

# WHC CONSERVATION CERTIFICATION® MILL SEAT LANDFILL



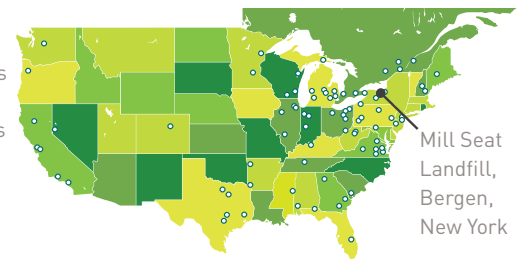
For more than 20 years, Waste Management has partnered with Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) to promote sustainability, wildlife preservation, biodiversity and environmental education at the company's WHC-certified sites. At Mill Seat Landfill in Bergen, New York, employees actively manage 225 acres for conservation projects focused on birds, awareness and community engagement, grasslands, landscaping and pollinators. **The conservation program at Mill Seat Landfill has been WHC-certified since 2004.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- Songbird nest boxes constructed and installed on-site in partnership with local high school students.
- Nest boxes monitored weekly during breeding season; collected data submitted to Cornell University's NestWatch Program.
- Other nest boxes installed and monitored, including boxes for bats, American kestrels, wood ducks and screech owls.
- Pollinator garden designed and constructed by local high school students. The garden, which has expanded since its inception, features native plants including chelone, cardinal flower and jack-in-the-pulpit.
- Rotational mowing plan implemented for site's meadow habitat; twenty acres mowed each September after ground-nesting birds have fledged for the season.
- Rehabilitated wildlife released back onto the site through a partnership with Black Creek Wildlife Station; species released include cottontail rabbits, Virginia opossums, red foxes and various raptors.



Waste Management has WHC-certified programs across North America



## CONSERVATION PROJECTS

-  **AVIAN** Nest Box Program
-  **AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** Rehabilitated Wildlife Habitat
-  **GRASSLAND** MSLF Field/Meadow Habitat
-  **LANDSCAPING** Pollinator Garden
-  **POLLINATORS** Pollinators

## RESOURCES

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