

WHC CERTIFICATION ELK RIVER LANDFILL



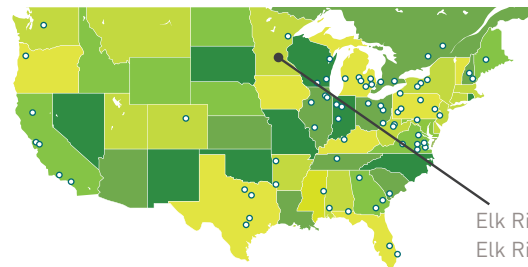
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At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

PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- Bird nesting boxes were installed on-site to provide breeding and nesting habitat for wood ducks and bluebirds.
- On-site avian populations are monitored by employees and volunteers from community youth groups.
- A pollinator garden was created by employees with the assistance of local youth volunteers and a master gardener. The garden features native wildflowers such as yarrow, sedum and butterfly weed.
- Bee blocks were installed in the pollinator garden provide shelter for native bees, with plans to supplement with additional blocks in spring 2024.







WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Elk River Landfill,
Elk River, Minnesota

SILVER STATUS

CONSERVATION PROJECTS

-  **AVIAN**
Bluebirds, Wood Ducks, Wild Turkey
-  **BATS**
Bats
-  **LANDSCAPED**
Pollinator Garden
-  **POLLINATORS**
Native Bees and Insects

RESOURCES

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