

# WHC CERTIFICATION LACONIA TRANSFER STATION



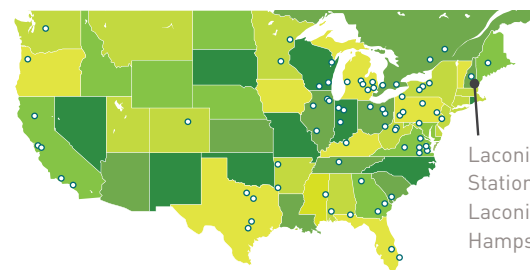
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At Laconia Transfer Station in Laconia, New Hampshire, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on native birds, awareness and community engagement, invasive species, landscaped habitats, other habitats and pollinators. **The conservation program at Laconia Transfer Station has been WHC-certified since 2012.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- Ten nest boxes were installed to provide nesting sites for second cavity-nesting species, and hollowed-out snags were preserved for additional shelter.
- An educational kiosk informs visitors about the ongoing wildlife programs as well as details about invasive species management and the importance of local pollinators.
- Through mowing and hand-pulling, the team manages invasive species such as purple loosestrife, Japanese knotweed and garlic mustard.
- Mowing and species selection is conducted to maintain a gradual decline in the height of vegetation off of the forests edge to promote wildlife use. This area is actively managed and monitored by team members.









WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Laconia Transfer Station, Laconia, New Hampshire

## SILVER STATUS

### CONSERVATION PROJECTS

-  **AVIAN**  
Cavity-Nesting Species
-  **AWARENESS AND ENGAGEMENT**  
Educational Kiosk and Handouts, Wildlife Learning Events
-  **INVASIVE SPECIES**  
Invasive Species Management
-  **LANDSCAPED**  
Landscaped Habitat
-  **OTHER HABITATS**  
Forest Edge Areas
-  **POLLINATORS**  
Pollinators

## RESOURCES

[sustainability.wm.com](http://sustainability.wm.com)

