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Over 90 Michigan planners attended the session organized by Mr. Henry Jerred, CCED Research Assistant and Dr. Rex LaMore, CCED Director, at the Michigan Association of Planning's Annual Conference on Oct 23rd discussing Michigan's PA 233 and the potential this recently enacted law may have to advance community benefit agreements and material salvage and reuse through decommissioning of renewable energy facilities.

On October 23rd, CCED Director Dr. Rex LaMore and Research Assistant Henry Jerred presented at the Michigan Association of Planning's (MAP's) annual Planning Michigan Conference. Their session, "The Changing Role of Planning: Host Community Agreements and Decommissioning Policies," explored shifting decision-making power and new opportunities for community development brought about by Michigan's recently implemented Public Act 233. The legislation establishes new processes for siting renewable energy and storage facilities, allowing state planners to "leapfrog" local authority in certain circumstances. Notably, PA 233 includes provisions for host community agreements--similar to community benefit agreements--and introduces decommissioning policies, requiring developers to fund the disassembly of infrastructure

at its end of life. LaMore and Jerred discussed how local government can wield these provisions within a circular economy framework to negotiate better outcomes, manage risk, and ensure developments are beneficial and sustainable. Their session generated strong interest and will hopefully inform future planning efforts across the state.

