

# WHC CONSERVATION CERTIFICATION® BUFFALO RIDGE LANDFILL



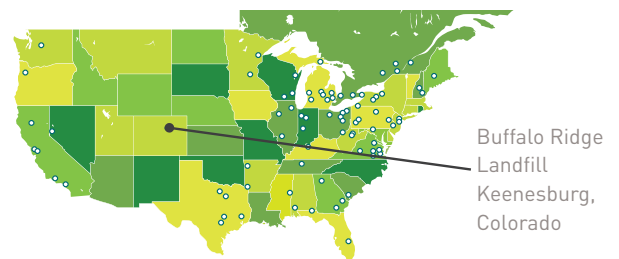
For more than 20 years, Waste Management has partnered with Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) to promote sustainability, wildlife preservation, biodiversity and environmental education at the company's WHC-certified sites. At Buffalo Ridge Landfill in Keenesburg, Colorado, employees actively manage 4,640 acres for a conservation project focused on awareness and engagement. **The conservation program at Buffalo Ridge Landfill has been WHC-certified since 2011.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- Artificial perches, nest platforms and brush piles constructed to benefit raptors such as red-tailed hawk and Swainson's hawk.
- Community members educated about repurposing waste materials into brush piles and rock piles to benefit small mammals and reptiles, as well as the raptors that prey upon them.
- Annual Spring Clean-Up Day held to teach local community members about the benefits of brush piles and rock piles, how to construct them, and to share general awareness about the site's habitats and species.
- Field trips for local schools offered several times per year, during which students learn how brush piles and rock piles benefit wildlife and learn more about the site's habitats and species.
- Short-grass prairie habitat managed through control of invasive species, grazing and routine mowing.
- Pond managed to provide a year-round source of drinking water for wildlife.



Waste Management has WHC-certified programs across North America



## CONSERVATION PROJECT

- AVIAN: Raptors
- AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT: Brush Shelter
- GRASSLAND: Short-Grass Prairie
- GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE: SW Basin
- WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES: Entrance Pond

## RESOURCES

[sustainability.wm.com](http://sustainability.wm.com)

