

WHC CONSERVATION CERTIFICATION® DAFTER SANITARY LANDFILL



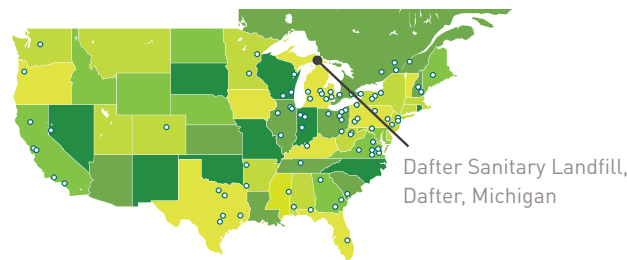
For more than 20 years, Waste Management has partnered with Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) to promote sustainability, wildlife preservation, biodiversity and environmental education at the company's WHC-certified sites. At Dafter Sanitary Landfill in Dafter, Michigan, employees actively manage 125 acres for conservation projects focused on birds and wetlands. **The conservation program at Dafter Sanitary Landfill has been WHC-certified since 2009.**

PRACTICES AND IMPACTS



- Native trees and plants planted throughout the site including purple meadow rue, high-bush cranberry, soft-stem bulrush, water smartweed, black-eyed Susan, blazing star, butterfly weed and Ohio goldenrod.
- Invasive species like reed canary grass controlled through herbicide treatments and regular monitoring.
- Nest boxes installed for native birds including songbirds, kestrels, red-winged black birds, geese, mallards and cranes. Dead trees, or snags, were also installed to provide additional nesting and foraging habitat for birds.
- Rotational mowing plan implemented.
- Nature trail established along with an observation deck with educational signage to provide information on habitats.
- Tours and educational opportunities provided throughout the year to Boy Scouts, local school groups and the surrounding community.



Waste Management has WHC-certified programs across North America



CONSERVATION PROJECTS

-  **AVIAN** Bird Diversity
-  **WETLANDS AND WATERBODIES** Cedar Rail Wetlands and Wildlife Area

RESOURCES

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