

# WHC CERTIFICATION PINE TREE ACRES LANDFILL



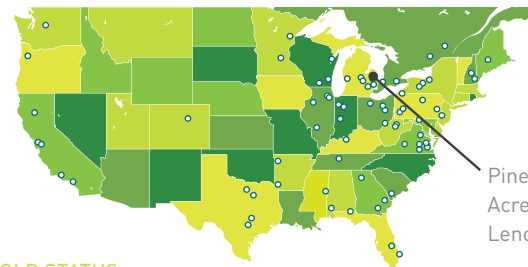
For more than 30 years, WM has partnered with WHC (Wildlife Habitat Council) to enhance and protect thousands of acres to support sustainability programs, biodiversity initiatives and environmental education. By transforming land into certified wildlife habitats, WM is helping communities thrive. At Pine Tree Acres Landfill in Lenox, Michigan, employees actively manage conservation projects focused on birds, awareness and community engagement, bats, grasslands, landscaped habitats and wetlands. **The conservation program at Pine Tree Acres Landfill has been WHC-certified since 2010.**

## PRACTICES AND IMPACTS

- Nesting structures were installed, maintained and monitored for native bird species throughout the site.
- Bird banding events were held for community members.
- A local Boy Scout troop built and installed on-site bat boxes. Student interns at the local land conservancy regularly monitor boxes for activity.
- About 650 students annually participate in tours and educational programs focused on the site's wildlife habitat conservation.
- Informational signage erected throughout the site highlights projects focused on green infrastructure and stormwater runoff.
- Pine Tree Acres Landfill staff attend numerous off-site community events to highlight the importance of habitat conservation and landscape maintenance.
- A pollinator garden was constructed and maintained to benefit the site's pollinators; garden planted with native species and weeded as necessary.



WM has achieved WHC Certification for conservation programs across North America



Pine Tree Acres Landfill, Lenox, Michigan

### GOLD STATUS

## CONSERVATION PROJECTS



### AVIAN

Eastern Blue Bird, Wood Duck



### AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Watershed Presentations, Habitat Site Tours



### BATS

Big Brown Bats, Red Bats, Silver Haired Bats, Little Brown Bats



### GRASSLAND

Species Inventories



### LANDSCAPED

PTA Pollinator Garden



### WETLANDS AND WATER BODIES

PTA Wetland, WMRE No Mow Zone

## RESOURCES

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