

WHC CERTIFICATION

ORCHARD RIDGE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL FACILITY



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 Orchard Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds, awareness and community engagement, forests, formal learning, grasslands, pollinators and wetlands. **The conservation program at Orchard Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility has been WHC-certified since 2010.**

PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- The team has worked for over 10 years to restore the four-acre Hidden Springs Wood by removing woody and annual invasive species through forest mowing and herbicide use.
- Through prescribed burns, mowing, native seed spreading and chemical treatments, the team restored the 10-acre Hidden Springs Grassland to provide habitat for wildlife such as monarch butterflies, white-tailed deer and wild turkeys.
- Twenty-eight nest boxes support eastern bluebirds and tree swallows. Hundreds of native birds have fledged from the boxes.
- Annual community/youth planting days give participants an opportunity to help plant native species while learning about the importance of native plants for water quality and wildlife.
- The team has restored 1.3 acres of herbaceous host plants, such as milkweed and forbs, to support native pollinators. The area was seeded with the help of local students.

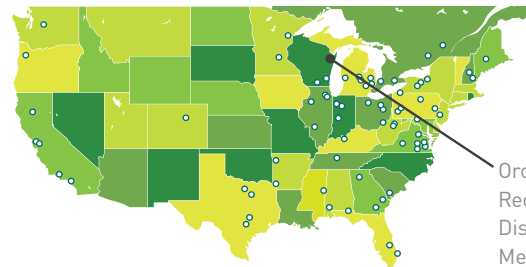
RESOURCES



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WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Orchard Ridge Recycling and Disposal Facility, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

GOLD STATUS

CONSERVATION PROJECTS

- AVIAN**
Eastern Bluebirds and Other Cavity Nesters, Wood Duck
- AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
Community/Youth Planting Events
- FORESTS**
Hidden Springs Wood
- FORMAL LEARNING**
Student Field Data Collection
- GRASSLAND**
Hidden Springs Prairie
- POLLINATORS**
Pollinator Prairie Planting
- WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES**
Hidden Springs Wetland and Pond