

# WHC CERTIFICATION NORTHWESTERN LANDFILL



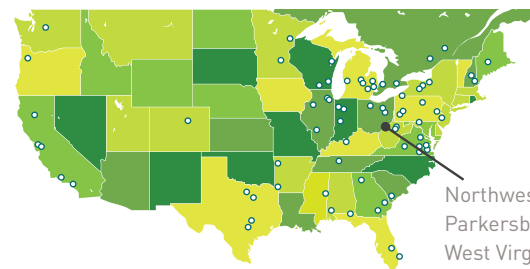
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At Northwestern Landfill in Parkersburg, West Virginia, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds, grasslands and landscaped habitats. **The conservation program at Northwestern Landfill has been WHC-certified since 2009.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- The 120-square-foot pollinator garden was started in 2016 with the hopes of attracting native pollinator species to the site. Due to disruptions caused by COVID, this garden was thus fully replanted in 2021. It is already showing signs of growth and will continue to be monitored in the following years.
- The bluebird project was started in 2010 as a way to provide nesting opportunities to eastern bluebirds. Even with COVID limiting monitoring efforts in 2020, employees were still able to get to the site and found bluebirds using the nest boxes in 2020 and 2021.
- With five wood duck boxes located near water bodies throughout the site, there are many nesting opportunities for this native avian species. Both 2020 and 2021 proved successful, with evidence of wood ducks nesting in the boxes in May of each year.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



## SILVER STATUS

## CONSERVATION PROJECTS



**AVIAN**  
Blue Birds, Wood Duck Boxes



**GRASSLAND**  
Wild Flowers



**LANDSCAPED**  
Pollinator Garden

## RESOURCES

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