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There are a lot of positive things in the waste management plan, but...

MPCA must shut down the HERC. It's a clear issue of environmental justice that needs immediate action. The planning document itself states the unknown results of burning pfas. The lack of environmental impact studies on an incinerator near a community of color is damning when part of the plan's vision is "equitable improvement to public health."

I do support the statement about re-using buildings and building materials but feel like it needs to be incentivized, especially with recent changes in residential zoning opening up types of development in residential areas.

I do support holding companies responsible for "cradle to grave" or hopefully "cradle to cradle" for their products.

The plan should be more aggressive with reuse streams and education.

As an example, e-waste education and resources need expansion— RePowered in St. Paul is an organization already dealing with electronic waste.

In general, education is easier if there's one overarching plan that applies and works for everyone in the region.