WHC CERTIFICATION MENOMINEE 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 Menominee Landfill in Menominee, Michigan, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds and other species. **The conservation program at Menominee Landfill has been WHC-certified since 2009.**

PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- Bird boxes were constructed and installed to support native cavity-nesting birds, including wood ducks and tree swallows.
- Monitoring of the boxes occurs weekly during nesting season, and the data is submitted to Cornell University's NestWatch, a nationwide nest monitoring program designed to track status and trends in the reproductive biology of birds.
- New walleye fry are introduced to the pond every year and reared to fingerlings. The success rate of rearing the fish at the site has been good.
- The fingerlings are counted annually and used to stock lakes in the surrounding region to maintain healthy populations of fish.

