip to biomass markets in EU and Asia
- Explore market development opportunities for large construction projects:
 - For example, \$2 billion Sagamore Bridge project represents a significant opportunity for use of recycled materials. Bourne Bridge to follow later.
<https://www.mass.gov/cape-cod-bridges-program>
- Collaborate with Recycling Market Development Workgroup (established Jan-2022)

Objective 4: Promote State Inter-agency Cooperation to Advance “Leading by Example”

- Optimize Regulatory/Policy Incentives
 1. Develop generic BUD for coated concrete
 2. Explore management standards for extended producer responsibility (take-back) programs (e.g. gypsum wallboard, carpet, etc.); promote optimal end-of-life re-use and product stewardship
 3. Promote interagency cooperation “leading by example”



Suggestions from May-2025 C&D Meeting

Leading by Example

- Pursue opportunities with DCAMM for renovation contracts; make sure design specs include clause for reuse/recycling of construction materials
- Pursue opportunities with MassDOT:
 - ABC recycling,
 - Processed Glass Aggregate for Pozzolan

Suggestions from May-2025 C&D Meeting

Climate Change/GHG Emissions

- Reach out to Embodied Carbon Intergovernmental Coordinating Council to encourage interagency cooperation; invite ECICC representative to a future Subcommittee meeting to establish more direct connection with C&D stakeholder community

Next Steps

- October: evaluate suggestions for regulatory/policy/program feasibility and viability
- November: revise C&D Action plan with selected suggestions
- December: finalize and published revised C&D Action Plan on webpage


Announcements


Building Material Reuse & Deconstruction Workshop


- Day long, in-person workshop on October 23 in Boston
- Facilitated by [Sustainable Performance Institute](#)
- Gathering of practitioners to help define actionable next steps
- *By invitation only*: to ensure all targeted sectors are represented
- Discuss challenges and opportunities in Massachusetts
- Map out plan toward implementation
- Stay tuned!


Recycling & Reuse Business Development Grant


Next Round Fall 2025 (ca. December)


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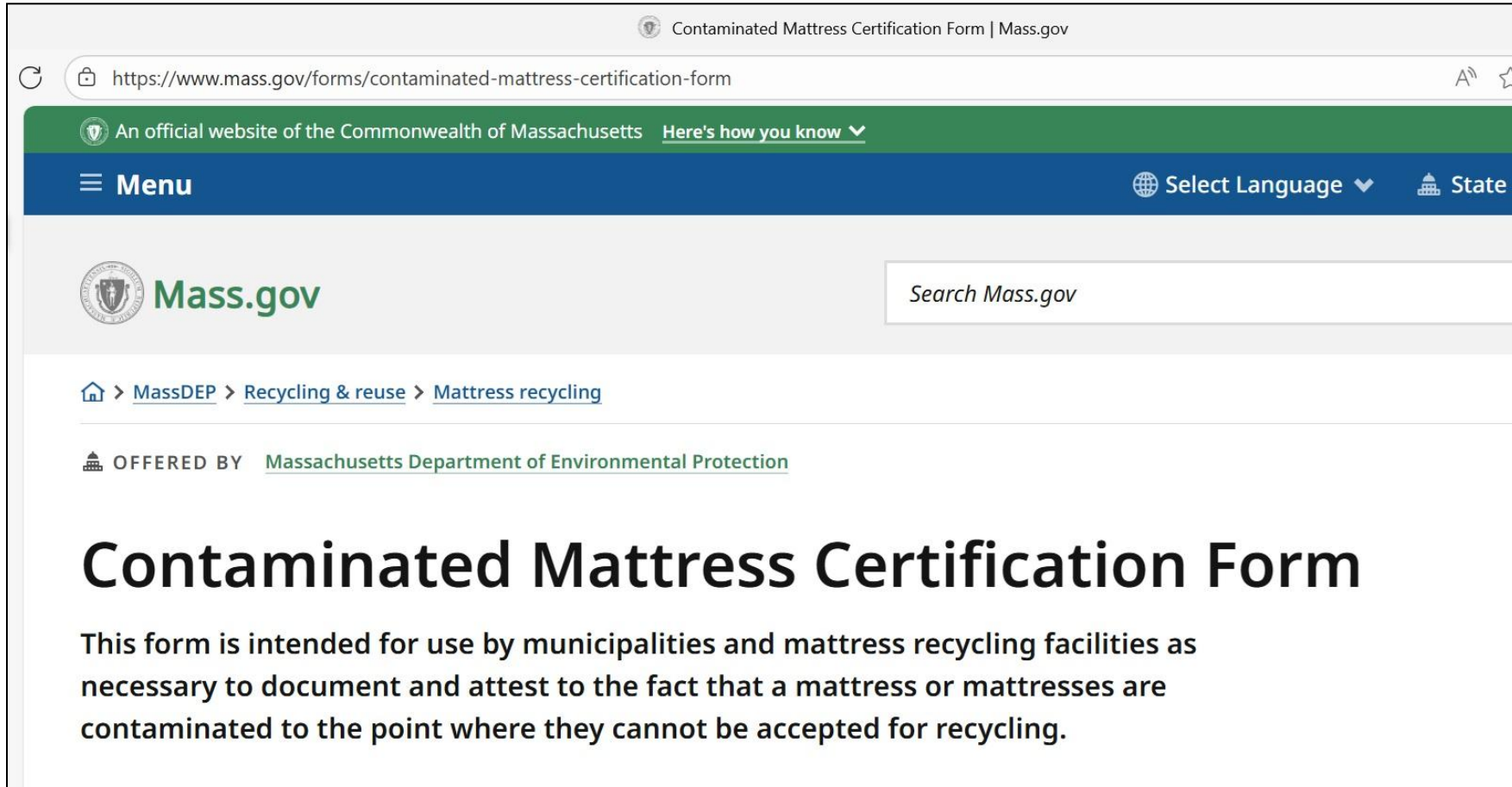
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Apply for a Recycling & Reuse Business Development Grant

This program provides grants to Massachusetts businesses and non-profit organizations to expand recycling, reuse, and composting infrastructure in Massachusetts.

<https://www.mass.gov/how-to/apply-for-a-recycling-reuse-business-development-grant>

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- C&D Action Plan: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/cd-action-plan/download>
- C&D Materials Management webpage: <https://www.mass.gov/lists/managing-construction-demolition-cd-wastes>
- C&D Subcommittee Webpage: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massdep-construction-demolition-subcommittee>