

# WHC CERTIFICATION CHARLES CITY COUNTY LANDFILL



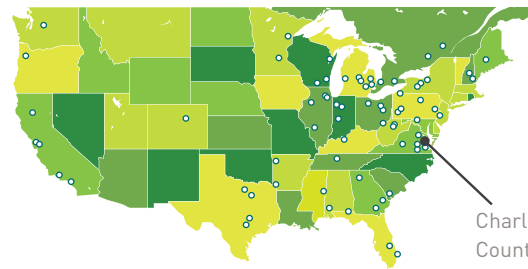
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At Charles City County Landfill in Charles City, Virginia, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds, bats and grasslands. **The conservation program at Charles City County Landfill has been WHC-certified since 2010.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- Bluebird nesting boxes on-site are monitored weekly during the breeding season and have proven successful in the last two years, with bluebirds nesting in two out of the three boxes.
- The wood duck boxes were inaccessible the past three years due to high water level, so instead, the site has been monitored for wood duck presence with quite a few nesting pairs noted using tree cavities and other features on-site to breed.
- Team members monitor the bat boxes monthly, with no evidence of bats since this project began. A small wildflower garden has been added near one of the boxes to provide foraging opportunities, and there are additional discussions about how to attract bats in the future.
- The Charles City County Landfill bat project was nominated for a WHC Award in 2020.
- The site seeded two acres of native wildflowers in an area that serves pollinators to help increase wildlife diversity.






WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Charles City County Landfill, Charles City, Virginia

## CONSERVATION PROJECTS

-  **AVIAN**  
Charles City Eastern Bluebirds, Charles City Wood Ducks
-  **BATS**  
Charles City Bats
-  **GRASSLAND**  
Charles City Wildflowers

## RESOURCES

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