## WHC CERTIFICATION HILLSBORD LANDFILL AND TUALATIN VALLEY WASTE RECOVERY

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 Hillsboro Landfill and Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery in Hillsboro, Oregon, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds, forests, invasive species and reptiles and amphibians. **The conservation program at Hillsboro Landfill and Tualatin Valley Waste Recovery has been WHC-certified since 2003.** 

## **PRACTICES AND IMPACTS**

- The site manages the property to benefit the great blue heron by monitoring the population and addressing habitat and life cycle needs for the species. Surveys show that 113 species of birds have been observed at Hillsboro Landfill since 2017.
- WM partners with Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve to manage and reduce invasive populations for the last decade using survey techniques and Early Detection/Rapid Response (EDRR) plans.
- Team members installed logs and tree roots in ponds and the wetland to provide additional habitat for turtles. The species is monitored in collaboration with Jackson Bottoms Wetland Reserve, yielding an increase in the turtle population since 2019.

