

# WHC CERTIFICATION CITY DISPOSAL CORPORATION LANDFILL



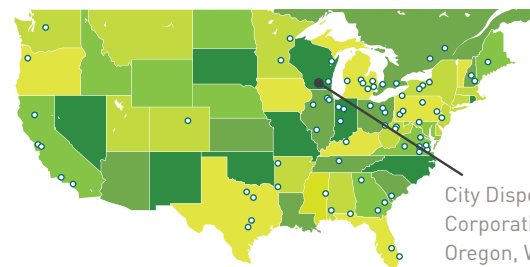
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At City Disposal Corporation Landfill in Oregon, Wisconsin, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds, bats, grasslands, reptiles and amphibians and wetlands and waterbodies. **The conservation program at City Disposal Corporation Landfill has been WHC-certified since 2009.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- Since 2009, the landfill cap has been mowed annually to prevent growth of woody vegetation with the goal of maintaining a grassland habitat. Over 128 native plant species can be found throughout the grassland.
- A portion of this site consists of wetland and pond habitats to support a variety of wildlife species. These are also monitored annually to ensure native species are flourishing.
- Bluebird boxes were placed on-site in 2009 and are monitored throughout the nesting season, with great success shown in the last year by nesting tree swallows, wrens and bluebirds.
- Ongoing monitoring of bat activity began in 2015 with the goal of providing shelter for native bats. With little luck of bats nesting in 2020, the box was moved in 2021 and is still being monitored.
- The reptile and amphibian monitoring project started in 2017 and has proven quite successful with grey tree frogs using the PVC pipes and garter snakes finding refuge under plywood cover boards. These structures are monitored nearly weekly from late spring to early fall.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



City Disposal Corporation Landfill, Oregon, Wisconsin

## GOLD STATUS

## CONSERVATION PROJECTS

-  **AVIAN**  
Bluebird, Wood Duck, Purple Martin
-  **BATS**  
Little Brown Bat Roost Monitoring
-  **GRASSLAND**  
Grassland Habitat/Food Plot
-  **REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS**  
Reptile and Amphibian Refuge/Monitoring
-  **WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES**  
Pond and Wetland Habitat

**RESOURCES**  
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