



**NEXTCYCLE
MICHIGAN**

I2P3: ADVANCING RECYCLING & COMPOSTING IN MICHIGAN COMMUNITIES

NextCycle Michigan's **Intergovernmental Initiatives and Public-Private Partnerships (I2P3) Accelerator Track** provides support for public-sector materials management projects focused on collaborative waste-reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and anaerobic digestion projects in Michigan.

THE PROGRAM

Selected teams participate in a six-month business incubator-style program, meeting virtually and in person, to move their projects to investment-attractive and implementation-ready status.

- Jump start your project support with a multi-day business, finance and technical Accelerator Academy.
- Further develop your project with mentorship and one-on-one consulting from recycling, business and industry experts.
- Access research, data and other information resources.
- Take advantage of matchmaking with potential partners and funders.
- Participate in a Showcase event to pitch your project to an audience of government, business and investment leaders.
- Identify opportunities to apply for dedicated state recycling and market development grants.
- Build your network and gain recognition.

ELIGIBILITY & EQUITY

I2P3 project types include:

- Developing or scaling recycling systems (e.g., drop-off centers, material aggregation, collection or processing).
- Developing funding and organizing mechanisms (e.g., authorities, joint contracting or public private partnerships).
- Expanding access to multi-family housing or businesses.
- Developing a community reuse, repair and/or tool-share center.
- Or innovate in these areas and beyond!

Teams must be led by a public entity with at least one other partner. Partners may be businesses, institutions, non-profits and/or other local governments, tribes or public agencies. Out-of-state organizations can be part of a team, however, the project must directly recover Michigan materials.

Rural, low-income and other traditionally underserved communities and teams including minority and/or women-owned businesses are especially encouraged to apply. NextCycle Michigan aims to be inclusive and values diversity and equity.

ALUMNI TEAMS



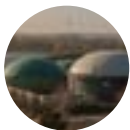
NORTH OAKLAND COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AUTHORITY (NOCRRRA)

Townships and municipalities around Pontiac and the Pontiac Regional Chamber of Commerce utilized NextCycle Michigan to analyze the potential of forming a new resource recovery authority. NOCRRRA is designed to realize savings through joint contracting for recycling services and improve local systems to triple the volume of recyclables returned to the economy.



THE U.P. RECYCLING COLLABORATION

Unbeknownst to each other, Upper Peninsula neighbors Alger County, Schoolcraft County, and the HSC Foundation each applied to NextCycle Michigan with projects to improve local recycling. I2P3 track leaders suggested collaborating and through the accelerator process, together they developed a joint plan to expand recycling access in the region.



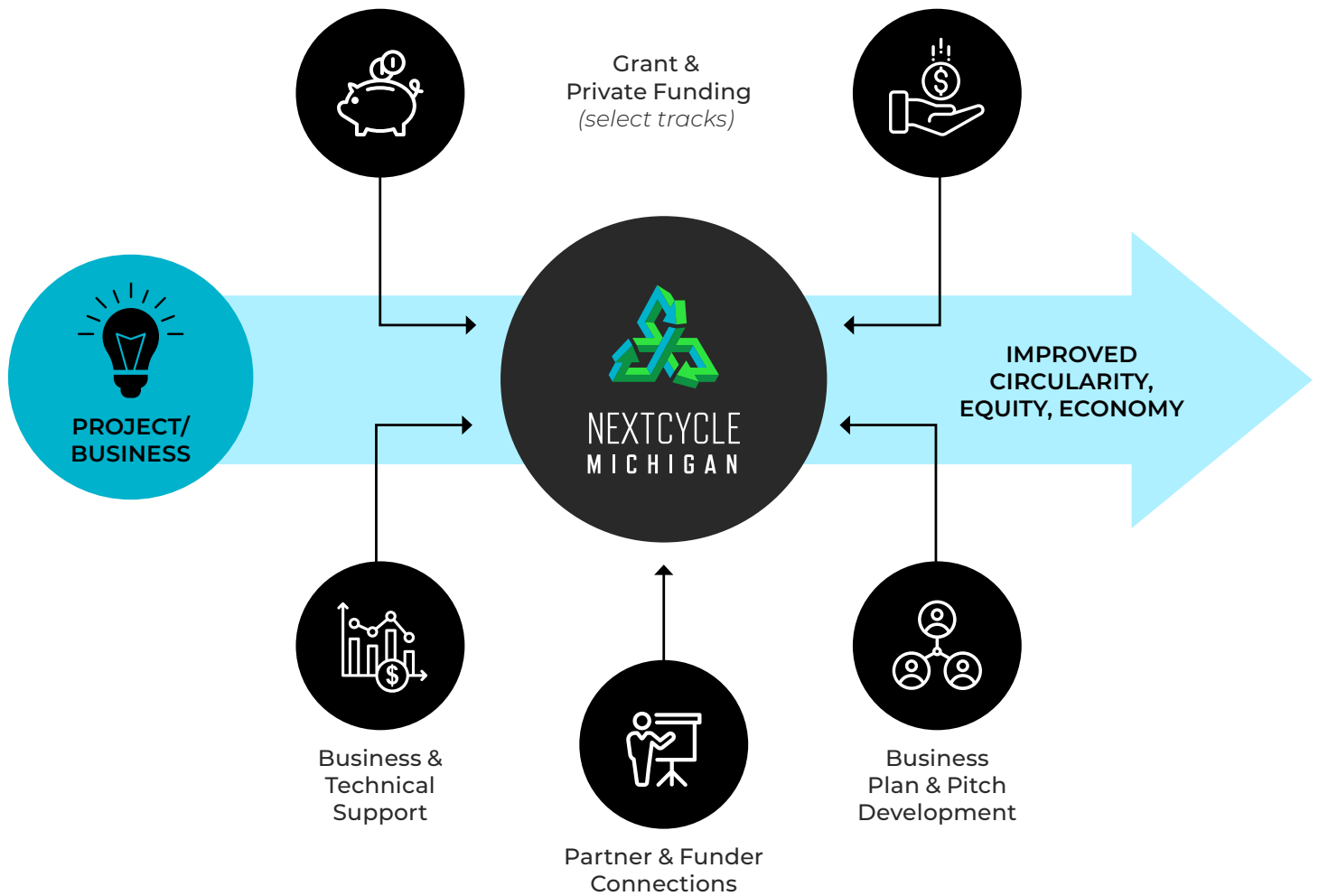
MT PLEASANT ANAEROBIC DIGESTER

Central Michigan University and the city of Mt. Pleasant formed a NextCycle Michigan team to ramp up anaerobic co-digestion of food waste and sewage treatment sludge at the city's Water Resource Recovery Facility. Anaerobic co-digestion produces biogas fuel and improves biosolids for fertilizer. In the future, they plan to cooperatively expand their capacity to treat food waste from local communities, businesses, and institutions.

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NextCycle Michigan is designed to advance projects that build capacity for material recovery, reuse and recycling in Michigan and offers a variety of pathways to participate through accelerator tracks, data, resources and partner connections.

Although funding is not guaranteed, accepted teams have opportunities to access dedicated grant pools from EGLE, to connect with potential funders and to participate in competitions with monetary prizes.



NextCycle Michigan is an initiative of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), facilitated by RRS, with the support of numerous public, private and non-profit partners.

Funding for NextCycle Michigan is provided by Michigan's Renew fund, established in 2019 with funds allocated through the state budget process. Additionally, the program provides a pathway for private organizations, trade associations and non-profits to leverage the state's investment and connect resources to advance projects that are building a robust and equitable circular economy in Michigan.

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